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ANNUAL REPORT

Collaboration Project



WORDS FROM THE DIRECTOR

WHEW, WHAT A YEAR, SAID EVERYONE, EVERYWHERE.

Like so many during the pandemic, we had to reimagine the best way to accomplish our mission. We threw out the playbook, transformed our programming, and sought to discern and join the Spirit of God working in and through the Dane County Church. Despite the incredible challenges, we witnessed the acceleration of churches coming together for the good of one another and the broader community.

A few highlights include:

- Over **20 churches** coming together to celebrate Juneteenth by distributing over 90,000 pounds of food
- Clergy from **13 congregations** inviting us together in prayer throughout the year
- **44 Dane County churches** represented in attendance at the Kingdom Justice Summit to learn and dream about exuding hope for all people
- **24 pastors** enjoying times connecting with God and one another during much-needed rest and renewal retreats



These are just a few examples of the diverse Christian community coming together to build relationships, share resources, and collaborate for the good of all. My hope is that this annual report will help tell the story of what God is up to in our area.

JON ANDERSON
Executive Director

FOSTERING COLLABORATION

Collaborative Events

The church in Dane County came together to continue asking the question "**What is Kingdom Justice?**" and dream about what it might look like lived out in our city. The 7th annual Kingdom Justice Summit (KJS) [virtual platform](#) allowed for **more engagement than ever**.

400+

KINGDOM JUSTICE SUMMIT PARTICIPANTS

Pastor Care

We see healthy and connected clergy as foundational to collaboration between churches. Over the ministry year, we had the privilege of providing several **Rest and Renewal Retreats** for local ministry leaders. These Retreats are an opportunity for pastors to **get away and enjoy community**.

8 churches partnered to [support the rest](#) of African American Council of Churches (AACC) pastors with two-day retreats.

“We felt extremely important and valued!”

– AACC Retreat Attendee





Storytelling

We **celebrated** the abundance of creative collaboration in Dane County *in spite of Covid-19*. One story, "Fixing the roof, building connection" **helped encourage four local churches** to contribute to desperately needed repairs at S.S. Morris Community AME Church.

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STORIES OF COLLABORATION SHARED

Affinity Groups

Opportunities to gather around specific topics for **encouragement, education, and community**. In partnership with Upper House, we hosted a **Learning Cohort** on the book "The Color of Compromise" and dug into the American Church's complicity in racism in the context of Dane County. One cohort participant shared:

“I feel I gained a lot more understanding listening to others' perspectives.”

**FOR THE GOOD
OF THE CITY**



SO ALL MAY FLOURISH



Top: Rest and Renewal Retreat at Holy Wisdom Monastery (left) and Pastor Coliér McNair receiving his Rest and Renewal gift basket (right). Middle: Community collaboration to distribute more than \$1 million in donations (face masks and hand sanitizer) to 65+ organizations and 60+ local schools! Bottom: Pastors Marcio Sierra Jr. and Karla Garcia breaking bread together (left) and Collaboration Project staff (left to right): Jon Anderson, Wendy Poterfield, and Nicola Porto (right).

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW



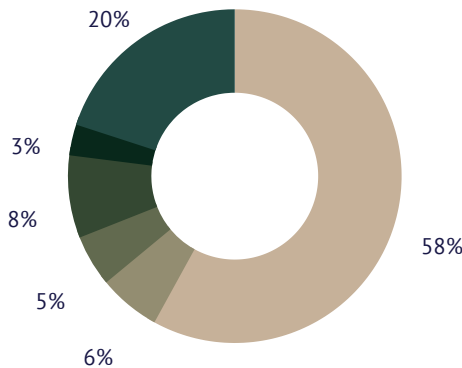
“ Collaboration Project is doing great work bringing the local church together to better serve the community. I am grateful for the opportunities I've had to partner with them and look forward to what's to come! ”

Reverend Dr. Marcus Allen Sr.
Senior Pastor, Mt. Zion Baptist Church
President, AACC

SOURCES OF FUNDING

- Individuals
- Churches/Foundation
- Business Partners
- Grants
- Registrations
- In-Kind

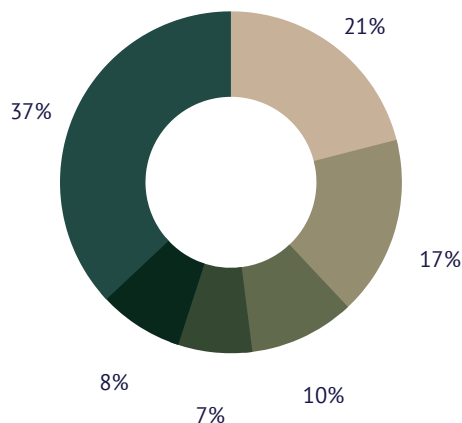
INCOME \$224,401



EXPENSES

- Pastor Care
- Collaborative Events
- Affinity Groups
- Storytelling
- Fundraising
- Donations to Others

EXPENSES \$209,345



We are excited to continue fostering collaboration between churches for the good of the community.

It is our prayer that the Dane County Church will be unified in transformational love to the glory of God and flourishing of all people.



Collaboration Project

Thank you for partnering with us to foster collaboration between churches for the good of our community!

Give today: collaborationproject.us/donate