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IGNITE CONFERENCE
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"You belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God." – 1 Corinthians 3:23

Dear Ministry and Community Partners,

Grace and peace to you. As we prepare for IGNITE 2026, our young people are stepping forward in faith through the **IGNITE "Hearts Ablaze" Youth Mission Project**—and we invite your church or organization to join them in this transformative work.

Our guiding Scripture, **2 Corinthians 3:23 – "you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God"**—reminds us that our identity and purpose flow from the One to whom we belong. Through IGNITE "Hearts Ablaze," our youth are living out this truth by serving the most vulnerable among us with compassion, dignity, and intentional love.

This year, our young people have set a bold mission goal: **To assemble and distribute 1,000 hygiene kits** across our Episcopal Area, with a primary focus on children and youth programs in each District. These kits will directly support diverse populations facing need, instability, or limited access to basic care items.

To reach this goal, **we are asking churches, ministries, and community partners to consider supporting this project** in one or both of the following ways:
1. Make a Monetary Donation: Your financial support provides immeasurable value, fueling this passionate and necessary work for our youth. Gifts help us purchase hygiene items, supplement shortages, and expand the reach of this ministry.
2. Purchase Items from Our Amazon Wish List: This is a simple and impactful way to put specific items directly into the hands of young people preparing the hygiene kits.

Your support creates **sacred space** for our youth to fan the flame of compassion, justice, and service—light that shines for those who need it most. You empower them to spark change, deepen their faith, build community, and embody what it means to **"Belong to God and Others."**

Thank you for prayerfully considering how your church or organization might join us in igniting hearts, nurturing disciples, and illuminating a path of hope across our area.

With deep gratitude,
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