



What is Flourish?

Flourish is the Leadership Development area of UFMCC. Flourish is able to provide programming and support due to a grant and your donations.

Together, we are creating spaces for learning, rest, and renewal that help our global community

Flourish in 2024: Supporting Growth and Renewal

In 2024, Flourish continued to nurture leaders, strengthen connections, and create opportunities for growth and rest across our global community. Here's how we flourished together in 2024:

-  African Network Gathering: Supported the first-ever African Network Gathering, a milestone event that fostered connection, leadership, and vision.
-  Additional Network Gatherings: Provided resources and support for other regional gatherings that built community and collaboration.
-  Clergy Retreats: Offered opportunities for clergy around the world to rest, reflect, and renew their spirits.
-  Respite Support: Helped multiple people take time away from the pulpit, attend retreats, and explore experiences that enhanced their ministry and well-being.
-  Greek Language Classes: Opened doors for participants to explore Scripture through its original language and deepen their understanding of biblical context.
-  Advent Resources: More than 35 clergy and lay-led churches used our resources to enrich their worship experiences during the Advent season.
-  Board Development: Multiple Boards of Directors strengthened their teamwork and understanding of their roles by engaging with the StrengthsFinder tool and leadership training.
-  Polity Class Scholarships: Provided scholarships to clergy and lay leaders fulfilling ordination and LEAD program requirements.
-  Mentor Program: Continued pairing clergy with mentors who supported them in their ministry journey, offering guidance, support, and encouragement.



Flourish in 2025: Growing Together Around the Globe

This year, Flourish has been busy supporting leaders, congregations, and communities around the world! Here are just a few ways your generosity and participation made an impact in 2025:

-  General Conference Scholarships: Helped leaders from inside and outside North America attend by covering travel, visa costs, and lodging expenses.
-  REVM Support: Provided scholarships to reduce registration costs and make this vital renewal experience accessible for more clergy.
-  Respite Opportunities: Offered time and space for rest, self-reflection, retreats, and pulpit supply so leaders could recharge and renew.
-  Network Gatherings: Supported upcoming African and Mexican Network Gatherings to strengthen connection and collaboration.
-  Philippines Gathering: Empowered multiple lay leaders to attend a conference exploring Queer theology and leadership—building confidence and inclusive ministry skills.
-  Hebrew Language Classes: Participants are diving deeper into the original language of the Bible to better understand and interpret Scripture contextually.
-  Anti-Racism Training: Continued offering impactful trainings as part of Flourish's ongoing commitment to equity and justice.
-  Leadership Development: Ongoing Board Training, StrengthsFinder, and leadership programs—available in person and online—are helping leaders grow their gifts.