



Each Christmas season when we sing this prayer in last verse of “O Little Town of Bethlehem.” We ask God-in-Christ to live among us, to be with us as we serve in our homes, our communities, and our fragmented world.

Jesus always welcomed ordinary people to participate in his extraordinary work wherever he performed his life-giving ministries. You and I have also received this invitation from Jesus to do the same here and now. Together we Disciples of Christ in the eight-county Kansas City metro area:

- **Help congregations find and apply for Regional, denominational, and foundation grants to start or expand mission, ministry, or new churches**
- **Enhance capacities to achieve better outcomes with sixty full scholarships to the Kansas Leadership Center**
- **Collaborate with two neighboring Regions and our General Ministries to explore more effective ways for Regions to help congregations move from struggling to thriving**
- **Offer facilities and group camp opportunities for Disciples youth, adults, and congregations, special needs communities, and schools at our Tall Oaks Conference Center**
- **Prepare, support, and connect ministers with congregations that need qualified pastoral leadership**
- **Help congregational leaders learn transformative community conferencing skills through the Church Narrative Project and the Kansas Leadership Center**

Your gifts to the Christmas Special Offering make it possible for more Greater Kansas City Disciples of Christ to experience God abiding with us as we serve together.

THANK YOU!