



Re: Regeneration Summit, October 11–13, St. Louis, MO

Dear Partner in Christ,

We are living in an extraordinary time. Culture and society are changing in unprecedented ways. The manner in which the Church interacts with the world is changing, too. Some in the Church see this as a decline of the faith. We see this as the perfect opportunity for the Church to take great strides in sharing the Gospel of our Lord. We believe that the Lutheran understanding of the Word has tremendous transformative power in the lives and hearts of people today.

At every corner, we hear doomsday prophecies about the future church and rhetoric about the forming of the next generation of leaders. We can hear daily radio sermons that talk of a collapse of the Christian Church or a lack of mission in the culture and society. We have found something missing in these conversations. We have found a lack of commitment to engage unbelievers in conversations about faith, a lack of active servanthood to meet the needs of the oppressed, and a general disdain for cultural engagement. And yet, we do not believe that we are alone in our hope for something better for Christ's Bride, the Church. As Lutheran Christians we believe we are called to engage culture and unbelievers in order to better witness to the transforming power of the Gospel.

A growing movement of faithful believers see an opportunity for change in mission and ministry practice today. There is a new community of brothers and sisters who believe that even though Church attendance may be dropping, the Church has unwavering strength in the Gospel. They believe that God can and is using His people in new and dynamic ways.

We believe that uniting our brothers and sisters in ministry can only strengthen our efforts. We see both need and desire to equip each other through dialogue, prayer, and community. As a band of believers, friends, and ministry leaders in unique settings and situations, we feel compelled to create a forum for these things. Through our conversations, we have concluded that we must expand the conversation and gather others together. We have chosen to call ourselves Regeneration.

We created plans for a summit of believers motivated by the Gospel into mission and ministry. Our goal for the Regeneration Summit is to lead, inspire, and support a unified mission that finds its home and action in our local congregations. We believe that ministry happens at the grassroots, but value the support and inspiration that comes from our fellow workers.

If you have questions about the summit, please contact Brad Malone at brad@reliantchurch.org. If life and ministry prevents you from attending the summit, please know that we intend for this conversation to continue long after the Regeneration Summit.

It is our prayer that you join us in dialogue and community so we can better serve God and his people.

In Christ,
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