



Who Can We Be Together?

Building Communities of Hope and Joy

*** Mission u 2022 ***

Do you remember the song “This Little Light of Mine”? Is your light dimming? Is your support system struggling? Join others on **August 19-20** at Mission u 2022 - “Who Can We Be Together?” – Let’s find that spark again as we gather in community across Northern Illinois and beyond. During this time together we will learn ways to build communities like Jesus created. With intergenerational learning/discussion around Jesus’ work in Luke 13, we can find hope and therefore joy. With one overall study theme we have studies for adults, children and youth, we will offer in person and virtual options for attending in multiple locations across Northern Illinois.

Being in community is God’s desire for all of us! In recent history, our communities are struggling to stay positive as they deal with loss, grief and fear. God’s community is as varied as we are: different abilities, ages, cultures, outlooks, races. What communities do we find ourselves in and are we torn between them? Just as the fig tree (Luke 13) was allowed another year to flourish, what can we do in our communities to empower them and us to flourish this year?

Mission u focuses/expectations:

- ❖ Intergenerational learning together for all ages
 - ❖ same theme/study but age appropriate
 - ❖ children (5-11), youth (12-18) and adults
 - ❖ let the energy and innocence of children and youth combined with the wisdom of adults bring us into a loving/serving community of followers
- ❖ Shorter session models for use in local churches (one hour), with resources available to assist
- ❖ Using diversity to make our communities stronger (reaching out to sister churches or partners)
- ❖ Learning how to be proactive in all communities as Jesus demonstrated
- ❖ Seeing and hearing different perspectives

Thank you to our hosting communities! Register soon.

- ❖ First UMC, Morris
- ❖ Kingswood UMC, Buffalo Grove
- ❖ First UMC, Downers Grove
- ❖ Christ UMC, Rockford

This is not your mother’s School of Christian Mission or even the recent Mission u format. The newer Mission u format encourages intergenerational and diverse sharing, shorter lesson options and resource support. So, we encourage you to invite others from your community to join us and then share it with your home church community.

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