
new communities and new jobs during the pandemic - congregations everywhere have a chance to re-form, to re-imagine, and re-create community, welcoming new folks into their midst like never before! Just like the first Pentecost, our neighbors are eager, so we must engage! In the South Central Conference that looks like a church plant with the mission to revitalize an urban neighborhood and fight gentrification by offering micro-loans to local entrepreneurs. It looks like a church leveraging technology to spread the gospel on a schedule that meets young families at convenient times in busy lives. And another congregation stands as a beacon of hope and the lone progressive Christian voice in a growing community where new folks are connecting with them weekly.

These are a few examples of what can happen when we're all together in one place. As you give to [Strengthen the Church](#) this Pentecost Sunday, may you receive the Spirit's fire and share it with boldness and innovation, too! All Together, our offerings will empower leaders, engage communities, and shape spaces that will change lives.

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