## The formation of the Congregational Partners...

is in direct response to one of the recommendations of the Religion and Spirituality Cluster of the 1996 Mayor's Task Force on Race Relations:

"the formation of interfaith and interracial congregational partnerships for the purpose of improving the lives of our city's children and bringing racial harmony....

The purpose of these partnerships is not only dialogue but also bringing together resources for common community services..., "

#### The beginning of A Congregational

Partner for you... Communicate with Janet Brown Moss, Program Coordinator at: HarmonyNCCJ, 4901 Main St.., KCMO 64112 816/531-6577 janet@kcharmony.org

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## The need for Congregational Partners...

- can be felt in our yearning to build relationships of trust and care with people of faiths and cultures from whom we have become separated.
- can be seen by noticing that all of our youth are feeling effects of that separation and are crying out for us to show them a way back to one another and the path we are born to walk together. Your interest may be a first step on that path.

## Congregational Partners creates an attitude of ...

"let's learn, celebrate and work together" in each of our neighborhoods, creating community healing for adults and youth in the metro area.

Our goal is to help you make this happen.

We feel grateful to do so!

"If you have come to help me, you are wasting my time. But if you have come because your liberation is bound up with mine, then let us work together."

—Australian aborigine woman



### fulfills its mission by providing leadership, coordination, training and administrative support to:

- Assist a faith community that desires to to partner across lines of religion and ethnicity in identification of members interested in the idea and identification of a partner congregation.
- Assist the individuals with relationshipbuilding across lines of difference.
- Assist in the development of a Partnership Planning Group which will plan and coordinate activities of the partnership.
- Assist the group in the creation of a relationship covenant and plan for combined community action or outreach.
- Assist with recruitment and formation of Partnership Teams (equal number from each congregation) to uphold the covenant and carry out the action/outreach plan.
- ◆ Coordinate ongoing evaluation and support systems to sustain long-term success.





## Congregations in Partnership January 2006

- Ward Chapel African Methodist Episcopal and All Souls Unitarian Universalist Churches
- St. Andrew's United Methodist and North Oak Christian Churches
- Peace Baptist Church and 1st Central Church of the Brethren
- Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church and Park Hill Christian Church
- New Hope Missionary Baptist Church and St. Ann, St. Cyril Catholic Church
- Al Inshirah Islamic Center, Congregation Beth Torah and St. Monica Catholic Church
- Community Fellowship Church of Jesus Christ and Hillside Christian Church
- St. Peter Christian Methodist Episcopal and Asbury United Methodist
- Calvary Temple Baptist and St. Andrew Christian Olathe Churches
- St. James United Methodist, Church Congregation B'nai Jehudah, Community Christian Church
- St. Paul AME Zion Church, Rosedale United Church of Christ
- Rosedale Ministerial Alliance
- True Light Church of the Nazarene, Nineveh Chose Life Ministries
- Bethel African Methodist Episcopal and All Souls Unitarian Universalist Churches





# ...CALLING ALL FAITHS TO ACTION THAT IS GOOD FOR OUR COMMUNITY!

#### Mission:

To assist congregations of different denominations, faiths and ethnicity to build relationships of trust and unite to serve our metropolitan community.

