

## A Word from the Bishop:

Dear Siblings in Christ,  
After a year of intentional discerning, dreaming, and daring I am excited about the future of the Diocese of Missouri and the compelling vision of a renewed Diocese. We are a Diocese on the move, serving a God who is always calling us towards a wider vision.



God is calling the Diocese of Missouri to chart new paths, to discover renewed ministries, to scatter fresh seeds of hope in our world. As a step towards realizing a part of this vision, and recognizing that this important work needs the generosity of many, I invite you to contribute to the Bishop's Annual Appeal.

Your investment will allow us to transform the lives of young people, heal the wounds of racial division, and empower clergy to serve congregations in need of revitalization.

Thank you for your generosity and for the many ways you live and share the Good News of God. You are a vital part of God's vision for the world and I am grateful to be a companion as we walk towards God's abundant future.

Yours in Christ,

The Rt. Rev. Deon K. Johnson  
XI Bishop of The Diocese of Missouri

## Learn more:

### VISION:

#### The Bishop's 2022 Annual Appeal

A short-term capital campaign to raise funds for ministry priorities over and above the annual diocesan budget.

### TIMELINE:

Lent - Easter  
March 2 - April 17, 2022

### FUNDRAISING GOAL:

\$30,000  
(or more!)

### MORE DETAILS:

[www.diocesemo.org/  
the-bishops-2022-annual-appeal](http://www.diocesemo.org/the-bishops-2022-annual-appeal)

### DONATE ONLINE:

[https://www.diocesemo.org/blog/  
bishops-2022-appeal-ways-to-give/](https://www.diocesemo.org/blog/bishops-2022-appeal-ways-to-give/)



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## An Invitation to Share the Good News:



**"I will pour out my Spirit  
on all people.  
Your sons and daughters  
will prophesy,  
your old ones will dream dreams,  
your young ones will see visions."**

- Joel 2:28

# Our goal is to raise (at least) \$30,000 to enhance three vital ministries within our Diocese:

## Deacon Chester Hines Racial Reconciliation Fund

Your gift will help seed an endowment to finance the work of repairing racial injustice in our communities. This fund is named for the Rev. Deacon Chester Hines, who has spent more than 40 years working for social justice in the Diocese.

## Young Adult Ministry Fund

Your gift will strengthen our commitment to young adults in our communities through the Deaconess Anne House in Old North St. Louis as well as Rockwell House Episcopal Campus Ministry and other campus ministries throughout the Diocese.

## Bishop's Curacy Leadership Academy

Your gift will help provide salary support, mentorship, leadership training, and vocational formation for new seminary graduates. This program will support newly ordained clergy and underserved congregations in the Diocese.

## Let us Pray:

Holy and loving God,  
You call your people to a vision  
of the world transformed;  
Help us, like Jesus, to give of ourselves  
for the sake of others,  
To see the hungry and feed them,  
To walk with the lame and cure them,  
To sit with the sick and heal them,  
To uphold the discouraged and renew them,  
To soothe the sorrowful and revive them,  
To shelter the oppressed and embolden them.

Holy and loving God,  
open our hands and hearts  
to the mission and ministry  
of the Bishop's Annual Appeal.  
Strengthen our resolve to be like  
Your Son, Jesus Christ,  
to give of ourselves  
in every moment of our lives. Amen.



**Every gift, great or small,  
becomes ministry and mission  
and helps us continue  
to live the Good News  
of Jesus Christ.**

## Ways to Give:

Donate Online:

<https://www.diocesemo.org/blog/bishops-2022-appeal-ways-to-give/>

Scan this code:



Send a check to:

The Episcopal Diocese of Missouri  
1210 Locust Street  
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(memo line: Bishop's Annual Appeal)

Text:

DIOMO Appeal to 73256  
(standard text messaging rates may apply)