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Dear Festival Supporters,

2018 is bringing about some exciting changes! Although the format of our events are slightly changing, our purpose and mission remain the same. We are an inter-faith response to world hunger, poverty, and injustice. We want to thank you for your continued support and eagerness to get involved!

With that being said, we are excited to announce yet another opportunity for involvement! The Festival of Sharing Coordinating Committee is looking to increase its membership. The Coordinating Committee consists of various denominational representatives from different regions of Missouri who will convene twice a year to discuss matters and plans relative to the operations of Festival of Sharing. Membership expectations include attending committee meetings and Festival events, communicating and promoting Festival in cooperation with the office, and seeking leadership opportunities. An ideal candidate will be someone who has a desire to work with those in need, has some creativity or problem-solving abilities, open to the opinions and ideas of others on the committee, and has weekend availability.

There is no formal application process, we will accept nominations and volunteers. Interested individuals will be expected to have a conversational interview with the Festival Coordinator. You will see a list of current members and denominations along the side of this letter, but we encourage those outside of the currently represented denominations to apply as well. Individuals from under-represented denominations will be given consideration first, then it will go in order of application.

If there are any questions or if you or someone you know is interested in applying, please contact Sidney Owens by March 1st, 2018 (information below). Our first meeting in 2018 will be March 17th from 10am-2pm. Other events will occur in September and October, with the second committee meeting convening in early November. We look forward to hearing from you!

Best,

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