



Dear Wonderful Colleagues in Ministry,

For all of you who have helped us deliver meaningful, beautiful and inspiring worship, thank you. For all of you who were able to join us for our annual Block Party, thank you. One comment that I've heard a few times following the Block Party is that it was so nice to see/meet the other churches! It was very helpful and hopeful to gather with the other clergy partners. It would be an understatement to say that the last couple of years have been challenging.

At the center of this Collaborative Partner way of doing campus ministry is a mutual thriving opportunity. It is already clear that our campus ministry is stronger through our partnerships. But I've also felt that we could develop opportunities that could encourage your ministry to thrive. This is what I am writing to you about now.

We have developed a 1 day seminar, to be held on **Saturday, October 9th** for pastors and a team from your congregation to gather to learn together, connect and dream/grow a stronger ministry that benefits all of us. The **"ThreeHouse Ministry Summit: Rooted and Reaching"** grows out of our ThreeHouse ministry's season of development and growth over the last 4-5 years.

**Schedule for ThreeHouse Ministry Summit: "Rooted and Reaching" October 9th**

8:30 AM	8:55 AM	Gathering time begins-Coffee	
8:55 AM	9:00 AM	Welcome	Dave Glenn-Burns
9:00 AM	11:00AM	Ecology of Vocation	Chris Johnson
11:15AM	12:00 PM	Vocation of Development	Katherine Yarnell
12:00 PM	12:30 PM	Lunch	Drew Waseskuk
12:30 PM	1:30 PM	Vocation of Development	Katherine Yarnell
1:45 PM	3:30 PM	Development of Strengths & Gifts	TJ Warren
3:45 PM	4:45 PM	Wrap-Up	Chris Johnson
5:00 PM	6:00 PM	Worship/Dinner Church	Dave Glenn-Burns

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We believe that we have learned some things that might be helpful to share with you, in hopes that we will all grow in some way. This is the last component of our Lilly Foundation CMTEV Sustainability and Development grant. We originally proposed offering a workshop about what we've learned about fundraising/development that might be helpful to local congregations. Since that time, we've realized that what we've learned about development is much larger than just how we manage to raise enough money to pay the ThreeHouse bills. We've discovered three key areas of growth which will make up the structure of the Church Summit to which I am inviting you.

The first vital area in our journey has been exploring the **Ecology of Vocation**. While we initially imagined we could help students clarify/discover their vocational strengths, we discovered that we were also clarifying our ThreeHouse vocational journey/strengths. **Dr. Chris Johnson**, Founder & Principal of The Milkweed Group, LLC, has been working with us for several years. He will lead us in considering the ways in which our vocation as communities of faith emerge from an ecological growth system.

A second vital area to be addressed will be the **Vocation of Development**, led by Rev. Katherine Yarnell, of the Iowa United Methodist Foundation. Katherine has worked with us several times during our transition from being totally dependent on one historically strong denominational funding stream, with minor donor involvement, to the current situation of cultivating and nurturing donors and partnerships primarily, supplemented by denominational money. Katherine has helped us to see how we are actually called to see that development work is much more than "making the budget". She will have resources from most of the denominations involved with ThreeHouse.

Finally, a last important area of growth is **Developing Strengths** for ministry. TJ Warren, of Man of Encouragement, LLC, is a trained Clifton Strengthsfinder coach and professional in vocation and career development. TJ has worked in this area at Wartburg and UNI. He will help us begin to identify our personal strengths as well as to consider the strengths of our congregation. Each attendee will receive a CliftonStrengths Code and will be asked to complete the test prior to the Summit. Beginning to pay attention to strengths/gifts has helped us know where/how to engage in campus ministry that meets the current needs of both campus, individual students as well as partner communities and the larger church.

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Currently, we are planning on the presenters being located here at ThreeHouse. You are invited to join us here at ThreeHouse. We will also provide this opportunity for learning on Zoom. This will also be recorded and available to your group at a later time if necessary.

We will include a lunch, snacks and for those able to join us, a light supper as part of a Dinner Church worship experience to end the day.

Pastors, this is an opportunity to obtain CEU's at no cost! We will provide a certificate of attendance, if requested. This event is something we are offering to you to support your ministries thriving.

We will need to have an RSVP (names and email addresses) by all who will attend **no later than Friday, October 1<sup>st</sup>**, so that we can forward the CliftonStrengths codes prior to the Summit, and to prepare food and other materials. This is also how we would provide the event Zoom code. Please submit to Jane at 319-266-4071 or [jane@threehouse.org](mailto:jane@threehouse.org) or watch for an email link to be sent early next week, which will be attached to a Google sheet, as we did for the Block Party.

Our hope is that this is informative, helpful, faithful and fun. We hope you can join us and that you can bring a "team" from your church, of whatever size you choose. If you have questions or concerns, please contact me.

Shalom,  
Dave Glenn-Burns  
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