



Do you remember last November when Covenant participated and collected for the Peace & Global Witness Special Offering? If you recall, **Covenant gave the \$1,990 raised to the John Knox Presbytery (JKP) RIP-Medical Debt project.** At the February Presbytery meeting, an update was given from the JKP Generosity Task Force. **The total donated by all the churches of JKP totaled \$32,779.76, which was more than twice the amount raised in 2022.**

The RIP-Medical Debt non-profit organization purchases medical debt from collection agencies and hospitals. They guarantee a return of \$100 for every dollar they receive in donations. With that calculation, our combined efforts in 2023 amounted to **\$3,906,533.98 in medical debt forgiveness.** This amount has impacted **2,167 families** in North Carolina, Indiana, Texas, and Idaho.

JKP is exploring the possibility of helping Wisconsin, Iowa, and Minnesota families, but currently RIP-Medical Debt is currently not able to purchase debt in the states JKP represents. Regardless, we have followed through on our Matthew 25 goal to eliminate systemic poverty for over 2,100 families. The Generosity Task Force plans to continue working toward retiring medical debt in 2024 with a planned October campaign.

*Well done, good and faithful servants!*