



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

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:

- Jane Mayfield, Christ Church Cathedral St. Louis,
- Scott Ferguson, Episcopal Church of the Holy Communion University City
- Bill Haggerty, Episcopal Church of the Holy Communion University City
- The Rev. Deacon Barbi Click, Trinity Food Ministry, Trinity Episcopal and Missioner for Jubilee Ministry
- Kurt Joice, Christ Church Cathedral St. Louis
- Sharon Kelts, Emmanuel Episcopal Church Webster Groves
- Sharon Meusch, Christ Episcopal Church Rolla
- The Rev. Susan Naylor, Christ Church Cathedral St. Louis



JustFood

Beginning in the Fall of 2023, the JustFood truck will go into areas of high food insecurity to offer meals to those who are hungry. At this time, there are three 2-hour stops each week in North City, South City, and Downtown.

Not only does the JustFood truck offer immediate food to people who suffer from chronic hunger, but on Sundays or special occasions, it visits 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. In addition, the JustFood truck can be available to offer the same menu after services.

The JustFood Truck Advisory Committee includes:

Corey Crawford, Head Chef, Community Organizer
 Abigail Bordeaux, Trinity Episcopal, St. Louis
 Scott Ferguson, Holy Communion, University City
 Lore Gross, Christ Church Cathedral, St Louis

Jimmy Grimmett, St. Peter's Ladue
Sabine McDowell, St. Peter's Ladue
Bethann Rolfing, Emmanuel Webster Groves
Debbie Wheeler, Christ Church Cathedral, St Louis

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.