



CHANGE *Makers* Covenant

BECAUSE:

- Younger people are deeply inspired when they see people their own age in leadership roles as laity at all levels of congregational life.
- Becoming a leader doesn't happen by accident – there must be intentional learning and opportunities to become leaders by leading and exploring calls as– passionate laity, certified lay ministers, local pastors, ordained deacons or elders, etc.
- In the past, young clergy (under age 35) numbered about 1 out of 7, but now in many conferences young clergy represent only 1 out of 20.

THIS IS OUR OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF OUR YOUNG LEADER(S) THROUGH CHANGEMAKERS IMMERSION:

Take the opportunity to identify up to three young people between the ages of 14-18 who exhibit gifts for leadership.

Enroll them in the ChangeMakers Immersion experience (June 28-July 2, 2020 at Wesley Forest) to creatively and intentionally prepare our young people as spiritual transformational leaders.

Use this link: <https://www.eiseverywhere.com/ereg/newreq.php?eventid=529542>

Provide funding support for each immersion participant with

- \$150 covered by local church
- \$200 per participant is provided by a generous grant from the Young Clergy Initiative of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry and generous donors.

During the Changemakers Immersion young people will be discerning a new avenue of Christian leadership which they feel called to begin. They will be growing in their leadership abilities and preparing for a leadership initiative within their local church or wider community.

The local church agrees to provide very intentional support for their young person(s) as they launch this new Christian leadership endeavor. Support could include encouragement, prayer, volunteer involvement, and funding resources, as well as other forms of help that are appropriate for the initiative. **No Christian leader can lead well without the loving support of their faith community.**

The ChangeMakers Team will provide peer continuous learning groups for the young leaders for six months following the event. The purpose of the group is to provide spiritual growth, encouragement and conversation to help them think through the implementation of their initiative.

We agree to support our young person(s) in their development as spiritual transformational leaders as outlined in this Covenant:

Church Name/City

Pastor

Administrative Council Chair

Youth Participant(s)

ChangeMaker Team Member

Date