



THE PROJECT F-M

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Dear partner in the Gospel,

We all know them -- young adults who are “figuring out life,” unsure of their place in our changing world, and uncertain about God’s claim on their lives. Some sociologists have even developed a new term, “emerging adulthood” to describe what most of us have already witnessed: 20/30-somethings who are marrying later, having trouble finding a fulfilling job, burdened by student loans, and far from settling down. But the church can say something distinctive about these emerging adults that sociologists cannot claim: *they are loved by God*. As their brothers and sisters in Christ, we are called to join in God’s mission with emerging adults.

Recently, The Project F-M Board adopted a mission statement describing our ministry with emerging adults: **The Project F-M -- making space for 20/30-somethings to love God and neighbor, by cultivating an open-minded, curious faith.** We seek to claim a distinct ministry, intentionally walking with young people who feel the established church is not for them (for now, at least). We believe, as we listen and learn, The Project F-M can show God’s love to 20/30-somethings, benefiting them and the church as a whole.

The Project F-M enjoys a unique place in the church’s ministry. While many congregations in Fargo-Moorhead lead strong ministries with young adults, there are still thousands of 20/30-somethings who fall through the cracks. Often, these people have burning questions about faith. These questions are so unique to their age and stage in life that the traditional church is not always well equipped to respond to them. Together, though, the churches in our community can partner with one another and support The Project F-M’s ministry with emerging adults.

In other words: The Project F-M cannot succeed alone. We need your help. The emerging adults with whom we work cannot financially sustain our ministry. We reach young adults that many congregations find hard to connect with, but we cannot—and should not—minister in a vacuum. Please, prayerfully consider the attached Covenant of Support as your congregation prepares its 2012 budget, or consider individual giving. We hope to receive your pledge of support by the end of January 2012.

In Christ’s service,

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P.S. Don’t underestimate the importance of your gift, without the financial support of partner congregations and individuals, our ministry faces an uncertain future.