

## Minute for Mission

*Provided by the Greater Kansas City region*

“Come, they told me...”

Who are “they”?

We don’t know who they are who told the poor drummer boy (mentioned in the popular Christmas song) to see the newborn King.

Who were the people who told you about Jesus, Emanuel, God-with-us? Who encouraged you to become familiar with the example and teaching of this person whose name the world still remembers and celebrates almost two thousand years after his death and resurrection?

Let’s take a moment to hear those names now. Call them out.

*(Give enough time to hear the names and continue as soon as there is a pause.)*

If we had the time to learn more about the people whose names you just called out, we might discover that all of them were connected in some way to a church that they did not build, a faith community they did not create and a movement they did not start.

**Regional ministry includes connecting people who help connect other people to Jesus.**

Our congregation, together with the \_\_\_\_ other congregations in our Region organize summer church camps, call and equip pastors and other church leaders, and share stories of what God is doing within and beyond our partnership in our \_\_\_\_\_ Region.

You make this vital work possible! Imagine how many people have come to faith and will come to faith in Jesus because you and so many other Disciples in our Region are continually working together developing new ways to invite new generations to meet Jesus and help them to grow in their faith!

Today, we bring an extra gift in honor of those who first told us about the newborn King. As we do this, we help our Region continue connecting and supporting those who will share that Good News with children, youth and adults in the coming year. Thank you.

