



The Austin Garden Collective

In the summer of 2025, we truly enjoyed volunteering with the Austin Garden Collective. We served in several different gardens throughout the season including the Love Garden, Peace Garden and Unity Garden among others. We are looking forward to working in the gardens again in the summer of 2026.



Stone Temple Missionary Baptist Church, North Lawndale

During our first planting season, May-October 2025, we were blessed to be able to help plant 20 trees with Rev. Reshorna and My Block My Hood My City at Stone Temple. We planted peach, cherry, and pear trees are used to give produce to North Lawndale community members.

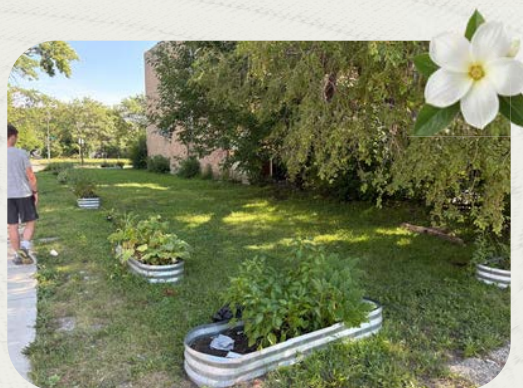
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Olivet area - Before

We will begin Phase 1 of the Reading/Garden Area Summer 2026



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Visit our Webpage for more information

➔ www.umcnic.org/healwell



Joe and Olivet UMC Church Members

During the winter of 2025, Joe made several benches for the Olivet reading/garden area to earn his Eagle Scout Award

2026 Planting Season

✪ Olivet Reading Space

- April 11, 10:00 am - planning session at Olivet UMC, Chicago
- Mid-May - Planting and Community Celebration in collaboration with Hinsdale United Methodist Church
- Late May - second planting
- June - completion of phase 1
- Grand-opening Community Event

✪ Austin Garden Collective

- Volunteering every Saturday May 30 thru August 29, 2026

✪ How can you join us?

- Complete the form at this link or QR code:
<https://forms.gle/tGUjtzwzTeWZuZnw8>

