

THRIVE

THRIVE MISSION: We are the spouses of the clergy of the Indiana United Methodist Church.

Our goal is to give our fellow spouses and their families support, encouragement, resources, and a place where they can be themselves and develop friendships. It is our hope that we can help each other find God's hope no matter what situation we are in, whether we are new to ministry or have many years behind us.

Our group is open to ALL INUMC clergy spouses (both male & female), no matter what point they are at in ministry. Our mission is to support spouses and families of the INUMC Clergy by encouraging personal discipleship and empowering them to foster authentic community through advocacy and fellowship.

2022 GOALS: During 2022 our team focused on continuing to develop and deepen the relationships between spouses of clergy by creating opportunities for connection as we started coming out of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Thrive Retreat: Every year Thrive hosts a 3-day life giving retreat for spouses of clergy. The intended purpose of this retreat is to provide opportunities for spiritual growth, connectedness, and rest. After two years of not being able to retreat in person due to COVID-19, we held our first retreat since September 2019 on April 29-May 1, 2022, at Drury Plaza Hotel in Indianapolis. Our theme was "The Spirit Filled Life" and the supporting scripture for our theme was Colossians 2:6-7. The ladies of Life Fuel Retreats led a presentation about being united in Christ and utilized the theme of trees to teach us. Those in attendance enjoyed worship, prayer, communion, fellowship and fun together.

Annual Conference Spouses of Clergy Gathering: The Thrive team hosted the Gathering of Spouses of Clergy at the 2022 INUMC Annual Conference. There were 30-40 spouses in attendance where they participated in some ice breakers, prayer and a continuation of what we learned at the Thrive Retreat the previous month.

Moving with a Missional Purpose: The Thrive team hosted a breakout session for spouses at both sessions of Moving with a Missional purpose in 2022. This provided support, encouragement, and guidance to help spouses effectively transition into new appointments.

2023-2024 GOALS: In 2023-2024 Thrive plans to continue providing opportunities for connection, growth, education, and support by hosting a Spouses of Clergy gathering at Annual Conference, hosting a breakout session at Moving with a Missional Purpose, and hosting an in-person 3-day retreat on September 21-23. Thrive also wants to work on increasing communication about our events through the INUMC website, Facebook, and conference communications to ensure all spouses of clergy are connected.

1 NARRATIVE BUDGET 100% of our allocated conference funds go to supporting spouses
2 of clergy events that focus on creating relationships, empowering spouses to be mission
3 minded in their churches and local communities and providing support during times of
4 uncertainty and change.

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