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The FLOURISH! Program is about ministry. From the outset, it was designed with the well-being of clergy and their family as the focus. For far too many people serving in ministry, it is challenging to be at their best because of anxiety related to debt or a deficiency of monetary resources. With a desire to serve God at the heart of ministry, this call can also be hampered by associated challenges.

To date, FLOURISH! has enhanced the lives of 81 Indiana Disciples clergy and 64 congregations. Many have contributed to help meet the required matching money needed for this grant program of the Lilly Foundation. We are in the final season of raising the balance.

This program has been a particular passion for our Regional Minister, Rick Spleth. He has been a cheerleader, a motivator, and a designer of the process. His love for our ministers and their wholeness is at the forefront of this project.

The year 2023 marks the 45th anniversary of Rick's ordination. And on September 1, he will retire from his long ministerial career and from his role as the Regional Minister of Indiana. Many of you have been a part of his ministerial journey over the years of his career.

As a way of honoring Rick's commitment to ministers, you are invited to give a gift to the FLOURISH! Program. Consider a gift of \$45, \$450, \$4500 or any gift of your choosing. To reflect Rick's care of others, we can echo his devotion to the health of clergy and families through this opportunity to share our resources. Our hope is that many more ministers will be able to enjoy long, fulfilling careers.

You are encouraged to join Rick in making sure our ministers in Indiana are free from overwhelming worry about their financial condition. A gift to FLOURISH! will both honor Rick's ministry and make an investment in the lives of those who serve. As you experience the abundance of our God, please share generously to enhance the lives of all who are called to minister.

With deep appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carolyn".

Carolyn Reed
Associate Regional Minister

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah".

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*Read more
about FLOURISH!
and Rick's 45-year
ministerial journey
in this packet!*

