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*Roxbury, a neighborhood of Boston MA*

### BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Logan Keck is the pastor of Christ the King—Roxbury and  
Jamaica Plain (neighborhoods in the city of Boston MA).  
Logan and his wife Mellissa and their 4 young children  
live in Roxbury. They are a congregation of Christ the  
King in Cambridge MA, a PCA church with multiple  
locations in the Boston metro area. They began public  
worship services in 2013 in the Jamaica Plain community,  
then moved their worship services into Roxbury in 2017  
and now have about 50 people in attendance.



Pastor Logan is thankful to see  
new people visiting their church  
this last year, especially some  
young men from a local shelter.  
He has made a new connection  
with a local “Sober House”  
and is excited to teach Bible  
studies to people who don’t  
know the Lord. As with all of  
our church plants in poor urban

communities, they struggle for the resources to bring on  
more staff and to extend their outreach. Pray for God’s  
blessing on them to raise up new leaders and provide  
resources for ministry.



*“For even the Son of Man came not to be served, but  
to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.”*

—Mark 10:45

Throughout the US and Canada, God is calling people into  
ministry. Each year, the MNA Thanksgiving Offering provides  
valuable financial support to men and women who are training  
for ministry leadership among the many people groups who  
are largely unreached by the Presbyterian Church in America  
(PCA). The Offering is supported by PCA churches and  
individual members. Through the Thanksgiving Offering,  
you have the opportunity to invest in future leaders of the  
denomination—and the opportunity to provide valuable  
resources for the advancement of the gospel.

As the population of North America continues to grow in  
diversity, the need for leaders from the many different people  
groups represented in our neighborhoods has never been more  
critical. Your gifts through the Thanksgiving Offering support  
these future pastors and lay ministry leaders. Featured in this  
brochure are several individuals who have received grants  
from the Offering for their training in leadership. They are  
just a sampling of the impact the Offering can have on our  
communities, with your support.

Please prayerfully consider being a part of God’s work—  
through tomorrow’s leaders—as you give to this year’s  
Thanksgiving Offering.

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US and Canada by coming alongside the local and regional church in  
church planting, missional partnerships and church renewal.



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# RAISING UP LEADERS

I remember the day I saw my mother crying in our kitchen. We were out of food. I was just a boy and had no real sympathy for her. Today I understand what a crushing load weighed on this single mom as she wondered how she was going to feed her kids. Our family had recently come to Christ. We were saved but we still were hungry.

The local church showed up that day. Deacons came with bags of groceries. As a kid I was just glad for good things to eat. As I grew in my faith, I came to understand that something wonderful had happened: my family had been the recipients of mercy. It forever changed my view of how churches should love the poor and share the message of the cross in tangible ways.

Somewhere right now other single moms and dads are terrified that they cannot provide. They walk by churches whose doors are closed, whose members never go out into the neighborhoods, who never demonstrate the love of Christ even if they preach it from their pulpit. I am so glad to be part of a generous denomination that responds to human need.

We want to mobilize our congregations to show compassion and mercy to the poor in ways that are effective and life-changing. To that end, we must raise up leaders in poor communities and send gospel driven ministers to such places. Each year we ask that you give generously to the Thanksgiving Offering so that we can encourage, train, and motivate new leaders to help the poor, share Jesus, and grow the church in communities of need. We do this through small grants that help churches – like the ones you will read about in this brochure – employ part-time or seasonal staff, supplement their benevolence funds, or strategically invest in someone who wants to make an impact for Jesus. Please join in giving generously, so that these future leaders will be ready to serve and bring the good news of Jesus to people in need.

Thank you,

**Randy Nabors**  
MNA Urban & Mercy Ministries Coordinator



*Leading worship at Urban Hope*

## FAIRFIELD, ALABAMA

Alton Hardy is the pastor of Urban Hope in Fairfield AL, right outside of Birmingham. Alton has a burning desire to reach and disciple young African American men. Pastor Hardy was born in Selma AL and was raised



without a dad. At age 12 he, his mom, and his siblings moved to Louisville. At 13 he had to move again to live with his sister in Michigan. In Michigan he came to Christ after his first son was

born. He began to read books about Reformed theology and was ordained as an Evangelist in the Christian Reformed Church. The Lord placed a burden on his heart for African American young men. Alton and his wife Sandra were recruited by Jason Williams of Briarwood PC to move to Alabama and plant a church.



Fairfield is a depressed community with many urban problems. Now that he has been in Fairfield for six years,

the Lord is opening doors for an outreach ministry to Fairfield High School, particularly to the football and basketball teams. Please pray for this young church in a very challenging place as the Lord raises up disciples of his grace.



*Pastor Dan Quakkelaar and the congregation of Friend of Sinners*

## MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

Dan Quakkelaar is the pastor of Friend of Sinners church in Milwaukee WI. Dan and his wife Sherry started this mission church in 2014 and began public worship services in 2016. They moved into a neighborhood close to zip code 53206, one of the worst neighborhoods in the nation.

In the last year the congregation has steadily grown to an attendance of 40. One of the stories Dan tells is about



a young white woman who joined the church. She had tried to take her own life. As she recovered in the hospital, a young African American man she knew from high school

paid a visit and told her about Jesus. She said, “You mean Jesus is real? I thought he was just a swear word.” Dan is excited about sharing Jesus with people who don’t know him, and seeing them come to Christ.