

## MISSIONAL LIVING PROJECTS

Jan. 15, 2026

<b>KEY:</b>
PHASE 1 - IDEATION – What’s the opportunity?
PHASE 2 - ACTIVATION – How do we get going?
PHASE 3 - IMPLEMENTATION – How do we finish strong?
REMOVE FROM LIST – Released To Others
Updated at the latest planning team meeting

PROJECT	PHASE OF PROJECT / REMOVAL	NOTES
Mentorship for Young people	1	Outside Mentorship (“Kids Hope USA) is Tabled and should be listed in Deferred items that may take life later on. There is room to consider how to move mentorship forward within the Congregation. Contact: Josh Kittleman
Christian Counseling	3	Pastors are in-process of setting up on-line scheduling forms for pastoral counseling. This will include a link from the COS Website. Will also want to provide an update in the COS Weekly bulletin insert when this is launched (very soon now), and possibly include a QR code to link to the on-line form.
Comfort Dogs	3	Now named the “Fur Blessings” program, the project has gotten “off the ground” and is running with one dog (“Toffee”) in process of being trained. A policy document for the program is in the final stages of completion. Contacts: Natalie Hansen, Elenn’ Parrish, and Laurie Riegel.

Lutheran Braille Workers	3	<p>Funding has been identified from the Michigan District that will allow COS to begin its own in-house support team focused on printing large print materials that are in great demand. Lay leadership is in place, and a kickoff for the effort is scheduled for March 13-15, 2026. An article discussing the plans and kickoff events will be published in the next issue of the Disciplegram.</p> <p>Contacts: Pam Bishop and Linda Hollman</p>
Lutherans for Life	2	<p>Life events continue to be sponsored within COS. Josh to help coordinate a group to meet to discuss any new areas.</p>
Political Divide Conversation	2	<p>Pastor Joel has identified a free on-line course that he would like to try out with some COS members. The course focuses on “de-polarizing” yourself. Pastor will send the info out to the committee to have them try it.</p>
Printed COS Materials	3	<p>New COS business cards have been developed and printed, and are available to hand out. They will also be made available at the Welcome Center desk in the narthex.</p> <p>Contact: Linda Hollman</p>
Sporting Events as Outreach	1	<p>Lots of Opportunities. Still need to flesh out what this all looks like. Events would be open to the community. Open Pickleball session begins this Sat. Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>Contact: Josh Kittleman</p>
Community Shared Space	1	<p>Opportunities exist, specifically with the property facing Ford Field. Planning to expand SPREE Parking initiative to include more outreach activities.</p>

Campus Ministry – Schoolcraft College	1	Pastors met with Pastor Randy Duncan recently to discuss the opportunities, and he was positive with moving forward. Kyle Hollman will be the faculty contact at Schoolcraft to get things going. Spencer Troike has identified existing campus ministries already in place at Schoolcraft that COS can partner with.
Health Care Ministries	1	Provide a focal point for health care workers at COS to coordinate help as needed for members. Sue Arnold has received some feedback from members interested in participating. A future blood drive is under consideration.
Wellspring – New Directions	1	A new relationship is developing with the newly constituted Wellspring facility (now called “New Directions”) that is located just north of the COS campus. The New Directions facility is focused on assisting troubled youth; they currently have 18 young people in residence. COS hosted a Christmas Party for them recently, and several of the young people have been attending COS worship services.
MOST Mission Trips	3	Looking to get a team together for an eyeglasses mission trip to Honduras in August 2026. They would like to get family groups with young people to participate in future trips. Contacts: Linda Hollman, Arlo & Lori Wiltenburg