

Continuous Growth Pathway (CGP)

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Continuous Growth Pathway (CGP) is a unique partnership of the Southeastern and Southwestern Minnesota ELCA Synods and Gustavus Adolphus College. Its purpose is to support and equip rostered leaders across southern MN. Continuing education is part of what they do, and connecting colleagues is the heartbeat. Providing pathways for pastors and deacons to remember they are human, and find others experiencing similar ups and downs to share that with, is vital.

“Career saving.” This is what one pastor shared about their participation in a colleague group. Members are sharing that they feel more connected and engaged in their work through involvement with CGP. The challenges in ministry, especially in light of the pandemic, leave questions and worry about the church looming, and sometimes it is pastors and deacons who receive the brunt of it. Which is why their work is so important. (See some statistics on the next page.)

The partnerships between the two synods and Gustavus and the membership fees are crucial to the financial stability of CGP. (Of course, the Holy Spirit is moving in there, too.) Their work all comes back to the Good News. They exist to remind members that the Good News is not just for teaching others, but themselves, too. That ministering from a faith that is alive in their hearts and minds, is an absolute gift to the body of Christ.

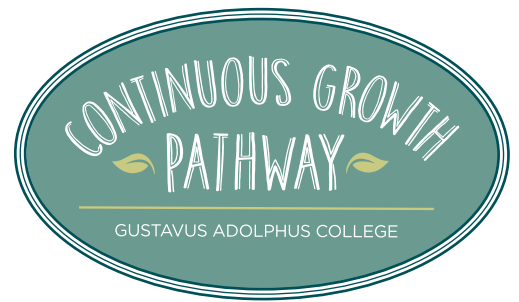
To find out how you can get involved, contact the staff members listed below. To make a financial gift, give online or mail a check (payable to Gustavus with CGP in the memo) to Gustavus Adolphus College.

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Making a Difference for Rostered Leaders



71%

Participation Rate

66 out of 93 members
SWMN = 62% SEMN = 35%



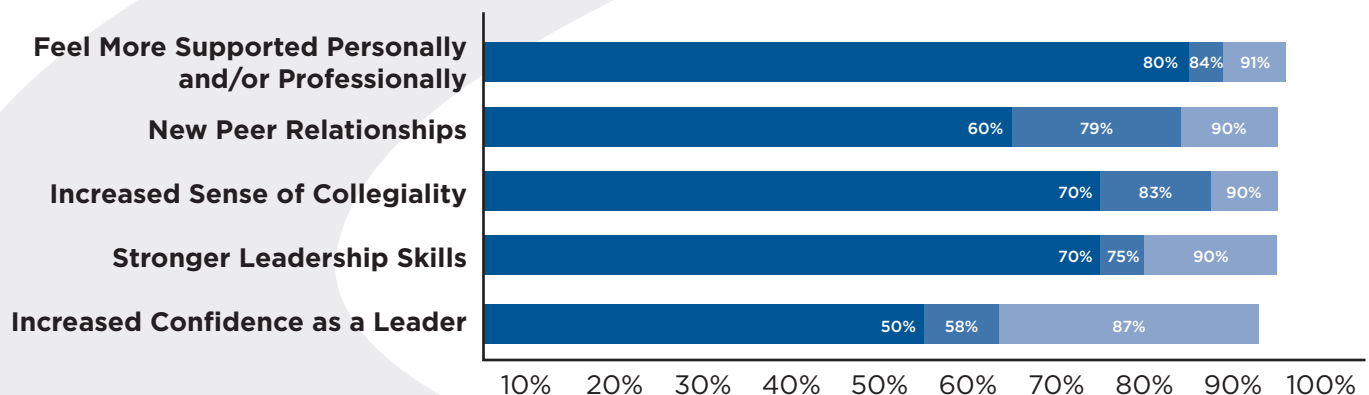
say CGP is **giving them what they need**

Themes:

- Community & Connection
- Skills & Knowledge
- Variety of Options

LONGER PARTICIPATION

in CGP is leading **to stronger impacts for members**



Most Valuable Experience

Colleague Groups
Spiritual Practices
Anti-Racism Retreat

Highest Participation

Colleague Groups
CGP Webinars
Preaching Workshops

Looking Ahead

A Return to
In-Person
Events