



Ambassador
Nurturing the life of the Institute

Ambassador Update

Institute for Discipleship

Ambassadors nurture the life of the Institute for Discipleship through their prayers, advocacy, and financial support, advancing the Kingdom of God worldwide.



July 2026

I've done the math. Seventy years of Sunday morning services = 3,500. 70 years of daily prayers = 25,250. Both were meaningful and important to my spiritual life. But the greatest contribution to my life as a disciple of Jesus has been found in my years of being in small group Bible studies and Christian fellowship.

It is there that I found the support, encouragement, insights, and accountability to grow in my faith. And I am not alone. My family has heard story after story from DISCIPLE participants on how the

experience transformed their relationship with God and those around them.

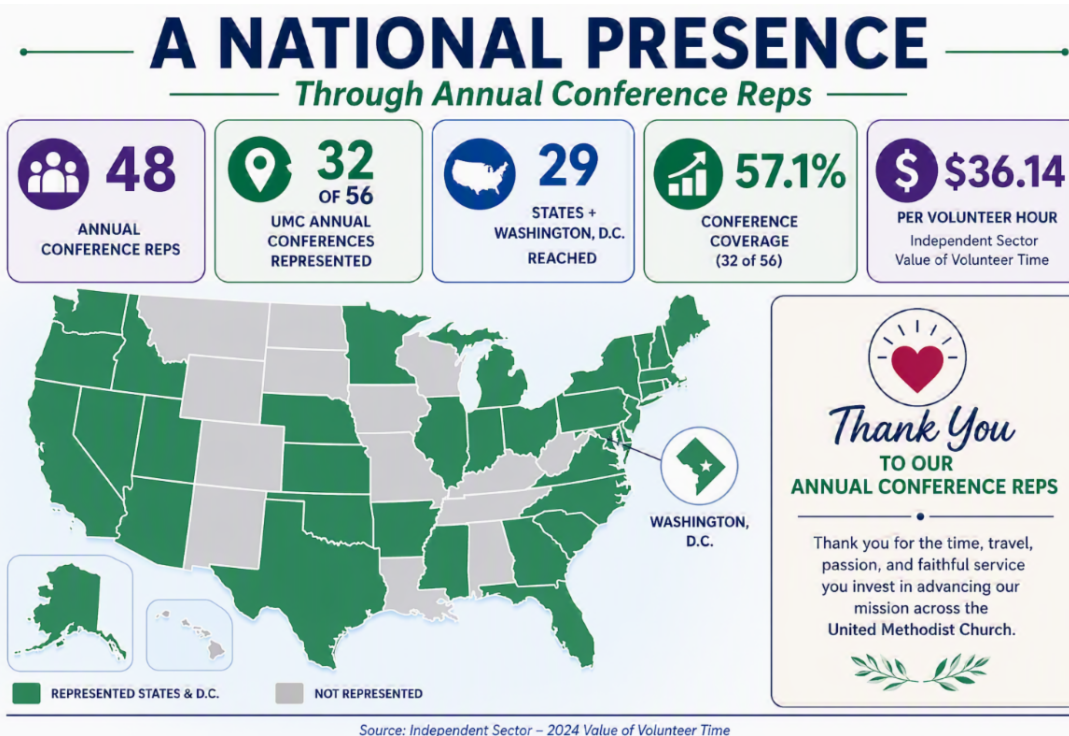
As the hesitations and hindrances to being in a small group have grown in the last decades, it became important to find a new pathway that could fuel a whole new wave of Christians back to a small group experience --something so vital to Christian living.

As a supporter of the Institute, you are helping us provide small group experiences that so many people value and appreciate. Thanks for helping us make an impact to be ***Where Disciples Grow!***

God's best,



Steve Wilke
Emeritus Executive Director



HAVE YOU SIGNED UP YET?

Nine webinar opportunities are still available for persons interested in learning about the new BeADisciple Study App. So far, we've had 140 great chats with laity and clergy interested in building small groups that are private to their church friends and friends of friends.

Join us so your group can be ready for a fall start.

Curious about the BeADisciple Study App? Experience a new way of doing small-group studies

Sign up for a FREE webinar hosted by a real, live member of our team to learn more about the app and have any of your questions answered. The webinars will be available through the summer.

CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP

**Groups are forming now.
Start yours today.**



Bishop Scholar Receives Top Recognition in SC's Spring Commencement

In case you missed it, our Bishop Scholars are doing great things at Southwestern College.

Joseph Kasongo, who is from the Democratic Republic of Congo, graduated from Southwestern in May not only having been named valedictorian but also receiving the prestigious Jabara Leadership Award.

Joseph is continuing at SC to earn his master's degree and will be overseeing the Discipleship program.

Paul's Voyages
With Steve and Beth Wilke
May 2-15, 2027



Beth and I would love for you to join us next May for trip to Greece and Türkiye. We will be visiting the places the Apostle Paul walked and worshiped. This trip will be a great time of fellowship with each other as we learn more about Paul's journeys.

This once-in-a-lifetime trip will bring new life to your study of Paul's life and letters, and we would love to have you join us.

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