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Wellspring Interfaith Adds its 17th and 18th Supporting Congregations.

Fort Wayne, Ind. – [Wellspring Interfaith](#) has long been supported by 16 congregations and is pleased to announce the addition of two new congregations, Fellowship Missionary and The Church of Jesus Christ.

Wellspring began in 1968 when five downtown congregations (Emmanuel Lutheran, First Presbyterian, St. John's United Church of Christ, Trinity English Lutheran and Wayne Street Methodist) plus the YWCA joined to bring it to life. What began with a summer day camp has since grown to an After-School Program, an Older Adult Program, a Food Bank, the Wellspring Shoppe – a clothing boutique, and Wellspring on Wheels (WOW) – a mobile food pantry. This growth has also led to the addition of several faith partners over the years.

Wellspring is pleased to announce the addition of two new partners to its interfaith collective including [Fellowship Missionary](#) and [The Church of Jesus in Fort Wayne](#). Geoff King, Executive Director of Equipping at Fellowship Missionary, has served as a Wellspring board member since 2015. Through his pastoral connections, Geoff helped Wellspring launch its first WOW site at Autumn Woods. Wellspring is extremely thankful for his assistance as well as Fellowship Missionary's financial commitment to the WOW program.

Winston Pearson, Jr, Senior Pastor at The Church of Jesus in Fort Wayne, has supported Wellspring's mission since 2019 when his wife Alicia Pearson joined the Wellspring family as the receptionist. As a supporting congregation, The Church of Jesus in Fort Wayne will continue to volunteer at Wellspring and provide financial assistance for programming every-other-month. The Pearson's enthusiasm for Wellspring's mission is truly appreciated and their support will continue to go a long way at Wellspring.

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