

2026 Reconciliation Ministry

## SPECIAL OFFERING

Sunday, September 27th - Sunday, October 4th



### Beyond Restoration: Hope in Action

Will you not revive us again, so that your people may rejoice in you? Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation. Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for the Lord will speak peace to God's people, to the faithful, to those who turn to God in their hearts. Surely salvation is at hand for those who fear God, that God's glory may dwell in our land. Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.

Psalm 85:6-11



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**Psalm 85 is a communal prayer for hope in action.** The Psalmist cries out for restoration, revival, and forgiveness. God moves beyond the request to the promise of listening, love, faithfulness, and wholeness that changes the landscape. The faithful are called to action that goes beyond restoration to create new life, bolder ministries, and spaces of flourishing. The fulfillment of God's vision includes relationships and ministries where love and faithfulness meet, and righteousness and peace kiss each other. Hope is at work when "faithfulness springs up from the ground" and God's character is reflected in creation.

Hope is active in our ministries. People in search of beloved community have found it in our churches. Students have discovered it in our ministries. Through partnerships, we are taking action to build a culture of hope beyond lines and labels to do the transformative work of justice. Our special offering is not just a token of support for a distant hope and an impossible vision but a declaration that it is possible for righteousness, the meaning of justice in Hebrew, to order our actions and our relationships, and for God to get what God wants in our communities.

The Reconciliation Ministry Special Offering is received each year in congregations on the last Sunday in September and the first Sunday in October (in solidarity with World Communion Sunday). Celebrated together, World Communion Sunday and the Reconciliation Ministry Offering, are a celebration of our essential unity and our living hope. Beyond a confrontation of our lingering differences and need for restoration, our hope is active through the gift of unity we receive at the table and the gifts we dare to share for the wholeness of the world. Half of each gift remains in the region from which it is sent.

Funds generated by this special emphasis are used throughout the year to provide education, programming, and service through grants to:

- 1) General Ministries working across the whole church to embody hope in action.
- 2) Congregations, camps, and conferences that receive a grant from their region that are actively developing and implementing programs that dismantle racism and build beloved community.

This year, you're invited to make a gift to the **2026 Reconciliation Ministry Special Offering**. With your crucial support, leaders and congregations are being equipped to take action to not just restore broken systems and relations but to build justice-making programs, courageous relationships, and hopeful communities in this time and this season.

*Thank you for being a beacon of hope and an agent of reconciliation through your generosity.*

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