



132nd annual ministry celebration

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corner! I always look forward to this encouraging time of gathering together to celebrate what God is doing throughout the Midwest Conference. It has been an incredible year of churches living into our shared vision to reach 8000 more disciples, through 140 churches, with greater Kingdom diversity over the next 10 years. I invite you to join us as we highlight both local and regional efforts towards living into this God-sized vision and look ahead to what God is calling us to



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Beyond Sankofa

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So what is the biggest thing I walked away from Sankofa with? First, we need to have friends of color to understand the reality. Second, people often say to me, "What difference does it make how black people were treated years ago?" I will say I think it does matter, but, more importantly, what are we doing today to break the systems of racism? What am I benefiting from as a white male and what am I silent about that is hurting my black friends?

I would encourage anyone who is able to go on Sankofa to make the trip a reality!

Jeremy Elseth serves as Youth Pastor at the Evangelical Covenant Church in Lindsborg, KS.

in the next year of ministry together.

Registration for the AMC is now open, so please be sure to share registration materials with your congregation. Anyone is welcome to attend as a guest, and we encourage churches to send multiple participants in addition to their voting delegates. We also encourage area churches to join us for Friday evening worship where we will pray over the names collected as part of the BLESS initiative.

We are grateful for your prayers, efforts, and generous giving that allow us to fully live into our shared mission. Thank you for your faithful partnership!

To God be the glory!

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