

JUSTICE MINISTRIES – BECOMING BELOVED COMMUNITY

KC Disciples are involved in activities focused on racial and economic equity and much of that work is organized and/or support by our Becoming Beloved Community (BBC) Team led by Rev. Mindy Fugarino and Rev. Dr. Rodney Williams.

In addition to promoting the Reconciliation Ministry Special Day Offering, staffing anti-racism workshops and equipping Disciples with skills for faith-based community organizing, BBC promotes upcoming events co-sponsored by the Metropolitan Organization for Racial and Economic Equity (MORE2).

Overland Park Mayoral Candidate Forum: July 24, 4:30 – 6:00 pm, Overland Park Christian Church co-sponsored by MORE2 and Johnson County NAACP. Come hear candidates for mayor of this city of 184,000 respond to questions about their plans for a more just community. Join in person or online. To register, [click here](#)

Poor Peoples Campaign Moral Mondays: find a list of actions that some Disciples are taking to advocate for the 140 million people in the U.S. who live at or below the poverty line in the richest nation in the world. [Click here](#) for more information.

[Gamaliel National Leadership Online Training](#) – July 26-30: Rev. Trish winters and Rev. Dr. Chris Wilson will participate in this virtual workshop where they will sharpen their skills in faith-based community organizing. Their participation is being supported by our Regional Reconciliation Fund.

BBC responded to a call for action by MORE2 regarding the culture of racism in the KCPD: In the spring of 2021, members of our Becoming Beloved Community Team joined several organizations preparing letters to the Kansas City, MO Police Commission. *That [letter](#) and [an explanation of why BBC responded](#) are [online](#)* and is shared as one example of one action that congregations can take when public officials fail to respond to legitimate concerns of the citizens they serve.

