

The **Hope for the City** offering is our annual Christmas Offering to pursue mission and ministry in the upcoming year. This is an opportunity for us to live for Kingdom purposes by giving above and beyond our normal tithes and offerings. This offering helps us to support key priorities and initiatives as we head into the upcoming year.

LOTTIE MOON OFFERING FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS.

Since 1845, the International Mission Board (IMB) has partnered with churches to send missionaries to live and work among those around the world with little to no access to the gospel. There are 4.5B unreached people in our world. As of September 1, 2019 we have 3,714 IMB missionaries engaging 847 people groups this past year. 100% of the funds contributed will provide missionaries with the services they need to live among the unreached peoples they serve.

“ *Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.* **”**
~Matthew 28:19-20~

As we partner with more than 47,000 churches we will take part in reaching the multitudes. Our gifts together will help fund the training of house church leaders, translate the Bible into various languages and dialects, provide schooling for missionary families, and so much more. As LifeConnection partners with our 47,000 churches we will help reach our IMB goal of \$165M! We can do so much more together than we can on our own...

Your contributions to the Hope for the City offering will make it possible for more people around the world to experience the love of Jesus in very tangible ways in 2020.

LIFECONNECTION MERCY MINISTRY.

The gospel of Jesus leads us to have a compassionate response toward those in need. At LifeConnection we do this through our Mercy Ministry which provides benevolent help for those with various needs and through our Mission Center ministry which houses our Food Pantry



and Clothes Closet. Each month we serve 190 families and more than 700 individuals through the Mission Center ministry.

Through our Mercy Ministry we have the opportunity to serve our city with no strings attached. This is precisely what our God has done for us in Christ—when we were far from him because of our sin he drew near to lavish us with his grace and mercy. So when we help meet practical needs in our community we are showing people something of what God is like. With our contributions we will be able to replenish our funds for the Food Pantry and benevolent funds for 2020.

Your contributions to the **Hope for the City offering will enable us to replenish our Mercy Ministry funds so that we are able to contribute to this vital ministry in 2020.**

STRATEGIC STAFFING NEEDS.

In October 2020 Paul Jeffries will celebrate 10 years on the pastoral staff at LifeConnection in a part-time capacity. During this time we all have benefited greatly from his loving pursuit of excellence in ministry. Paul has a unique gift-mix that affords us a great opportunity in 2020 to move him into a full-time role, expanding his responsibilities. In 2020 we are seeking to move Paul into a full-time role as Worship Arts & Executive Pastor.

In this newly expanded role Paul will continue to oversee all of our Worship Arts ministry but he will also take on a new Executive Pastor role to support the day-to-day ministry at LifeConnection. This will allow him to provide support in the areas of operations, facilities, event coordination, administration, and ministry teams. In this role Paul will be able to utilize his great mix of gifts, skills, and competencies to enable us to expand our ministry and impact as a church.

Your contributions to the **Hope for the City offering will help us transition Paul into a full-time role to help meet needs within our church, enabling us to grow even more effective in our ministry and mission as a church.**

OUR GOAL.

It's our desire to launch into 2020 ready for whatever the Lord has in store for us. Your partnership through the Hope for the City offering will make this possible. What we're asking is



for you to prayerfully consider giving above and beyond your normal tithes and offerings so that we might reach our goal of **\$40,000**. This is a huge goal for us that we will never reach individually, it will only happen as we band together as a church family. As each of us plays our part we know we can reach this goal *together*.

Our desire as a church is to continue to grow in our generosity as individuals and a church family. We want to take significant steps to grow our stewardship together as we head into 2020. Our financial partnership together is a meaningful way we can continue to advance the gospel in our city and beyond. The more we give the more we will be able to invest into these Kingdom initiatives in 2020.

Will you prayerfully consider jumping in and participating in our Hope for the City offering December 15 by giving a gift above and beyond your normal and regular giving? If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact me at jason@lifeconnectionkc.org.

There are 3 ways you can contribute to the **Hope for the City** offering:

1. Sunday, December 15 by using the **Hope for the City** offering envelopes.
2. You can mail your check to the church office. Simply write "Hope" in the memo line.

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3. You can give, safely and securely, online at www.lifeconnectionkc.org/hope. Simply choose to "give" and then follow the prompts choosing "Hope for the City—Independence" in the dropdown box in Church Center app.

For the City,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JA', written over a thin horizontal line.

Jason Allen
Lead Pastor