



Jubilee Ministry

THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF MISSOURI

Jubilee Ministry, a Ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri

The work of Jubilee Ministry is the Gospel of Jesus – loving God, Loving others as we love ourselves. The mandate of Jubilee Ministry is to engage with joint discipleship in Christ with and for poor and oppressed people wherever they are found, to meet basic human needs, and to build a just society. Jubilee Ministry calls the church to live out its prophetic role of empowering people to “Do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with our God” (Micah 6:8) and to intentionally respond to the Gospel’s call to “feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, care for the sick and visit the imprisoned” (Matthew 25:35). Charity plus advocacy.

Jubilee Ministries serve people whose lives are defined by oppression whether they are unhoused, underhoused, or housed, no job or working two or three jobs or living on a fixed income, whether it is generational poverty or a catastrophic life event situation. Jubilee Ministry is about changing the world through love in action.

Jubilee Ministry is an umbrella that covers three areas:

Jubilee Ministry Centers:

- 1) Trinity Food Ministry @ Trinity Episcopal Church St Louis – 1987
- 2) Holy Cross Episcopal Church Poplar Blus – 2016
- 3) Red Door Ministry @ Christ Episcopal Cape Girardeau – 2017
- 4) Calvary Episcopal Columbia – March 2023
- 5) Christ Episcopal Rolla – March 2023
- 6) Trinity Episcopal St Charles – July 2023
- 7) Isaiah 58/St. Mark’s St Louis/Emmanuel Webster Groves as an Episcopal Cluster – July 2023
- 8) Christ Church Cathedral – April 2024
- 9) St. Stephen’s Ferguson – June 2024
- 10) St. Barnabas’ Florissant – August 2024

Each ministry center is part of the larger network. Each center pledges to act as a model for others who might wish to begin new ministries.

Task Force on Hunger

Task Force on Hunger members are volunteers from congregations throughout the Diocese of Missouri. We meet every other month to carry out the business of supporting, and acting on behalf of hungry persons by:

- Funding food ministries
- Raising awareness about hunger-related issues
- Serving as a resource to food ministries within the Diocese of Missouri
- Advocating on behalf of hungry persons within the diocese

Task Force on Hunger members are:

- Scott Ferguson, Episcopal Church of the Holy Communion University City
- The Rev. Deacon Barbi Click, Trinity Food Ministry, Trinity St Louis and Missioner for Jubilee Ministry
- Sam Christy, Holy Cross Poplar Bluff
- Cheryl Lynn Essner, Christ Church Cape
- Sharon Kelts, Emmanuel Episcopal Church Webster Groves
- Sharon Meusch, Christ Episcopal Church Rolla
- Andy Miller, Grace Kirkwood
- Agnes Uhls, Trinity St. James



Beginning in March 2024, the JustFood truck began serving outside of Christ Church Cathedral on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Saturdays of each month.

In August 2024, the JustFood truck began serving lunch on Wednesdays at MONetWork, a Harm Reduction group in South City. A week later, the JustFood truck began serving a dinner meal at Grace House, a St. Patrick's Safe Haven located in the historical Grace Hill Settlement House in North City. These are the beginnings of our quest to provide good and just food while bringing awareness to the food insecurity that plagues the St. Louis City.

Not only does the JustFood truck offer immediate food to people who suffer from chronic hunger, but on Sundays or special occasions, it may visit parishes throughout the diocese as a way to tell the story of food injustices in every area of our diocese, urban and rural. Deacon Barbi Click is available to preach and teach about the effects of poverty on our society.

The JustFood Truck Advisory Committee includes:

Corey Crawford, Head Chef, Community Organizer
The Rev. Dcn. Justin Martin, Christ Church Cathedral
Lore Gross, Christ Church Cathedral
Sabine McDowell, St. Peter's Ladue
The Rev. Dcn. Bethann Rolfing, Church of the Transfiguration, Lake St Louis
Debbie Wheeler, Christ Church Cathedral
Donna Erickson, Emmanuel Episcopal, Webster Groves

Ministry Partner Parishes of the JustFood truck include:

St. Peter's Episcopal, Ladue
Christ Church Cathedral, St Louis
Emmanuel Episcopal, Webster Groves
Trinity Episcopal, St Louis
Grace Episcopal, Kirkwood
and many more individuals and groups

For more information on how you and your parish can participate in and support this diocesan ministry, please contact the Rev. Deacon Barbi Click, Missioner for Jubilee Ministry. bgclick@gmail.com or jubilee@diocesemo.org.