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- Presented at conference gatherings and led adult forums in congregations throughout the synod, listening to participants and offering support and encouragement as they discern their role in this work.
- Collaborated with outdoor ministry sites, synod and churchwide ministries, and ecumenical partners to create inclusive, culturally diverse environments, engage in legacy planning and land repatriation conversations, lead anti-racism conversations and implicit bias trainings, facilitate learning events, and participate in long-ran planning meetings.
- Provided resources to ministry leaders as they prepared faith formation, worship materials, and correspondence to their congregations
- Administrated a Facebook page and group (Together Here, NE MN Synod, ELCA and Together Here, NE Minnesota Synod, ELCA – FB Group, respectively)
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