

# Kids Meet Christ

A worship initiative of Western District Conference  
through the Lilly Endowment, Inc



## What is the purpose of the program?

To support all congregations in Western District Conference to reimagine worship to better engage children (0-12 years). Support includes physical, digital, and financial resources, workshops on a range of topics about integrating children in worship, and multiple networking opportunities.

## Why now?

Through the WDC Listening Tour, many congregations expressed a desire to more effectively nurture Anabaptist-Christian faith in children to sustain long-term commitment to faith practices. We want to respond to this clear need by providing more resources and building awareness so we can fully welcome children and create space for them to meet Christ.

## How long will it last?

5 years

## What will it include?

### In-Person & Virtual Learning & Networking Opportunities

- **Day-long worship workshops** will be held each spring and fall on topics such as *creating a space for children in the sanctuary, intergenerational worship ideas, and how to accommodate children with special needs*
- **Virtual meetings and online groups** will be formed so leaders can share ideas and prompt experiments to engage children in worship

### Individualized Grants & Scholarships

*\*limit one of each type per congregation*

- **Worship Technology Update Grant\***: \$2,500-\$10,000 grants available to update AV equipment to better engage children in worship
- **Worship Consultation Grant\***: \$1,000 grants available for congregations to connect with consultants to enhance the experience for children, especially children with special needs, in intergenerational worship
- **Coaching Scholarship\***: \$600 scholarships available for pastors, staff or volunteer faith formation leaders who are guiding their congregation in making worship more accessible for children

### Resources

- Ready-to-go kits, books, and other resources about children in worship
- Model “prayerground” at the WDC Resource Library in North Newton, KS
- Visual art commissions for new worship visuals and digital art

## Who should I contact?

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