

Pursuing Justice and Equity Core Ministry Team 2024 CAG Report

The Pursuing Justice and Equity Core Ministry Team exists to empower movements of justice and equity at work in the MMSC.

Listed below is a recap of our work:

- A five-week book study on “The Afro-Christian Convention, The Fifth Stream of the United Church of Christ” was held between October 25-November 22 lead by Rev. Tom Baynham and Rev. Carrie Black.
- Continued our work regarding the Osage Indian Headrights monies that were given to the Conference many years ago. We have not been able due to legal issues to officially give these headrights back but are sending the money we receive each quarter back the Osage Foundation.
- Working with the UCC Media Justice Ministry team, we sponsored a resolution at General Synod regarding the digital divide. Shannondale was listed in this resolution, which is working to make the internet available in areas that do not have access and also lower the cost of internet service for our underserved populations.
- Our PJE Core Ministry Team has been blessed by receiving \$10,000 each year to combat white supremacy in our Conference. To make RJE training more accessible in our Conference, each Association was asked to recruit 3-4 RJE Training Instructor candidates. We have reached out to several groups that provide this training- National UCC, Disciples (Christian Church), Ralph Mason-The Positive Zone Corporation (offering a training in Kansas City November 9), and Diane Weible who is currently providing trainings via zoom.

We are evaluating which program will work best for our Conference. This review should be complete by the end of the year.

We also want to hear from you. What are the justice issues that our members are dealing with, are concerned about, or need more information about. Are there ways that we can help organize an event in your community.

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