

# ANNUAL REPORT 2019-2020

FOSTERING COLLABORATION  
BETWEEN CHURCHES FOR THE  
GOOD OF THE CITY AND THE  
FLOURISHING OF EVERY PERSON



COLLABORATION  
PROJECT



## DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Dear Friends,

It is hard to believe that just one year ago, Collaboration Project went from being a dream to a reality. Our organization was founded on the belief that God is doing amazing work in and through the local church in Dane County, but too often we don't hear those stories and churches rarely find time to escape their silos and learn from each other. Our desire is to tell stories to **celebrate** how God is working through the local church and **accelerate** the good work already happening through sharing best practices and collaborative service.

By God's grace and a wonderful community of donors and volunteers, we were able to play a role in connecting hundreds of pastors and lay leaders across numerous denominations for the good of Dane County.

Whether it's working with Phil Haslanger as he led our story team or strategizing with our newest team member, Nicola Porto, I am honored to work with so many great people sharing their skills and passions.

**This annual report highlights just some of the ways we saw God at work, uniting the Church in transformational love for the most vulnerable.**

As you read it, I hope you are encouraged by the story God is telling in our community and moved to join where the Spirit is working.

**#soallmayflourish**

Jon Anderson  
*Executive Director*

# YOUR IMPACT



**You help share stories celebrating the good work God is doing**

The story of Pacifique, his wife Francine, and their four young girls is a wonderful example.

The two parents were recent refugees from the Congo and resettled in Madison last year after spending years in a refugee camp in Burundi. Upon deciding to visit Dale Heights Presbyterian Church in their new neighborhood, they found more than a church home. The family was connected with a Swahili-speaking church, job opportunities, new friends, and even a school for their girls through friends at Christ Presbyterian Church, Lighthouse Church, Jewish Social Services, and Temple Beth El.

**70**  
CHURCHES  
CONNECTED

**142**  
DONORS

**43**  
STORIES SHARED  
by 14 volunteer storytellers

**20,000**  
REACHED ONLINE  
through United Prayer Events

**250**  
KINGDOM JUSTICE  
SUMMIT PARTICIPANTS  
around **one** theme  
"Love Your Neighbor"

## You provide connection around local justice issues

Seven Affinity Groups, meetings made up of pastors, lay leaders, non-profit members and community members, provided space to share best practices, encouragement, prayer, and collaborative efforts around specific issues in our community. Our current groups focus on **school partnerships**, **human trafficking**, and **immigration**. Out of the connections made at the school partnership affinity group, we organized and hosted the Collaborative Food Drive with 6 local churches. Together they collected, boxed, and delivered over 2,000 lbs of food to local school food pantries.



## You give local pastors rest and renewal

In February, we hosted our first Rest and Renewal retreat with pastors from six different churches. It was a gift to have time away to connect with God and each other. We look forward to providing space for local pastors to experience community and contemplation in the year ahead.



## You make collaboration between churches possible

In March, people from over 50 churches gathered at the 6th annual Kingdom Justice Summit to better engage with schools, fight human trafficking, and love our immigrant community. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, we had the opportunity to further several creative collaborations, from the \$300,000+ raised for the Psalms 46 Relief Fund to 16 churches represented in the United Prayer days, or connecting local churches to provide a \$10,000 match for Morgan's Lemonade stand which to date has raised nearly \$60,000 to provide meals for kids in Dane County.



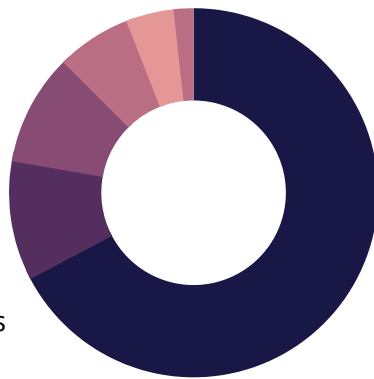


*"Collaboration Project came alongside us to help us promote the fundraising which was a huge blessing, organized a meal for our volunteers, connected us with other organizations that are doing similar work, and helped us feel like we are not alone doing what we are doing."*

Marcio Sierra Jr.  
Lighthouse Church

## SOURCES OF FUNDING

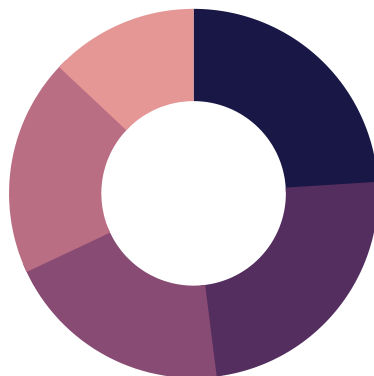
- 67% Individuals
- 10% Grants
- 10% In-Kind
- 7% Businesses
- 4% Registrations
- 2% Churches/Foundations



**INCOME** \$144,975

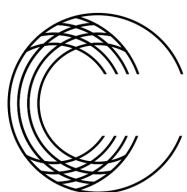
## EXPENSES

- 24% Collaborative Events
- 24% Pastor Care
- 20% Affinity Groups
- 19% Storytelling
- 13% Fundraising



**EXPENSES\*** \$84,975

*\*In an effort to gain lasting financial stability, staff salaries were reduced to establish a \$60,000 reserve fund.*



Collaboration Project

*Collaboration Project is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and your contribution is tax deductible.*

*"I'm encouraged by the work of Collaboration Project to connect Madison-area churches together in common purpose in order reach the most vulnerable in Dane County."*

Lief Erickson  
Collaboration Project Board Chair

**Thank you** for being part of our first year of ministry! We are encouraged by how God is working in and through the local church and excited by the story God is telling in our community.

Please consider your support as we continue fostering collaboration between churches for the good of the city and flourishing of every person.

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