



STATEMENT ABOUT IHOP-KC

The Jacksonville House of Prayer formally began as a ministry in 2008. We set out to be a place where people from many different churches throughout Jacksonville could come together under the Lordship of Jesus Christ; to worship Him and pray together for our neighborhoods, our city, our nation and the world. Though we have never had any formal connection to the International House of Prayer in Kansas City (IHOP-KC), we have always had a strong relational connection there. We were stylistically influenced by their prayer room format and worship models. Without the existence of IHOP-KC we would likely not exist as a ministry.

We are grieved and shocked by the reports of spiritual abuse and sexual misconduct that have been made public concerning IHOP-KC. We pray for the victims of this abuse believing that God is a healer. We pray for innocent people within the IHOP-KC organization, some of whom are our friends and family. We pray also that those who are guilty of causing abuse will publicly repent, and that healing can come to all who are hurting.

The information regarding IHOP-KC has caused us to re-evaluate our own ministry, our methods and our intentions. We have experienced times of soul searching and prayer, leading us to make these following statements:

WE ARE GOING TO CONTINUE - We feel no need to stop praying or hosting prayer meetings within the city of Jacksonville in light of what has happened at IHOP-KC. We want to continue to be a place where believers from different churches throughout Jacksonville come together in worship and prayer.

WE WELCOME YOU TO JOIN US - If you would like to spend time in prayer and worship with other believers in our city, please come join us for one of our prayer times (jaxhop.org for schedule)

WE ALL NEED TIME TO HEAL - This information from IHOP-KC has been difficult to process. We expect it will take time to come to terms with what this information will mean to us both individually and corporately. Some people have been significantly hurt. We would like to be available as a place of healing for those who need it.

WE ARE NOT IHOP-KC - We will not be looking to IHOP-KC for guidance in prayer techniques or theology. We do not seek to be like IHOP-KC in style, size or purpose. We see our spiritual role as local to the first coast.

Let's continue to worship Jesus together and seek His will to be done in our city as it is in heaven.

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