**MOSES Mission Team – Activity Report 2024**

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**Mission/Focus/Purpose**

* The mission of MOSES (**M**adison **O**rganizing in **S**trength, **E**quity, and **S**olidarity) is to build collective power to dismantle the systems of mass incarceration and mass supervision and to eradicate the racial disparities in our community that contribute to them.
* The mission of ORUCC MOSES Mission Team is to
  + communicate to the congregation about what MOSES is doing;
  + seek input from the congregation about issues of concern and as needed solicit opinions about issues that are being debated within MOSES;
  + seek to recruit more active participants in MOSES activities.

**Activities in 2024**

* Formed in September 2024 with four founding members expanding to seven in November.
* Announced formation and invited participants in ORUCC announcements .
* Consulted with Senior Pastor about engaging congregation, resulting arrangement for MOSES President and three team members to testify at February 2025 ORUCC service on behalf of MOSES.
* Engaged one member in active MOSES advocacy work, resulting in three actively engaged ORUCC members.
* Three ORUCC members attended MOSES Transformation Celebration Gala in December to network and celebrate successes of citizens returned from incarceration.

**What we are celebrating as a Mission Team**

* We are celebrating the initiation of this team, which will focus on justice advocacy work in support of MOSES’s mission. This will include support for MOSES’s action on issues of social justice, such as over-incarceration in Wisconsin and the educational disparities that contribute to the “school to prison pipeline.”

**What we envision for 2025**

* Connect to ORUCC membership through 1-on-1 discussions about possible interest in MOSES Mission Team following February testimonies.
* Solidify team participation; expand on member understanding of MOSES’s social justice work and methods; deepen team focus, knowledge and engagement in MOSES issues of particular interest to the team.
* Participate in MOSES calls to action such as Madison Action Day and letter writing campaigns.