

# Reconciliation Offering 2025



## Reconciliation Ministry at work in the Mid-America Region

Beyond Brokenness – Building Beloved Community at Isaiah 58 Ministries



At Isaiah 58 Ministries, we believe that God calls us to see the world not only as it is, but as it can be when love, justice, and compassion are at the center of our life together. Every day, we encounter neighbors who carry the weight of brokenness—whether through hunger, poverty, or the isolation that comes from being unseen. Yet within these moments, we also witness the power of community to heal, restore, and bring hope.

This is the work of building beloved community: a place where every person is treated with dignity, where diversity is celebrated as strength, and where people come together across differences to ensure that no one is left hungry or forgotten.

At our Choice Food Pantry, families do more than pick up groceries—they are welcomed into a community of care, where their choices are respected and their stories matter. At our Shower Ministry, neighbors experiencing homelessness find not only hygiene supplies, but also kindness, conversation, and the reminder that they are beloved children of God. Through programs like Fresh Food Friday, our Back-to-School Fair, our Holiday Food Distributions and Holiday Store, we are creating spaces where brokenness gives way to abundance, and despair is met with joy.

This year, that call to reconciliation and care extended further beyond our neighborhood, as we joined with partner congregations to provide meals for our neighbors in Fountain Park after the devastating May 16 tornado. Even in the midst of destruction, the community shared nourishment and solidarity, embodying what it means to move beyond brokenness into healing and hope.

This work is not done alone. It takes congregations, volunteers, donors, and neighbors linking arms in faith to create something greater than any one of us could do. It takes going beyond what is comfortable, beyond what is easy, to imagine and embody a community shaped by God's reconciling love.

As we participate in the Reconciliation Offering on September 28 and October 5, we are reminded that our calling is not simply to meet immediate needs, but to build a future where justice rolls down like waters, and every person has a seat at the table. Together, we can move Beyond Brokenness to Build Beloved Community.