

Rebuilding Lives, Transforming Our Community

One Body Collaboratives

No one church can bring city transformation on its own, but together we can. Imagine the impact we could have if we knew each other and worked together. What would our community look like if the kingdom of God really took shape here?

Helping Our Community Flourish

Annual Focus Area

We will work collaboratively to move the needle on specific issues.

What are the issues in our community you are passionate about? In 2022 and beyond, One Body Collaboratives will take a focused approach to the areas of concern in our community identified in our Faith Leaders Strategy Session to be held September 9th.

Faith leaders across the community see the needs and struggles of their congregations on a daily basis and are the key to helping us determine our annual focus area. We recognize that for us to help foster transformation, we have to listen first before we act. To do this, we will have a three-step process.

1. Connect faith leaders and work with them to identify the needs in their neighborhoods that are simply too large to tackle on their own.
2. Provide research and connect them with resources and partners to address those needs.
3. Equip and mobilize churches to take action together.

Collaborative Networks

We will develop networks of leaders to better connect our community. While each one of us is unique, we are ultimately one in Christ. Relational unity leads to operational unity, which is why our foundation is built on a geographic and issue-specific networks of Faith leaders. We will begin with a Pastor Advisory Network which will consist of senior church leaders because connecting the Body of Christ in the Rockford area must start there.

Relationships

Building relationships that bridge divides of denomination, race, generation, and anything else that unnecessarily keeps us from working together.

Learning & Prayer

Learn about, discuss and pray for the needs of the region.

Collaboration

Once trust is built, collaboration can begin to work on the mission to transform our city.

Events

One Body Collaboratives will host a variety of gatherings and events throughout the year that connect and equip leaders for collaborative action on specific issues.

Simply put, we are better together. Please join us.

Next Steps

Helping Our Community Flourish Event

Wednesday, August 18th; 9am via Zoom

Encourage additional Faith Leaders to attend the event to learn about this new initiative and how they can participate.

Helping Our Community Flourish Survey

A survey will be emailed to Faith Leaders to help us better understand the many ways our churches are already impacting our community. Please complete the survey by August 20th.

Faith Leaders Strategy Session

Thursday, September 9th; 9:00-10:30am

YMCA Log Lodge, 200 Y Blvd

Please join us as we host a strategy session with faith Leaders to determine our Focus Area that we would like to impact collectively in 2022.

Pastor Advisory Network

If you are a Senior Pastor, we ask for you to prayerfully consider joining our Pastor Advisory Network, which will act as our advisory board for this initiative.

Pray

Please continue to pray for this effort as we work together to help our community flourish.

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Isaiah 65/Community Flourishing Model

When God builds a city from scratch (Isaiah 65: 17-25)	What specific things to look at in our community
The city is a delight, and the people are a joy	There are places of celebration, fun and beauty. People of all ethnicities delight in the city; Residents and visitors love the city.
Children are valued, protected and nurtured	Infant mortality rate; pre-school readiness; number of children in foster care system; high school graduation rate; 'orphans' with mentors
Elderly are living long and full lives	Average life span; quality and affordability of health care; activities and relationships for elderly
Housing	Number of chronically homeless; number of homeless students; renting vs. ownership ratios; the opportunity to own a home
Food	Food anxiety; food deserts; food rescue; number of hungry students; community gardens
Meaningful Work	Systemic generational poverty; intergenerational job creation; number of chronically unemployed
Strong Family Structure	Marragie rate; divorce rate; intergenerational family support; single parents
Hopeful Future	People are hopeful about their future and the future of their children; upward mobility; educational opportunities; "I can be more than my parents"
People are connected with God in the community	Percent of people who have a relationship with Christ; Number/perect of people actively connected to a faith community
Absence of violence, racial reconcilitation & justice	Domestic violence; crime rate; number in jail/prision; racial justice