

## **What outcomes will we expect to see?**

We'll ask our students to tell us a story about transformation in their lives — stories such as those that members of the School for Ministry Board recently shared. This is what they said:

Story A – I had a career, and during this time I knew I had things I might share through the church. I was uncertain but thought I might have a call to ministry. What to do with it? In my association with others in a similar situation, I became a lot more certain regarding the call. I learned many things I didn't know and found I could be helpful to others. The relationships are carrying on.

Story B- I retired early. While I was working, I preached in several churches in the community. I came to the Disciples of Christ church, and they encouraged me to consider pastoring them. They encouraged me to attend The School for Ministry. I was reluctant, but now I appreciate how much there is to learn and I am empowered to learn more as I pastor. Understanding the depth and breadth of scripture and the history in it has been a very rich experience. I learned there is more to pastoring than preaching. I know more about healthy spiritual growth and mission/outreach in the community.

Story C – Is there a call for me? I know seminary is not for me. In the School for Ministry, I can deepen my faith, receive knowledge to become a competent minister. It fits with the time and money I can give. I'm not sure I'll serve a congregation, but I have developed a great skill set. It helps me to serve more effectively as a layperson.