

Dear Within Reach Network,

The Stanford Social Innovation observed that dense networks (exponentially) increase in growth and scale beyond what any individual organization can accomplish on its own. One of my favorite examples of a dense network was illustrated by author Daniel James Brown who, while studying the University of Washington's 1936 Olympic gold rowing team found that "what mattered more than how hard a man rowed was how well everything he did harmonized with what the other fellows were doing."

The Apostle Paul wrote, "You are Christ's body - that's who you are! You must never forget this. Only as you accept your part of that body does your 'part' mean anything." As a result, we know that Christ's body is at its best when each one of us plays our part.

Research, history, and God's Word all point to one enduring truth. Together, we can do more (and with more joy) than any of us can accomplish on our own.

Looking back on 2023, we celebrate the combined city reaching and renewal efforts of the Within Reach network. Looking forward, we're confident that as we move together, Jesus' Spirit will work powerfully through us for the good of the Omaha Metro. Thank you for being part of this network and family. It is our joy to serve and support you.

Jed Mullenix  
CEO Within Reach

## STORIES OF IMPACT

"It's been encouraging and inspiring to connect with such a diverse group of business, faith and community leaders that really desire to positively impact Omaha in a way that is unified and intentional." - *Greg Key, Leuder Construction*

"Within Reach is a blessing not only to me as a pastor, but to our whole congregation. As a new church of young believers, it's great to know that church isn't a competition against each other, but an army against the enemy!" - *Drew Milliken, Collective Church*

"The evidence of God's life giving breath is so clear at Within Reach. It's amazing to see the spiritual leadership of our city coming together under one banner to make and enact decisions with such deep impact simply by bringing people together in one place." - *Ross Brenneman, Renaissance Financial*

"I'm immensely grateful for the unwavering support and guidance of the Within Reach network, which has been pivotal in helping me achieve my goals. Being connected with like-minded trailblazers fills me with hope and inspires me to continue striving for excellence." - *Brad Riddle, Heritage Church*

## STATE OF THE CITY

In November the State of the City project became available! 5,000 books were printed to celebrate and share a comprehensive picture of what is true of the Metro today and a compelling picture of what can be in the days to come. The project unveiled four strategic outcomes: Mental Health Care & Support, Village School Partnerships, Flourishing Neighborhoods, and Flourishing Churches & Leaders. These initiatives will guide the next decade of collaborative efforts of the Within Reach network.



# THE HEART OF WITHIN REACH

## REACHING THE CITY

"I am grateful for Within Reach's continual growth mindset. It is so encouraging to be around people that don't think the world is going to inevitably get worse and worse... that instead, God can move into a community and change lives and cause the community to thrive." - *Lance Burch, Reality Church*



**3,582**

First time faith decisions



**2,027**

Baptisms



**29,214**

People in attendance in partner churches

## PLANTING CHURCHES

"Seeing the body of Christ work together for the good of Omaha and the advancement of the Kingdom of God is a beautiful thing." - *Jacob Richardson, Citylight Mosaic Church*



**4**

Churches planted in 2023

## DEVELOPING LEADERS

"Because we love the city of Omaha, the Citywide Summit, has been a priority to attend because our team enjoys the information being communicated, style of communication, and the high quality of individuals that represent this group." - *Dave Raymond, Facility Advocates*



**3,000**

Students who attended O,NE



**420**

Leaders gathered for the Citywide Summit

## UNLEASHING COMPASSION

"Within Reach reminds me continually that we are not just one local church with one mission, but we are one church with many expressions who are pulling for one another to win for the Kingdom of God." - *David Witkop, Thanksgiving Church*



**\$4,617,473**

Invested in local compassion efforts



**5,020**

City Serve volunteers



**11,980**

Completed service hours during City Serve