



July 2020

Dear Valley Christian Church,

How challenging these months have been. COVID-19 has created havoc across all sectors, and Minneapolis/St Paul became the epicenter of a global protest movement with the murder of George Floyd. Through it all, what seems to be missing is humble Christian leadership.

Amidst these challenges, your support fueled a community of future Christian leaders at the U.

Thanks to the incredible dedication of staff and volunteers, Anselm House responded by gathering thousands of students and faculty for online discussions, prayer, lament, and study.

You are helping form the kinds of future Christian leaders that our world desperately needs.

Just as muscle needs food *and* resistance to grow, I truly believe that the Christian leaders that our civic institutions most desperately need are attending public Universities like the U of M. Our calling is to help these future leaders connect their studies with the eternal values of Christ & his Kingdom.

Amidst distancing restrictions, please consider joining us in kicking off an unprecedented year:

Save the Date! #CalledToConnect Live Stream*

Tuesday, August 25 | 7:00 - 8:30 P.M.

Details and RSVP: anselmhouse.org/connect

At this event, we will share stories of God at work among students and faculty, and how you can help:

- **Host thousands of attendees at events** connecting Christian faith & knowledge
- **Enroll 100+** students in our cohort-based Fellows Program & new programs
- **Grow our faculty network** to 300+
- **Secure a Minneapolis location**—keep praying with us toward this end

We know that your financial support doesn't come without sacrifice, so we are sacrificing with you, trimming our budget by more than 10%. Yet our mission is fueled by your joyful generosity. To help us plan, would you consider doing three things:

- **Let us know your giving plans**—contact Dan Olson: do@anselmhouse.org, 612-203-8540
- **Make your gift by August 1**, if possible, to help us start the year strong
- **Give more**, as you are able

We know you are facing challenges as well. In addition to praying for you, we are asking God that he might make our community stronger through adversity and do 'immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine' for students, faculty, staff, and supporters alike (Ephesians 3:20).

Called to Connect,

Bryan Bademan

**please see the "Called to Connect" sign inside, and send in a photo for the event!*