

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
FOOD PANTRY**

Lawrence, KS

Offering Goal: \$3,000



The First Christian Church Food Pantry is in its infancy and trying to grow. Originally begun to help church members, last year doors were opened once a month to the public.

Helping more people requires more donations from more sources. There will always be a need as the poverty levels in Douglas County are high and the number of government programs continue to shut down. Providing food helps strike at a basic need to survive.

Your Reconciliation Offering will support this effort to help young and old with extra assistance for groceries.

Born out of the civil unrest that ensued following the martyrdom of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in 1968, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has persistently pursued ways to address the sin of racism through resolutions and direct action in our congregations, Regions, and General Ministries. The Reconciliation Offering, which is split evenly with the general church, is used to fund our mission priority to become a pro-reconciling/anti-racist church through experiential education, inclusive worship and intentional dialogue across difference.

Funds from the 2011 offering will provide grants for seven such projects in Kansas. To fully fund all seven requests requires that our portion of the 2011 Reconciliation Offering must reach \$24,500, so we have set our goal at \$49,000.

By the grace of God we know that all things are possible. Please give generously when the Reconciliation Offering is received in your congregation.

The Reconciliation Committee

This Offering will be received in many of our congregations on September 25th and October 2nd.



Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Kansas Reconciliation at a Glance

**The 2011
Reconciliation Offering
gives you
an opportunity
to support
7 Kansas projects,
described in this folder,
all of which are
opportunities to help
carry out
Christ's ministry of
Reconciliation.**

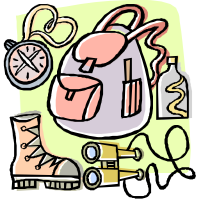
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BIRTHDAY BACKPACK PROGRAM

**Pine Valley Christian Church
Wichita, KS**

Offering Goal: \$3,000



Since 1998 the members of Pine Valley Christian Church have presented surprise Birthday Backpacks to economically at-risk children whose families otherwise could not provide such a celebration. Each backpack, which also is part of the gift, contains a cake mix, frosting and candles plus a non-violent game, a book, coloring or drawing materials, and toiletries. Your Reconciliation Gift tells a child that he or she is loved!

CAMP FRIENDSHIP

**Disciples Center at Tawakoni
Augusta, KS**

Offering Goal: \$3,500



Camp Friendship began as a mission project of the Kansas Region in the early 1990s. This three-day camp experience is designed specifically for elementary school age children from disadvantaged families, who attend at no cost. Often this is their first (and sometimes only) church camp.

Your Reconciliation Offering helps to train the young adults and youth staff who lead these camps.

FOOD PANTRY

**First Christian Church
Atchison, KS**

Offering Goal: \$1,000



First Christian Church members have given support to the Food Pantry since its inception in November of 2004. Two days per week, volunteers provide items to people that food stamps do not cover. Many families do not have funds to cover all their needs—the Food Pantry can help with food. In 2010, 1,031 families, made up of 3,273 individuals, were served.

Your gift to Reconciliation will help benefit all persons needing food in Atchison County.

LAWRENCE INTERDENOMINATIONAL NUTRITION KITCHEN (LINK)

Lawrence, KS

Offering Goal: \$3,000



LINK has provided 525,000+ meals since 1985 to homeless individuals and families in Lawrence! These hot, home-cooked meals are served 4 days per week in the basement of First Christian Church, where the homeless receive support and companionship as well. Your Reconciliation Offering makes this important program possible.

HOME, SWEET HOME HOMELESS MINISTRY

First Christian Church, Independence, KS

Offering Goal: \$10,000



“Home, Sweet Home” is a shelter for homeless men (and eventually for women) established by First Christian Church in 2008. Originally the church library and kitchen provided a safe and welcoming space for the homeless during the day and tents on the church grounds provided sleeping shelter. Recently the church built a shower facility and bought a house to renovate to further serve their needs. Your gift to the Reconciliation Offering will help provide the crucial “start-up” funds needed for this new ministry in Independence.

NEIGHBORHOOD BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Fairview Christian Church, Wichita, KS

Offering Goal: \$1,000



Volunteers from the Fairview Christian Church minister to the needs of the community by providing a nutritious meal once a month for the homeless (and homed). They also provide fellowship, support, and needed personal items as well as bus passes, serving anywhere from 130-150 persons regularly.

Your Reconciliation Offering makes possible these meals and gives witness to God’s love through these efforts.