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AIC College Donates Food

On Wednesday, November 15, 2023, AIC College at 1000 State Street in Springfield MA, presented a gift of food to Redemption Gate Mission Society's Holy Grounds Coffee House and the United Temple Church of God in Christ. The Gift was to help over the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Every Thanksgiving, Holy Grounds Coffee House, with United Temple Church, offers a free Thanksgiving Dinner for any homeless people, all those in need, and even those who just have no one to share a dinner with are welcome to come and have a dinner. Brother Sam Patterson, who is a member of United Temple and also works for AIC College kitchen staff, along Mother Betty Washington of United Temple Church and Sister Denise O'Connor, a member of Holy Grounds Coffee House, were on hand to receive the presentation of food. We thank the AIC College kitchen staff for their donation. This will help us to be a greater blessing to the homeless and needy in the City of Springfield. .



At AIC

Seasons by Iris L. Jenkins, PhD, United Temple Church of God In Christ

Eccl. 3:1 "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:" (KJV)

When we've committed our lives to Christ, we are not automatically promised an easy walk through this life. There will be times when we are disappointed, times when we cry tears of sorrow, but also times when we will experience thrills in this life, times when we will laugh until our bellies hurt and cry happy tears. Everything has its season, and yes, its purpose, too.

Of course, all seasons aren't the same. Some are longer than others. Some are pleasant, and others we wish would quickly pass. Some seasons will find us giving more than receiving, working more than resting, and pouring out while we ourselves feel empty. In these seasons, we may feel restless because the more we do in the name of God, the worse our situations seem to become. We freely give up our finances only to find ourselves struggling to make ends meet. We freely give up our time and end up feeling as if we have no time for ourselves. We work hard to share the Word of God, to make it accessible to our family and friends, and they seem less and less interested. It can be discouraging.

However, seasons change. Things won't always be as they are. Harvest time WILL come and all that we have sown, good or bad, will be there for us to reap. If we have sown good, we will reap good. If we have sown bad...well, we know what to expect in return for that also. This is why, we must consider what we're doing and why we're doing it. When we set our hearts on God and have a desire to please Him, it's amazing what we can go through and get to. God is so gracious that He allows us to reap more than we even expected.

Whatever we're currently facing, we must remember that we're not in this thing alone. As believers, God is with us, God is for us, and has our best interests in mind. We must be thankful for this season and know that it won't last forever. There's more to come. Nevertheless, how we go through THIS season can impact what

we experience in the next. Let's be sure that we are sowing plenty of good seeds so that our harvest will be good and plenteous. If we're currently at harvest time, let's be sure that we are showing God how very grateful we are for his blessings. Faith and gratitude can produce wondrous results in our walk with God.

Editor's note: Ms. Iris Jenkins has joined our team and will be writing articles in the future! We welcome her!

Thanksgiving Dinner was a Blessed Event at Holy Grounds Coffee House

Thanksgiving Day, November 23 in the year 2023, was a day when many of the saints who were connected with Redemption Gate Mission Society since its founding in 2008, gathered to share a Thanksgiving Dinner at Holy Grounds Coffee House. Shortly after noon, a small crowd had gathered and Pastor Cooley began the event with prayer. As people kept coming, we feasted on turkey and fixings and gave thanks for all the blessings that God has bestowed on us in the past 15 years of ministry. A few people took their container of food and left, but many of us stayed to eat and enjoy the fellowship with our fellow believers. As we enjoyed our meal, Pastor Cooley asked each one around the tables to give their name and tell about something that they were thankful for.

It was such a blessing to be able to share food and fellowship with one another and with others, some of whom may have had no Thanksgiving celebration.

The Thanksgiving Day Dinner was free and open to all, with the food supplied and prepared by volunteers. We thank each one who helped. Dinners were provided in take-out containers starting at noon on Thursday, until 3 p.m. This event was sponsored by Redemption Gate Mission Society, Faith In Action Team (FIAT), and United Temple Church of God In Christ.



Pastor Renzo Report – September / October 2023.

As the Evangelist and Revivalist for Redemption Gate Mission Society and Holy Grounds Coffee House since August 2020, Pastor Renzo Ventrice submits a report every month, of his efforts to contact pastors and share the need for New England churches to come together in fervent prayer for revival and evangelism. After forging relationships with about 259 pastors, our hope is to preach revival and teach Christian History.

On October 22, he preached at first Congregational Church in Otis, MA, where they hope to have an Outdoor Evangelistic Outreach. And in November, he preached at churches in Winchester, New Hampshire and Enfield, Connecticut.

Also, November 17 & 18, he attended meetings for Rise Up New England. Along with many others from Connecticut, New York, Rhode Island, and Massachusetts, together they petitioned our Father for a great outpouring of His Spirit for the coming Evangelistic Celebration with Michael Youssef. For 7 months now, Renzo has been inviting pastors to be involved in this great event, coming on June 22, 2024!

Regular Events:

Morning Bible Study is open to all to learn more about the Bible - Monday & Thursday, 8:30 a.m.

We are having great studies in the book of Job! Come and learn with us!

Sunday Services at 5 p.m. with Pastor Bobby Quinones.