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Each of these will offer hope to many thousands in our church who are in need of and deserve spiritual welcome and the embrace of their church community.

And our movement is growing! We now partner with nearly 900 Reconciling in Christ (RIC) ministry settings, and supporting just under 400 on their journey; we are helping them join the RIC community and approve a public welcome statement for LGBTQ people. We do this joyous work entirely with funds donated by those who are committed to a loving and inclusive church.

May we ask you to show your commitment and make your most generous gift today? You will be providing thousands of your fellow Lutherans the vital education, outreach and advocacy of the RIC program, both this month and beyond.

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