Because of the generosity of our congregation, the Wisconsin Conference UCC can support and strengthen the faithful ministry of churches throughout our state.

In a world that moves quickly and often demands more than we can reasonably give, many faithful people long for time, tools, and trusted companions to discern God's voice. The Wisconsin Conference UCC exists to help people say "yes" to all God calls them to do—and your generosity makes that mission possible.

One of our most meaningful new leadership initiatives is **Rooted and Growing in Faith,** an 18-month cohort of lay learners for those who desire to deepen their faith, expand their Biblical and theological knowledge, and gain practical skills for lay ministry within a spiritual community of like-minded people from across the Conference. This is not an abstract program; it is formation for real congregational life.

Participants are supported through:

- **Three in-person retreats** focused on spiritual formation and community

- **Monthly online gatherings** that sustain learning and engage group spiritual direction
- **Flexible Damascus Project courses** tailored to each learner's setting and gifts

As participant Sheila Feay-Shaw said: "Sometimes at the pace of today's world it can be hard to find time for God …. It will be good to have people willing to struggle with me as we journey together." That is the heart of this cohort: steady, faithful companionship that equips leaders to serve where they are needed most.

Because of our gifts to OCWM Wisconsin Impact, the Wisconsin Conference can provide retreats, resources, and spiritual direction so that more lay leaders – across congregations large and small – can grow in wisdom, confidence, and courage. By working together, we can ensure faithful, well-informed leaders for the church's ministry today and tomorrow.

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