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DISCIPLES CONNECT AND EQUIP: ADAPTIVE CHANGE IN A CHANGED WORLD



The Regional Disciples Connect & Equip event is scheduled for Saturday, August 6, at the Disciples Center at Tawakoni. This year's theme is "Adaptive change in a changed world" and what it means for Disciples.

**Registration opens Friday, May 13.
Registration deadline is Friday, July 22**

With the focus on "equipping," we hope to provide more opportunities for congregational leaders to learn adaptive change methods in this post-pandemic/endemic

world. Workshops will be a combination of knowledge, instruction and teaching practical skills. Topics under consideration, but not finalized, include:

- Adaptive Change/Developing an Adaptive Change Culture
- Anti-Racism/Pro-Reconciliation
- Refugees: How can we help?
- Exploring New Church Ministry
- Week of Compassion's Disaster Preparedness Team Training
- Church Communications Team
- Churches Supporting Children of Trauma

2022 marks a Regional Assembly year where we conduct the business of the Regional Church. According to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Christian Church in Kansas, any major resolution to be considered by the 2022 Regional Assembly must be on the desk of the Regional Minister and President, by May 9, which is 90-days before the Assembly. The Committee will consider the resolutions and prepare them for the Assembly. Resolutions will be sent to the congregations on June 9.

Resolutions may be presented by any member congregation or administrative unit, the Regional Board, any ten individual members, or any organization of the Christian Church in Kansas (Disciples of Christ). All resolutions should be accompanied by a written statement of the reasons that the submitting group deems it necessary or advisable for the Assembly to consider the subject. Any supporting data or rationale that will assist in understanding the full impact of the resolution should also be included.

Each church is also asked to provide the names of voting delegates they have elected to represent their church at this assembly. The number of voting delegates is based on the church's reported membership. Each office will receive instructions and a Voting Delegates Form to fill out and return to the Topeka Regional Office no later than July 15.

Following lunch, we'll feature a keynote speaker (to be determined), and hopefully introduce a new Co-Regional Minister. Watch the *Kansas Messenger* and Facebook for future details on this event.

Cost for the event will be \$15 for adults, \$10 for youth and children (5-18 years), with children under five at no charge. The fee covers program, lunch, and child care. Child care will be available for pre-registered children 4-years old and younger. Pre-register online at www.kansasdisciples.org, or through ENGAGE on or after May 13.

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THOUGHTS FROM YOUR REGIONAL MINISTER

The Power of Storms That Brings Us Together

The tornado that ripped through Andover but spared the camp was the second I have seen with my own eyes, and the third I have experienced.

As Ken and I stood outside the Leadership Lodge watching the funnel cloud skirt the camp to the north, I remembered the tornado several years ago that missed my house in Texas by only a few blocks, but levelled or damaged thousands of other homes. We were in our safe room for that one.

I remembered as a young teenager watching another tornado meander through mostly open fields near my childhood home. Tornadoes are power on display, reminding us of the transitory nature of life itself.

As I watched this one, I was grateful that the camp was spared, but sorrowful that others were losing their homes and businesses in and around Andover.

First responders were on the scene swiftly; a command center was established in the parking lot of the grocery store

BY LARRY ROSS,
INTERIM CO-REGIONAL MINISTER

we all use when at camp. Folk checked on neighbors and friends, and helped where needed.

We checked on FCC Augusta, and Week of Compassion staff checked on us, as did our General Minister and President, Terri Hord Owens. Ken notified

authorities that the camp could provide emergency housing to displaced folk until our own camp season began, though it doesn't appear to be needed.

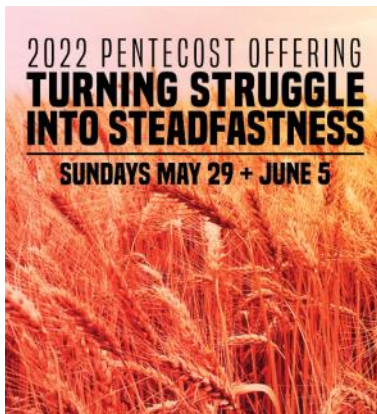
Reminded yet again that we are all connected, I am grateful for the churches and people of Kansas.



PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERING SUPPORTS DISCIPLES NEW CHURCH DEVELOPMENT

"Turning Struggle into Steadfastness"

Received in most congregations May 29 and June 5



From the persecution faced by early Christians to civil rights movements led by faith leaders, the church has found its strength in times of unrest. The COVID-19 pandemic is yet another chapter in this long history, both nothing unique and yet entirely different.

Through it all, Disciples have been steadfast. By launching emerging congregations, they have stepped up to care for communities in need. But they don't do it alone. With the help of

regional and general ministries, these brave leaders have been provided with facilities to conduct their outreach activities and with online educational opportunities, such as Leadership Academy.

By making a gift to the 2022 Pentecost Offering, received in most congregations on Sundays, May 29 and June 5, you can ensure that the new church movement continues to prosper in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Each year, gifts for this offering are divided equally between the region in which they're given and New Church Ministry, which trains, equips, assists, and multiplies new church leaders across the United States and Canada. Please give generously.

To access Pentecost Offering resources for your church, including images, videos, and stories to share, you can visit: <http://disciplesmissionfund.org/special-offerings/pentecost>.

CDM+ ENGAGE GIVING

The ENGAGE online giving system is an easy to use, mobile optimized system that you can use through web link, app or now by text. Using the text method, you can target your giving to the CCK fund of your choice.

Once enrolled in ENGAGE, text: **FUND NAME <dollar amount>** to **785-278-0678**. For example: **ANNUALFUND 100** will make a \$100 donation to the Annual Fund.

Current Text to Give Funds include:

- ⇒ ANNUALFUND
- ⇒ TAWAKONI
- ⇒ MAINTENANCE (maintenance costs at Tawakoni)
- ⇒ JONESLODGE
- ⇒ GALA
- ⇒ DMF
- ⇒ BLESSINGBOX

A confirmation text should be received. Example: "Reply YES to give \$100 to Annual Fund from your account." Reply **YES**, if this is correct. A return message will be received: "Submitting your gift ..."

The last message received should be a final confirmation. Example: "Success! Thank you for your gift of \$100. You will receive an email confirming the gift to **<your email address>**."

With your [Engage account](#) you can also update phone and email, register for events and create recurring gifts or one-time gifts all from one login.



EQUIPPING SMALL CHURCHES TO CONNECT WITH 21ST CENTURY FOLLOWERS

Church Copyright Guidelines and Security Protocols: How to protect your church in a digital world

Editor's note: This article is part three of three that offers church communication strategies specifically for small congregations. While the focus is on small churches, all churches will find the strategies presented helpful for their ministry.

Written by Jessica Marston, CCK Communication Specialist.

With the digital world expanding and overlapping with church ministry, churches need to be more careful than ever before about copyright infringement. Churches are not immune to copyright infringement and a non-profit status or using materials for "educational purposes" is no longer adequate protection.

When at all possible, create and use your own materials – text, graphics, photographs – and give credit to the source of your content. When using someone else's published content, check for fair use, cite your source, and when in doubt, contact the copyright holder to get written permission to republish their work.

Not all Google search images are classified as free public domain images. Be sure to set your search filters to "Free," "Public Domain," or "Creative Commons" before using as PowerPoint backdrops, article graphics, or cover art.

Given the world we live in, and given that churches should be a sanctuary for all, churches need written policies about publishing photographs on your church website and social media pages. Every church should get a signed photo release form from members before publishing photos.

This is **a must** for children and is highly encouraged for adults too. We don't know what a person's home or family life is like and there may be a reason their photo should not be published publicly.

Live streaming has revolutionized worship. When live streaming, be sure to purchase the CCLI License for live streaming and pay attention to the reporting process for songs covered under this licensing agreement.

When it comes to your digital content and the software programs you use, be sure to use strong, secure passwords and then log-in from password protected WiFi networks. Your church office should maintain a master list of all log-in information in a secure location as back-up. These passwords should be changed regularly especially with changeover in staff and/or church leadership.

Each program should also have a minimum of three admins from different families assigned (maximum of six people). This provides an internal counterbalance so that content reflects the views and beliefs of the church as a whole and not one individual. It also ensures that you will not lose access to your accounts when someone moves,

dies, or otherwise leaves the church.

Just as important as the software you use is your hardware (ie. computer, camera, microphone.) Keep a master inventory list of all assets with date of purchase, cost/value, serial/model numbers. If permanently installed, note where it is located. If mobile, record where it is stored when not in use, and if it is checked-out to specific staff members, who has it. In some cases, a picture of the item in question may be appropriate.

For items that are mobile or not permanently installed, consider a high-end, lockable fireproof, waterproof, shockproof storage case to protect your investment. You may even consider storing these storage cases in a locked closet or cabinet and limiting who has the key to that storage room or cabinet for added security.

When it comes to hardware remember that most technology has a three-to-five-year life span. Your church should plan for this by setting aside funds needed to upgrade and/or replace hardware regularly in addition to keeping your software application(s) up to date.

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

HAVE NEWS TO SHARE? SUBMIT YOUR ARTICLES AND PICTURES TO US.

We are glad to receive your news articles and photographs for publication. Submit your items online at www.kansasdisciples.org/km-submissions. The *Kansas Messenger* editorial team reserves the right to edit all materials for relevance, clarity, and space. Submission deadline for the June issue is:

Monday, May 23

CAMP NEWS

TAWAKONI WELCOMES SEE AS NEW CAMP MANAGER

In December, Sid Rutland, our Camp Manager, submitted a letter of resignation. In February, a search committee, of over a dozen people, was formed to do an exit interview, revise the job description and design a search process. Then, a smaller group consisting of Mark Watkins, Bob Gleason, Belinda Amend, Loy Hoskins, Laurie Lewis, Larry Ross, and Ken Marston worked to advertise the position, interview the candidates, and make an offer to the best qualified.

We received about 40 applications. Initial examination narrowed the pool to 10. Then, after some thought and prayer, the team settled on four candidates. These remaining candidates had post graduate education, and significant experience in the three main areas we were assessing: 1) their knowledge and ability to maintain and repair facilities and equipment, 2) an understanding and vision for the type of essential regional programming and events, 3) knowledge and vision for how to promote use of the camp so that the camp becomes self-sustaining.



Rev. Olivia See

Among the four that remained: two had degrees from Texas Christian University and the other two from other institutions of higher learning; two were male, two were female. One had significant experience and skills and marketing but was not as strong in maintenance or programming use of facilities. One had significant experience as a camp manager, but there was at least a 10-year gap between that experience and the present. Another also had extensive knowledge and experience in the maintenance of buildings, and some knowledge about marketing and programming, but had changed jobs every year or two for the past 20 years.

The fourth candidate was Rev. Olivia See. While the other candidates had strengths in one of the three assessed areas, Olivia was the most balanced of the candidates and brings to the work of camp manager the perspective ministry we felt would enhance the work of the region for the future.

Olivia will work with Sid through out this summer's camp season. Sid's final day is July 31. The interview team is excited about how Olivia will help us adapt to the new reality of camp ministry and regional life.

REGISTRATION STILL OPEN FOR SUMMER CAMP 2022

Come join us at Tawakoni for another exciting year!

Summer Camp 2022 registration is still open. Six, age appropriate, camp sessions and three specialty camps are planned throughout June and July.



This year's theme, "What's in a Name," will explore the power and meanings we apply to names and how God equips us to care for others.

The registration fee includes lodging and meals, program expense, nurse, theme T-shirt and water bottle, and \$10 for the camp maintenance fund.

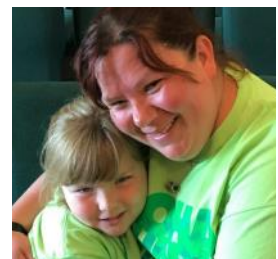


Register online at www.kansasdiscalples.org/events, or through your Engage account. Registration and health

forms are also available through your church office. Registration will close two weeks prior to each camp session or when a session reaches maximum capacity. A wait list will be maintained in the Topeka Regional Office.

For churches who scholarship all or part of camp registration fees, we have added a partial payment option to our online registration system.

Churches may request a report of the campers from their church who are registered by contacting the Topeka Regional Office. If you think you have registered and have not received a confirmation



email, call the Topeka Regional Office immediately.

Have Questions? We are here to help! Check out our Summer Camp Program page at www.kansasdiscalples.org or contact the Topeka Regional office at cck@kansasdiscalples.org or call 785-266-2914 for assistance.



**HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR
CCK TEXT ALERTS?**

IT'S EASY!

Text **KSMESSENGER** to **316-465-5352**
to sign-up for the regional text alerts system.
Standard SMS and data charges apply.

CAMP NEWS

TAWAKONI IS HERE TO HOST YOUR NEXT CHURCH EVENT



Are you planning a church retreat or event in 2023?

See what Tawakoni can offer you!

Tawakoni is more than a summer church camp. It offers year-round facilities for a variety of groups and ministries. Dates are filling up fast! All Disciples churches, groups, and ministries are asked to make reservations 12-18 months in advance to receive priority treatment. Submit your request early so camp staff can adequately prepare for your event.

Submit your reservation request online at www.tawakoni.org/reservation-request and secure your dates today.

CAMP DIRECTORS WANT YOU ON THEIR TEAM!



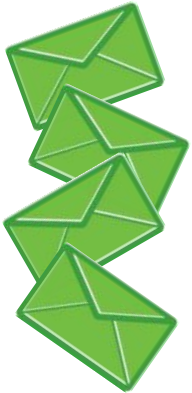
It takes many volunteers working along side paid staff to make our summer camp program possible. Directors are now looking for volunteers to fill their teams.

Following the CCK Child Protection Policy, all volunteers and staff working at camp this summer will need to turn in a

Volunteer Application Form found at www.tawakoni.org.

After filling out a volunteer application form, volunteers will receive an email with a background check consent form to sign and return. All paid and volunteer staff will be expected to be a good example of Christian faith.

MAIL CALL! SURPRISE YOUR CAMPERS WITH LETTERS FROM HOME.



Campers love to receive mail from friends and family back home. Letters need to be addressed in the following format to ensure timely delivery.

Remember, there is no mail delivery on the last day of camp. Consider sending letters early to ensure your letter's arrival. Include the camp session (i.e. Junior, Grand Camp 1, CYF, etc.) along with your

camper's name.

Another option is to email your messages to the camp office at reservations@kansasdisciples.org, and a staff member will deliver your message with the day's mail. Include the camper's name and camp session in the subject line.

Packages are highly discouraged as it takes longer to process and deliver. Please do not send food as

it is not permitted in the bunk rooms.

Example:

*Jill Smith
Junior Camp
Disciples Center at Tawakoni
8492 SW Tawakoni Rd.
Augusta, KS 67010-8111*

NEWS FROM YOUR REGION

2022 ART OF CHURCH COMMUNICATION WORKSHOPS RESCHEDULED FOR JULY

Join us for the weekly Art of Church Communication Workshop Seminar in July. Taught by CCK Communications Specialist Jessica Marston, sessions will be online "at your own pace" to provide church leadership – pastors, office staff, and members – with tools and strategies to improve their church's overall communication ministry.

Each week participants will discuss a different church communication topic through discussion boards, a video presentation, interactive Q&A session, real-world applications, and more. In addition to all the great information, strategies, and resources presented at the Art of Church Communication workshops, every participant is eligible to win a \$50-\$75 gift card for their church.

Learn more and register at: kansasdisciples.org/aocc-workshops, through your ENGAGE account, or the Regional Facebook Events page. The final registration deadline is **4 p.m. Friday, June 17**. A minimum of eight paid registrations is needed by the early bird deadline to hold workshops.



NEWS FROM YOUR REGION

SAVE THE DATE: TAWAKONI GALA AND AUCTIONS



Save the dates for the annual Tawakoni Gala and Auction. The annual event provides an opportunity for you to financially support your regional camp, conference and event center.

This year, you have two opportunities to participate: virtually beginning at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 12, through 9 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 13, and in-person at Tawakoni 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 15.

Proceeds from the Tawakoni Gala and Auction support camp operational costs, capital projects and summer camp scholarships.

This year's capital improvement project focus is a new camp tractor with an estimated cost of \$15,000-\$30,000.

DISCIPLES MEN FALL RETREAT IS SCHEDULED FOR SEPT. 16-17

By: Luis Mendez, KDM Coordinator

Greetings Gentlemen,

The Disciples Men's Cabinet is in search for a President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer, Pastor-Advisor, and a Missions Coordinator. If you know of anyone that has a heart and love for Men's Ministry, send me an email at, disciplesmen@kansasdisciples.org.

The next Men's Retreat will be Sept. 16-17, start making plans to attend. Our guest speaker will be the Regional Minister at Mid-America, the Rev. Paul Koch. When I called him to ask if he was interested, he immediately said yes with no hesitation. We are going to have a great weekend. As the time gets closer I will let you know what work projects will be available for us to do.

God bless you, and I'm looking forward to seeing you in person.



PLAN NOW FOR THE FALL KDW RETREAT



KDW Women's Retreat will be held at Disciples Center at Camp Tawakoni, on Oct. 5-7 and 7-9. Get your permanent ink pen out to write it on your calendar, and plan to attend, because it is certain to be an exciting event! Disciples Women will be joining in fellowship, learning, and worship.

Your 2022 Retreat Committee, chaired by Jeanette Hammond (North Heights CC, Wichita) is deep in preparation, so please join with the women

of the region as we embrace our theme, "Let's BEE Church and Make a Difference!"

The speaker for retreat is the Rev. Christian Watkins, Executive Director and Campus Pastor at Ecumenical Campus Ministry, Kansas State University.

Watch for registration information coming in June.

KDW LOOKING FOR PHOTOS FOR 2023 CALENDAR

Kansas Disciples Women will be publishing a calendar for the year 2023. The calendar will be full of pictures of Disciples Women as well as activities throughout the years. In order to make the project a success, we need your help! We are asking for pictures of Disciples Women activities to be submitted no later than July 30.

Pictures may be submitted by email to Carla Pearson at 1816 17th Avenue, McPherson, KS 67460 or, by email to carla.pearson58@gmail.com. If possible, please include names of the women in the photos that you submit. We are looking forward to a calendar that will provide memories of Disciples Women through the years.

SPIRITUALITY RETREAT RESCHEDULED

The 2022 Spirituality Retreat at Tawakoni is rescheduled for Aug. 18-20.

The retreat will explore attitudes of "Being" which define what it means to live in God's Kingdom. Matthew 5:1-12 will be contemplated from different Biblical cultural and experiential perspectives.

Rev. Dr. Paul Koch, Regional Minister for the Christian Church in Mid-America, will be the retreat's facilitator. He has provided emotional and spiritual care for individuals and congregations for 30 years. He has also served in Disciples of Christ, United Church of Christ, and Interfaith Ministries in Missouri, Iowa, and Alabama.

Retreat cost is \$135. Register online at www.kansasdisciples.org/events or through your ENGAGE Account.

NEWS FROM THE GENERAL CHURCH

ASSOCIATION OF DISCIPLES MUSICIANS (ADM) CHALICE PRESS TO REPRINT CHALICE HYMNAL OPENS REGISTRATION FOR 2022 SUMMER CONFERENCE



The 60th Anniversary of Association of Disciple Musicians Conferences (1962-2022) for Music and Worship is being held on the University of Tulsa campus this summer from July 17-22. The conference theme is "Holy Spirit You are Welcome Here", and

describes itself as for musicians, ministers, lay people and you.

Conference workshops will include:

- ⇒ David Cherwien Hymn Festival
- ⇒ Worship Seminars
- ⇒ Worship Design
- ⇒ Handbell Techniques
- ⇒ Choral Conducting
- ⇒ Creative Worship
- ⇒ Beginning Keyboard Improv
- ⇒ Organ Improv
- ⇒ Choir Music Reading Sessions
- ⇒ Handbell Reading Session
- ⇒ Building Labyrinths
- ⇒ Organ Master Class

The conference registration fee is \$320; with a spouse/partner the fee is \$275. A housing and meal plan is also available. Register before May 31 to avoid late fee charges. Details and registration are available on the ADM website <https://www.adm-doc.org/>

Chalice Hymnal and Chalice Praise will be printed this summer on a limited basis from Chalice Press. To ensure you receive your copies, order no later than May 15. After May 15, orders will be fulfilled this fall in the order in which they were received.



Three titles are available for preorder now only at ChalicePress.com or through Chalice Press's customer service, 1-800-366-3383:

- ⇒ Chalice Hymnal with a red hardbound cover (ISBN 9780827280359)
- ⇒ Chalice Hymnal with a blue hardbound cover (ISBN 9780827280366)
- ⇒ Chalice Praise with the standard purple paperback cover (ISBN 9780827280403)

"For more than two decades, Chalice Hymnal and Chalice Praise have served congregations of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and other congregations beyond Disciples who appreciate their inclusive theology and international flavor," says Brad Lyons, Chalice Press president and publisher.

"It will likely be a few more years before we reprint these titles, if we reach that point at all," Lyons noted, "so congregations are encouraged to order now so they can continue using these resources for years to come."

Additional worship resources may also be printed depending on potential customer interest. Complete a quick survey to express interest in a printing of Chalice Worship, spiral-bound large print Chalice Hymnal and Chalice Praise, and other worship resources. Digital versions of Chalice Hymnal and Chalice Praise will not be available.



Join Global Ministries, a partnership of United Church of Christ and the Christian Church (DOC), for a 5K walk/run/jog wherever you are during August 2022! Walk with neighbors, friends, family, church, or on your own.

This year, we are focusing on the theme of climate justice. Efforts to care for creation by international partners

GLOBAL MINISTRIES MISSION DASH SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST

continue to evolve with each natural disaster and shift in weather patterns. These efforts are addressing the negative impacts of climate change by protecting and nurturing the natural world, preserving resources, and seeking to ensure food security.

Throughout August, there will be opportunities for you to participate in advocacy actions in solidarity with international partners. Part of your registration will also support the work of international partners in their climate justice efforts and additional fundraising opportunities are available.

The cost is \$25/person, and each registrant will receive a collapsible water bottle and magnet. Make plans to join us today!

Register at <https://runsignup.com/Race/IN/Indianapolis/GlobalMinistries>



BOUNDARIES TRAINING SESSION #2

The second session of the 2022 Boundaries Training is Saturday, May 21, at Tawakoni. We are created in and for relationships with intimate partners, family, friends, colleagues or congregational members, require healthy boundaries.

This workshop explores the meaning and practice of healthy boundaries in the context of ministry. It will also identify the signs, dangers, and preventions of boundary violations including those in today's social media.

The workshop begins with an assumption that the complexity of relational dynamics in the congregation is one of its greatest possibilities and its greatest challenges for ministry.

Registration Cost is \$35 each for clergy and \$10 each for Board Moderators, Elders, Clergy spouses and other lay leadership.

IN TRANSITION

Pastors **Karen and Rob Harvester** retired from active ministry on April 3 after serving eight years at Gorham Community Church and chaplains at Hays Medical Center.

Gorham Community Church has called **Cana Moore** as their new pastor. Moore began the end of April.

KANSAS MESSENGER AVAILABLE ONLINE

The Kansas Messenger is the communications arm of the Christian Church in Kansas. Our purpose is to promote the ministries of the Christian Church in Kansas and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada, and to build connections among the congregations of the Christian Church in Kansas by reporting their news.

All articles contained in this issue along with any bounce content are posted to our website and social media pages. A printable PDF copy of *The Kansas Messenger* is also available for download at www.kansasdisciples.org.

To update your contact information, call 316-775-1236 or email messenger@kansasdisciples.org with your request. Please include your full name and email address.

ARE YOU NEEDING TO UPGRADE YOUR CHURCH TECH?

Disciples Church Extension Fund (DCEF) is offering loans of up to US \$50,000 for technology upgrades to help qualified congregations pivot to a stronger online presence. The technology needs of congregations can include tangible equipment purchases and upgrades to undergird the church's ability to connect with their members virtually. These technology loans are available through December 31, at 0.25% below DCEF's current rate for loans with comparable terms.

To apply, contact James Michel, the regional Building and Capital Services Advisor for DCEF, at 317.635.6500 Ext. 2535 or jmichel@disciplescef.org

RECONCILIATION GRANT COMMITTEE AWARDS FOUR MINISTRY GRANTS

Four Kansas anti-racism/pro-reconciliation ministries will receive grants from the Reconciliation Special Offering received this Fall. Half of the funds received for this offering go to the general church while the other half stays in Kansas to fund ministry projects like these. The 2022 recipients are:

Pine Valley Church in Wichita who provides birthday backpacks to at-risk children in the Oaklawn, Cooper and Jefferson Elementary Schools. These children are from the poorest families in their community. They have requested \$3,000.

"Peace Camp" sponsored by West Side Christian Church in Topeka serves elementary age children on July 11-15 with a focus on understanding, celebrating, and living with diversity. They have requested \$2,318.

The third request comes from **Home Sweet Home, a homeless ministry in Independence**. They are providing housing, counseling, budgeting, and job placement services. This effort involves FCC Independence as well as four other churches in Independence. They have requested \$3,000.

North Heights Christian Church, in Wichita, seeks funding for their "Books for Prisoners" program. This helps provide resources to prisoners who are suffering from mental health issues and provides hope during their time of incarceration. Their program will provide carefully curated self-help books for inmates of the Butler and Sedgwick County jails. Especially for inmates in support groups, to help prepare inmates for a better life once out of jail. They have requested \$1,000.

The committee has agreed to support these ministries, but it will take a combined effort of our whole church coming together to make this happen. It's believed that with prayer and focus these ministries can be more fully realized.

Please pray for these causes and the efforts to reach out and really make a difference through Reconciliation Offerings in 2022.

Check us out on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#)