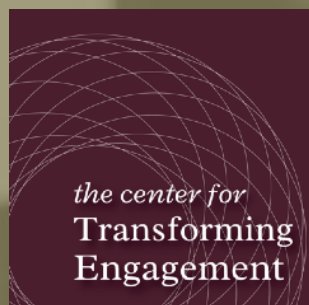
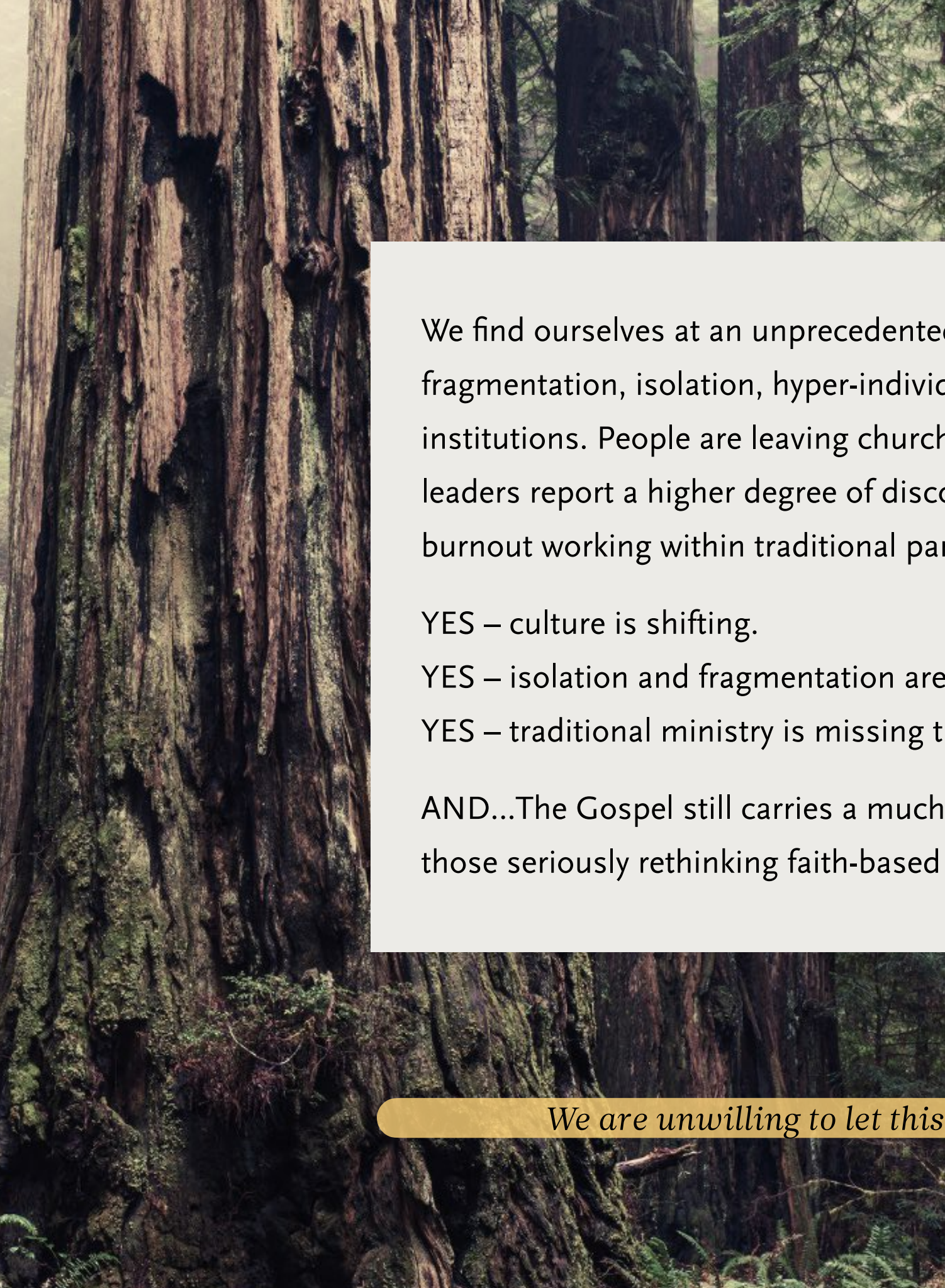


THE WORK OF RENEWAL BEGINS HERE

Strengthening leaders. Revitalizing communities. Transforming engagement.



*A Case for Support: For a more
connected and resilient future.*



THE TASK AT HAND

We find ourselves at an unprecedented time in history, marked by cultural fragmentation, isolation, hyper-individualism, and crumbling of trust in our institutions. People are leaving churches in record numbers, while our faith leaders report a higher degree of discouragement, disillusionment, and burnout working within traditional paradigms.

YES – culture is shifting.

YES – isolation and fragmentation are the norm.

YES – traditional ministry is missing the mark.

AND...The Gospel still carries a much needed message of hope and love for those seriously rethinking faith-based service in our complex, modern context.

We are unwilling to let this be the end of the story.

The data is clear. Individual and societal fragmentation is the #1 threat to our collective well-being.

Our world faces a crisis of isolation that undermines both personal resilience and institutional vitality.

The U.S. Surgeon General's advisory frames loneliness and social disconnection as a *public health crisis*. They warn that isolation increases risk of premature mortality by 29% and boosts stroke risk by 32%.

- Loneliness is widespread. Roughly 1 in 2 U.S. adults report experiencing loneliness.
- The World Health Organization links social disconnection to ~871,000 deaths annually
- Young Americans 15–29 spent ~45% more time alone in 2023 than in 2010.
- Chronic loneliness and social isolation may increase dementia risk by ~50% among older adults.

We have a mix of offerings for leadership formation, team training, and organizational development intended to tackle this threat.

ISOLATION, FRAGMENTATION & EROSION OF INSTITUTIONAL TRUST





We believe that social fragmentation must be addressed relationally, through transformed engagement between leaders and systems.

Moving from social fragmentation to cohesion requires thoughtful, hopeful leaders. The health of a leader's relational soil is no longer optional—it is mission critical.

HEALTHY LEADERS ARE MISSION CRITICAL

THE PATHWAY TO CHANGE

Our theory of change is simple but powerful: transformation happens relationally. Healthy leaders create healthy organizations, which in turn nurture thriving communities. Through cohort-based learning, resilience training, and organizational culture work, the Center helps participants move from depletion to renewal.

Change flows from Individuals → Organizations → Communities. Strengthening individuals enables healthier teams; healthier teams nourish more trustworthy organizations; organizations anchored in trust become nodes of community renewal. Over time, the vision is for an ecosystem of more good leaders + higher capacity organizations = a more flourishing society.



A woman with glasses and a patterned shawl stands in the center of a church sanctuary, her arms outstretched in a welcoming gesture. She is positioned on a carpeted floor in front of a large, dark, vertically-slatted wall. To her right, a wooden pulpit holds an open book and a white cloth with a cross. A sign with a cross is also visible on the wall to the right. The scene is dimly lit, with a warm glow from the woman's presence. A semi-transparent dark red banner at the top contains the text 'Welcome!' and 'PUSHING BACK AGAINST FRAGMENTATION'. A semi-transparent olive green rectangle is on the left side of the image.

Welcome! PUSHING BACK AGAINST FRAGMENTATION

The Center for Transforming Engagement exists to equip individuals and teams to (re)build communities marked by resilience, belonging, and generativity.

We stand at the intersection of faith, research, and practice, helping leaders cultivate resilience so that institutions can once again become places of belonging and hope.

At our core, we are world changers, motivated by our experiences and vision for radical change.

OUR UNIQUE APPROACH

The Center for Transforming Engagement isn't merely another leadership institute. It is a relational architecture for renewal—rooted in Christian hope, shaped by social science, convened in community, and calibrated to heal fragmentation by restoring connection, trust, and collective resilience.

Embodied credibility: our staff are practitioners and co-learners, not just theorists.

Integration of faith and social science: we don't abandon religious formation, but bring it into dialogue with empirical insight on relational health.

Scalable relational leverage: rather than treating leaders as isolated units, we build networks, cohorts, and systems of mutual influence.

Contextual sensitivity: we resist one-size-fits-all solutions. Programs are designed to adapt to local culture, voice, and rhythm.

More than 1500 individuals and 390 organizations have found fresh courage and connection through the Center for Transforming Engagement.

86% of participants said that their ability to deal with conflict in their vocational context has increased as a result of the program.

“Transforming Communities gave us steps to know ourselves, know the community, and form partnerships. It laid the groundwork for things we wanted to do but we [previously] didn’t have the systems in place.”

“(The program) Gave us fresh eyes for who our direct neighbors are. It opened conversations for ways we could be invitational with our space without being pushy.”

“The biggest takeaway is my ability to connect my brokenness to how that colors my experiences in my current ministry role. Learning to diffuse that and create space for compassion for myself and for others has been truly life-giving! Thank you!”

“This program is an excellent tool that I believe is beneficial for anyone but particularly as those in leadership roles.”

“If I index my overall heart, I have both a sense of being settled, and of knowing who I am and what I’m about, and that some of the nagging pain that I’ve carried is diminished and continuing to diminish.”

“This program helped us to think through and clarify vision. It also helped us to learn from and value each other as a team.”

CREATING CHANGE ONE PERSON AT A TIME

FUNDING & PROGRAM PARTNERS

Organizations that have supported us over the years through grants, program development, and sponsorships.

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NW Coast Presbytery

The Episcopal Diocese of Olympia

Center for Psychology & Theology

Leadership Education at Duke Divinity

Vancouver School of Theology

Christian Missionary Alliance Ohio Region

Now is the time to invest in leaders who carry the work of healing forward.

Leaders cannot transform communities in isolation. The work is relational, and it requires co-laborers. Your support makes possible a growing network of healthy leaders and thriving communities, and helps cultivate the kind of grounded, connected leadership our world, and our faith communities, urgently need.

Relationships are central to everything we do, and together, we can repair the fractures of isolation and help restore the connective tissue of hope and resilience across faith and community life.

PARTNER WITH US



A Call to Seed Future Growth



GOAL BY 2030: \$575,000

We aim to raise an average of \$115,000 per year to expand our reach and deepen our impact by 2030. This funding will support:

- ✓ Scholarships for leaders from under-resourced communities to join resilience and leadership cohorts.
- ✓ Program innovation, including research-based curricula integrating theology and the social sciences.
- ✓ Partnership development with congregations, nonprofits, and community organizations seeking cultural renewal.
- ✓ Ongoing staff capacity to sustain mentoring, teaching, and resource creation.

Join us in this transformative work by giving, sharing our content, sponsoring events, or becoming a denominational partner.

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