

# The Call of the Beloved Community

IN RESISTANCE TO WHITE CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM



## WHAT WE ARE ASKING OF VOTERS

**This is an election year. Vote FOR leaders in local, state and national elections who represent the values of The Beloved Community, an expression made popular by Martin Luther King, Jr.**

### **These values are:**

- Elected leaders who care about racial equity and equal opportunity for everyone
- Elected leaders who care about equality between women and men
- Elected leaders who do not espouse White christian Nationalism
- Elected leaders who do not support, condone or attempt to explain away violence. Elected leaders who do not support the Jan. 6 Insurrection in our nation's Capital.
- Elected leaders who care about those pushed to the margins of our society: refugees, immigrants, LGBTQ+ persons, Native Americans, Asian Americans, African Americans, Hispanic Americans, homeless Americans.
- Elected leaders who do not attempt to impose censorship or wide-spread book banning but advocate leaving this up to librarians and educators who have trained skills in knowing the appropriate reading material for children and youth.
- Elected leaders who desire to build a tolerant, respectful society that celebrates diversity, inclusion, and bridge-building among all the varied groups that make up our society.
- Elected leaders who support religious liberty, and do not try to gain special privileges for one religious faith
- Elected leaders who do not attempt to sanitize American history, but who advocate, at appropriate age levels, that students learn about the achievements and mistakes made in American history.

Finally, **if you encounter neighbors, family members, or others who espouse White christian Nationalism**, do not demonize or ostracize them but attempt to engage them in honest dialogue. If such persons espouse that they are Christians, lift up the values of Jesus of Nazareth, especially as found in the Beatitudes. Help them understand that seeking special privileges for Christianity in our society is not helpful and it is un-American. This nation was founded on the principle of religious liberty for all.

# Leadership teams for 2024 rallies

**"CALL OF THE BELOVED COMMUNITY,  
RESISTING WHITE CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM"**

**ALL EVENTS OCCUR ON THURSDAYS AT NOON! All led by local religious leaders! HOW MANY CAN YOU ATTEND??!**

## **APRIL 18 – COUNTRY CLUB PLAZA AT THE EAST FOUNTAIN**

Doug Shaffer and Stephen Jones, co-leaders

We are hoping to invite Mayor Lucas to commit to our goals and speak

## **MAY 16 – KCK/WYANDOTTE, downtown**

Rick Behrens, Cedric Rowan and Ruth Harder, co-leaders

## **JUNE 20 – CLAY COUNTY**

David Sallee and Andy Pratt, co-leaders

A march is planned from Garrison School to the Courthouse to the Confederate monument in nearby Cemetery.

## **JULY 18 – JOHNSON COUNTY, likely downtown Olathe near the courthouse**

Chris Wilson and Laura Philips, co-leaders.

## **AUGUST 15 – PLATTE COUNTY**

TBA --We have asked three leaders who serve in that county or live there. Perhaps in downtown Parkville? Or?

## **SEPTEMBER 26 – SOUTH METRO RALLY**

This will include Cass County and Southern Kansas City, Grandview, and Hickman Mills. Leadership Team: Stephanie Swanson, Stephen Jones, David McDaniel, and still recruiting! It will be located in the South City area.

## **OCTOBER 17 – INDEPENDENCE SQUARE (Eastern Jackson County)**

Leadership Team: Matthew Silvers of Lee's Summit Christian Church; Greg Wilson of Community of Christ; Michael Stephens of Southwood UCC; and Brian Morse, chaplain, Lakewood/University Hospital. Held in Truman Courthouse Square, Independence; may include a walk from the Peace Center to the Courthouse Square?