

Annual Convention Report

The 132nd Annual Convention of The Diocese of West Missouri



Background

Jubilee Ministries was created by the 1982 General Convention of the Episcopal Church resolution A082 to be “a ministry of joint discipleship in Christ with poor and oppressed people, wherever they are found, to meet basic human needs and to build a just society.” From this pledge to address justice and peace issues, more than 650 centers have been established over the intervening years across the United States, Central and South America, and Hong Kong. The Episcopal Church recognizes these centers as exemplary outreach programs.

Highlights from 2021

Programs of the Jubilee Ministry of The Diocese of West Missouri continued their efforts serving the poor and vulnerable populations of their communities scattered throughout the diocese.

Description of Services provided by the Jubilee Ministries

There are five Jubilee Centers funded in 2021, they are:

- Nourish KC, Kansas City, Missouri, The Rev. Gar Demo, Board Chair.
- Great Circle's Parenting Life Skills Center, 600 S Jefferson, Springfield, MO 65806, headed by Mr. Gary Johnson.
- The Necessity Pantry, St. Michael's, 4000 S. Lee's Summit Rd, Independence, MO 64055, 816-373-5333, headed by Rev. Deacon Larry Allen.
- Blessing Bag Ministry of Church of the Resurrection, Blue Springs, MO, 1433 R D Mize Rd., Blue Springs, MO. 64015. Program directors are Annie and Stew Scott.
- Community Resource Center, Grace Church, Chillicothe, MO. Site address- 913 Webster St. in Chillicothe, MO. The program director is Sherrie Wohlgemuth.

Plans for Ministry in 2022

As the Director of this Ministry, it is my privilege to work with each of the five Jubilee Centers of our diocese. It is my hope in 2021 to work with these five Jubilee Centers to strengthen their programming, leveraging the diocese's support while encouraging new-start Jubilee Centers throughout our church in West Missouri.

Alignment with Diocesan Priorities

This ministry fulfills the biblical command to be the hands and feet of Christ in the world. Enabling parishes of our Diocese to provide support for the poor and dispossessed of their communities and bring them to closer relationship with Jesus. Each program fulfills these objectives and aligns perfectly with our diocesan commitment to Evangelism.