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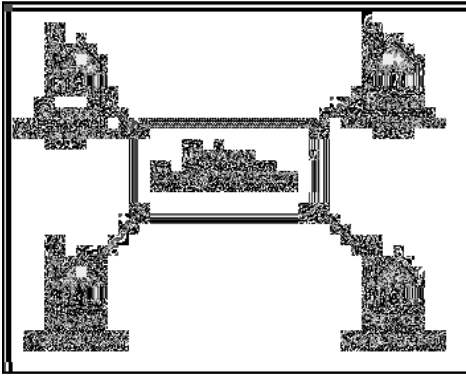
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The Challenge:

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We invite your congregation to support this ministry—spiritually and financially. We are making this a Synod-wide effort, which gives everyone in Montana and Northern Wyoming an opportunity to participate.

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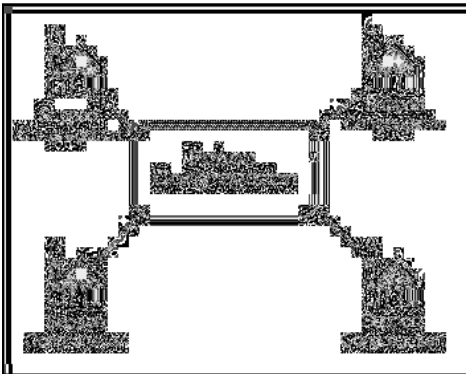
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