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- Enhance Local and Global Mission
- Develop Servant Leaders

All three areas **equip** God's people to embrace the future with courage.

We, the people of our Southwestern Minnesota Synod, are moving forward with hopefulness and expectation. We are acting today and preparing for the future. Your support is invited to create healthier congregations and leaders in these congregations who do God's work locally and globally. Are you ready to join this movement to do God's work today? We invite your support!

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