



## Group Study Exchange Invitation District 6040, Missouri, United States

**District 6040** includes most of the northern one-third of Missouri and is a District of great diversity. Missouri is located in the middle of the United States, in that part of the country called the Midwest. Missourians are known for their friendliness and hospitality. The state's population is 5.6 million people, making it the 17<sup>th</sup> most populous state in the U.S. Kansas City has a population of about 500,000 people and is the largest city in western Missouri and our District.



Business and industry in the region include automobile assembly, chemicals, metal manufacturing, non-electrical machinery and electrical equipment, and stone, clay, and glass products. The city is a national center for meat-packing and grain milling. Kansas City is one of the national centers for agribusiness. Our major companies include Ford Motor Company, Harley Davidson motorcycles, Hallmark Cards, H & R Bloch and the

Stowers Institute for Life Sciences. It boasts a diversity of government, arts, educational institutions and major league sports teams and is famous for its jazz music and barbecue cooking.





Other major cities in District 6040 include Independence, known as the home of former United States President Harry S. Truman and the location of the Truman Library and Museum; Kirksville, the home of the Kirksville College of Osteopathy, where the practice of osteopathy was started and the location of Truman State University; Maryville, the home of Northwest Missouri State University; and St. Joseph, the city where the Pony Express started and the famous outlaw, Jesse James, lived.

There are many small towns and farming communities that include both corporate and family farming in a diverse geography of rolling hills, forests and



farmlands. In 2012 there were 108,000 farms in Missouri, and two-thirds of the land area in Missouri is farmland. Missouri is a major producer of soybeans, corn, cattle, hogs, and poultry and has an average farm size of 269 acres.

Springtime is an excellent time to visit Missouri, as the temperatures are moderate and the flowers and trees are in bloom.

You can learn more about Missouri at the links shown below.



More information on Kansas City, the region, and Missouri can be found at:  
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