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Invested Faith Announces Third Round of Fellows and a New Partnership

Washington, DC: Invested Faith announces the third round of small grants awarded to four faith-rooted entrepreneurs. Distinguished as Invested Faith Fellows, these social innovators work to create community, do justice, and address systemic problems while building projects with sustainable financial models. Fellows receive a \$5000 unrestricted grant and an invitation to tell their story through the Invested Faith community and website.

"The work of these social entrepreneurs is filled with hope. To come alongside and support them in their efforts is a true honor and, I believe, the holy work of faith institutions in this moment," said Invested Faith founder, Rev. Dr. Amy K. Butler.

For the first time in the history of Invested Faith, another foundation has joined efforts to match funding. The Board of Local Trustees, National City Christian Church, Washington, DC, is delighted to partner with Invested Faith to provide a matching grant supporting the work of Managerrie Winston and The KIT Project (see below). Invested Faith actively seeks and encourages partnerships of this nature.

These four individuals were selected as Invested Faith Fellows in January of 2022.

Managerrie Winston, Houston, TX: The KIT Project Teacher Managerrie Winston, founder of the KIT Project, noticed a lack of diversity and cultural relevance in Social Emotional Learning (SEL) curriculum offered to students. The KIT (Keep It Together) Project offers SEL curriculum centered on Black and Brown experiences along with training and professional development for educators.

Lizzy Case, San Diego, CA: <u>Arrayed</u> Lizzy Case is the founder of Arrayed, a liberative people-first, planet-focused Christian apparel brand that aims to align the call for justice and wholistic flourishing found in Jesus' life with the messages on and production of Christian t-shirts.

Andre G. Brown, Los Angeles, CA: <u>A Soul Cleansing Documentary</u> In a full-length documentary, filmmaker Andre Brown interviews lgbtq folk who have navigated the intersection of faith, sex, and sexuality after finding themselves on the margins of many African American denominational churches.

Dorian Hollingsworth, Jr., Virginia Beach, VA: The Teen Care Network Dorian Hollingsworth Jr. is the CEO/Founder of the Teen Care Network whose goal is to support teens by connecting them with free mental health resources while working to break the stigma around mental health treatment.

About Invested Faith: <u>Invested Faith</u> is a fund for faith-rooted social innovators founded by Rev. Dr. Amy Butler in 2019 in response to declining church attendance and the need for a new model of philanthropy. Invested Faith works to become a bridge between traditional churches and social

innovators who are creating new expressions of faith and community. The fund is located at ImpactAssets, leading facilitator of direct impact investing within donor advised funds.

For additional information and photos, visit the Press Center at Invested Faith.

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