



Thriving Congregations Initiative

November 2023

In November 2023, Lilly Endowment approved 104 grants to organizations across the United States through a competitive round of its Thriving Congregations Initiative. The aim of initiative is to help congregations flourish by strengthening ministries that lead their congregants to deeper relationships with God, enhance their connections with each other, and contribute to the vitality of their communities and the world. Ranging from \$250,000 to \$1.25 million, the grants will fund programs at a variety of organizations, including congregations, theological schools, faith-affiliated colleges and universities, church resourcing organizations, denominational judicatories, parachurch organizations and other church networks. In addition, the Endowment made a grant of \$4,265,931 to Duke University to continue a coordination program for grantees in the Thriving Congregations Initiative.

In 2019 and 2020, the Endowment made a total of 115 grants through earlier rounds of funding in the Thriving Congregations Initiative.

Organization	Location	Amount
A Rocha USA	Wheaton, IL	\$625,000
African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church	Charlotte, NC	\$1,250,000
America Evangelical University	Gardena, CA	\$1,250,000
American Association for the Advancement of Science	Washington, DC	\$1,248,331
Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary	Elkhart, IN	\$1,249,830
Archdiocese of Chicago	Chicago, IL	\$1,250,000
Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America	New York, NY	\$1,250,000
Azusa Pacific University	Azusa, CA	\$1,249,916
Baptist General Convention of Texas	Dallas, TX	\$1,249,990

Baptist General Convention of Virginia	Richmond, VA	\$1,250,000
Baylor University	Waco, TX	\$1,249,973
Berkeley School of Theology	Berkeley, CA	\$1,250,000
Calvin Christian Reformed Church	Grand Rapids, MI	\$1,243,621
Calvin Theological Seminary	Grand Rapids, MI	\$1,250,000
Camino Community Development Corporation	Charlotte, NC	\$1,250,000
Catalyst For Harmony	Minneapolis, MN	\$1,250,000
Catholic Rural Life	St. Paul, MN	\$1,233,239
Cedar Street Baptist Church of God	Richmond, VA	\$1,249,667
Central Christian College of the Bible	Moberly, MO	\$1,223,592
Christ Episcopal Church	Denver, CO	\$1,123,296
Christian Community Association of South Florida	Fort Lauderdale, FL	\$889,419
Christian Community Development Association	Chicago, IL	\$1,177,879
Church of Christ (Holiness) U.S.A.	Florissant, MO	\$300,000
Converge North Central	Arden Hill, MN	\$1,250,000
Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of North Carolina	Winston-Salem, NC	\$1,045,635
Davenant Institute	Landrum, SC	\$440,000
Diocese of Churches for the Sake of Others - Anglican Church in North America	Franklin, TN	\$1,050,000

Diocese of the West - Orthodox Church in America	San Francisco, CA	\$1,250,000
Dominican University	River Forest, IL	\$1,250,000
DurhamCares	Durham, NC	\$605,395
ecoAmerica	Washington, DC	\$1,250,000
Episcopal Diocese of Albany	Greenwich, NY	\$1,250,000
Episcopal Diocese of Iowa	Des Moines, IA	\$1,250,000
Episcopal Diocese of Spokane	Spokane, WA	\$1,244,259
Episcopal Diocese of Vermont	Burlington, VT	\$1,168,637
Evangelical Presbyterian Church	Orlando, FL	\$888,000
Faith in Place	Chicago, IL	\$1,249,676
FiveTwo Network	Burnet, TX	\$1,047,034
Flagler College	St. Augustine, FL	\$1,250,000
Florida Memorial College	Miami, FL	\$999,997
Friends World Committee for Consultation	Philadelphia, PA	\$1,125,000
Gamaliel Foundation	Chicago, IL	\$1,250,000
Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary	Evanston, IL	\$1,249,698
General Conference of the Brethren in Christ	Mechanicsburg, PA	\$1,250,000
Global Impact	Alexandria, VA	\$1,250,000

Global Trust Partners	Denver, CO	\$1,250,000
Grace Mission University	Fullerton, CA	\$1,250,000
Grand View University	Des Moines, IA	\$1,250,000
Greater New Birth Church	Milwaukee, WI	\$400,000
Ignite Church Planting	Bourbonnais, IL	\$852,850
Illinois Conference of the United Church of Christ	Westchester, IL	\$1,250,000
Impact Church DFW	Richardson, TX	\$1,250,000
Indiana Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church	Indianapolis, IN	\$258,992
Indiana Wesleyan University	Marion, IN	\$1,250,000
Kansas City Underground Church	Shawnee, KS	\$1,188,000
Kingdom Causes Bellflower	Bellflower, CA	\$360,725
Lake Region Conference of Seventh-day Adventists	Mokena, IL	\$1,249,475
Logos Evangelical Seminary	El Monte, CA	\$1,250,000
Loyola University New Orleans	New Orleans, LA	\$1,250,000
Metropolitan Baptist Church	Largo, MD	\$1,244,903
Milligan College	Milligan College, TN	\$1,231,400
Ministry Council of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church	Cordova, TN	\$600,000
Missouri Conference of the United Methodist Church	Columbia, MO	\$1,102,000

Multiply222 Network	Port St. Lucie, FL	\$1,242,000
National Catholic Partnership on Disability	Washington, DC	\$500,000
New Mexico Conference of Churches	Albuquerque, NM	\$1,065,608
Oikos Institute for Social Impact	Chicago, IL	\$1,250,000
Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation	Omaha, NE	\$1,250,000
Our Daily Bread Ministries	Grand Rapids, MI	\$1,250,000
Pacific School of Religion	Berkeley, CA	\$1,250,000
Presbyterian Theological Seminary in America	Santa Fe Springs, CA	\$1,249,405
Presbytery of the Inland Northwest	Spokane, WA	\$754,487
Redemption Church	Gilbert, AZ	\$1,250,000
Renovaré	Denver, CO	\$1,250,000
Rio Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church	San Antonio, TX	\$1,250,000
Rural Economic Development Center	Raleigh, NC	\$1,250,000
Sagamore Institute for Policy Research	Indianapolis, IN	\$1,250,000
Saint Clement Catholic Parish	Chicago, IL	\$1,250,000
Santa Clara University	Santa Clara, CA	\$1,249,891
Showing Up for Racial Justice Education Fund	Buffalo, NY	\$1,250,000
Sojourners	Washington, DC	\$1,078,070

South Dakota Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America	Sioux Falls, SD	\$1,137,384
Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America	Philadelphia, PA	\$1,070,392
Southeastern University	Lakeland, FL	\$1,094,176
Southern Pacific District Council Assemblies of God	La Puente, CA	\$1,249,783
Southwestern Washington Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America	Tacoma, WA	\$1,069,500
St. Andrew Lutheran Church	Eden Prairie, MN	\$1,250,000
Texas Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church	Houston, TX	\$1,250,000
The Alliance Northwest District of the Christian and Missionary Alliance	Portland, OR	\$1,250,000
The Center for Pastor Theologians	Oak Park, IL	\$1,250,000
The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod	St. Louis, MO	\$250,000
The United Methodist City Society	New York, NY	\$1,250,000
TMS Global	Norcross, GA	\$1,249,516
Underground Ministres	Mount Vernon, WA	\$1,250,000
United Church of Christ Building and Loan Fund	Cleveland, OH	\$1,250,000
United Lutheran Seminary	Gettysburg, PA	\$1,143,340
United Pentecostal Church International	Weldon Springs, MO	\$1,124,900
University of Dubuque Theological School	Dubuque, IA	\$1,250,000

University of Mount Olive	Mount Olive, NC	\$1,248,000
University of St. Mary of the Lake	Mundelein, IL	\$1,248,102
University of the Ozarks	Clarksville, AR	\$966,099
Urban Impact	Seattle, WA	\$1,250,000
Wisconsin Foundation United Church of Christ	Ripon, WI	\$500,000
World Mission University	Los Angeles, CA	\$1,250,000
