

Get to Know Ohio Disciples Outreach

A notebook for your congregation's
outreach/mission ministry team



Christian Church in Ohio

D I S C I P L E S O F C H R I S T

A covenant network of congregations in mission:

We are the Body of Christ gifted and called in covenant together as Disciples of Christ to be centers of transformation on the new mission frontier of our own communities

355 East Campus View Blvd Suite 110 Columbus, Ohio 43235

614-433-0343

www.ccinoh.org

OHIO DISCIPLES OUTREACH

Ohio Disciples Outreach (ODO) is the umbrella outreach program of the Christian Church in Ohio. ODO is in place to distribute outreach/mission giving from our Ohio congregations to the various outreach/mission causes of our denomination and our region. All giving received by the ODO fund is disbursed at the end of each month to the causes as indicated by each congregation.

ODO PERCENTAGES

Congregations may choose to use the recommended distribution percentages, which are determined by the Regional Board of Directors of the Christian Church in Ohio, *or* they may specify how their money is to be distributed. Both options are available on the ODO remittance forms. Unless your church tells the regional office otherwise, undesignated offerings to ODO will be allocated in the following manner:

Disciples Mission Fund	69.710%
<i>(A portion of DMF returns to Ohio)</i>	
Ohio Designated—Operating	6.000%
New Church Fund	10.300%
Camp Christian Fund	5.400%
Inner City Fund	1.300%
Ecumenical Fund	0.610%
Seminary Fund	4.370%
Ministerial Relief Fund	2.310%

The largest portion of our ODO distribution goes to Disciples Mission Fund (DMF). Through DMF we support the whole mission and ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). The operating budget of the region, as well as other Ohio-specific funds for regional ministry, also needs your support. The Ohio Disciples Outreach Committee recommends that each congregation accept the above distribution percentages.

In the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) there is no mandatory amount each congregation must pass along to the denomination. There is no “apportionment” or “head tax” deemed the proper response to mission giving beyond the local church. Instead, each congregation is free to set its own commitment to the wider Church. While the Ohio Disciples Outreach Committee will encourage you to give regularly and even sacrificially, your congregation is the final determiner of your outreach giving.

Vital congregations give at least 10-15% of their annual income to denominational mission/outreach, and another 10-15% to their own local outreach programs. The Ohio Disciples Outreach Committee encourages your congregation to accept these guidelines for your church goals. If your congregation already overreaches these guidelines, set your own challenging mission goals.

Churches raise money for ODO in many ways. Typically, mission giving beyond the local congregation is a valued priority that shows itself in a line item of the annual congregational

budget. Many of our congregations boost Disciple Mission Fund giving through Special Day offering envelopes. These special offerings occur on Easter, Pentecost, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Special Day offerings are now used to help underwrite specific ministries.

- Easter – Support of the General Ministries of the Christian Church (DOC)
- Pentecost – Support of New Church Ministries 50% to General Church, 50 % to the Regions
- Thanksgiving – Support of our Higher Education institutions
- Christmas – Support of Regional Ministries

Some congregations sponsor special fundraisers for ODO missions. Some congregations encourage fellowship groups and individuals to make contributions beyond the congregation's budget. As more churches develop endowment funds we see the rise in commitment to include ODO in endowment fund policies. In one such church, one-quarter of all expenditures from endowment funds must be spent on outreach (Disciple or otherwise). In another church, 10% of all non-designated gifts must go to the wider Church.

In addition to the Ohio Disciples Outreach program, the mission/outreach of our congregations also includes the Week of Compassion, Reconciliation, Metropolitan Commission and other locally defined outreach/mission projects. Week of Compassion, Reconciliation, Cleveland Christian Home and Metropolitan Commission giving may be remitted with ODO monies, but they are reported separately.

ODO REMITTANCE FORM

Your church treasurer may remit offering money for ODO or other causes in two ways. You may choose to send your offering directly to the Church Finance Council payable to **Disciples Mission Fund** or to the Christian Church in Ohio payable to **Ohio Disciples Outreach**. In either case your congregation will get credit for your giving. On a regular basis the Church Finance Council sends reports directly to your church. The CFC report uses different giving categories than does your Ohio Remittance Form. To help you reconcile giving to Ohio with the CFC report, see the Ohio Remittance Form on the next page of this ODO notebook.

If you send your remittances to the Christian Church in Ohio, you may direct the money in several different ways. You can mark the line marked % method, which means you want to use the ODO percentages. You may choose to make up your own percentages. You may also choose to simply write in dollar amounts. All of these are acceptable. You may use this form to remit non-ODO offerings. Simply write them on the form. Write **one** check made payable to **Ohio Disciples Outreach** and send with the remittance form.

OHIO DISCIPLES OUTREACH

Amount \$ _____

WRITE ONE CHECK TO : **OHIO DISCIPLES OUTREACH**

SEND TO Christian Church in Ohio
355 East Campus View Blvd. Suite 110
Columbus, OH 43235-5616

CPIN NUMBER _____

Church Name _____ Daytime Phone# (____) _____

CHURCH FINANCE COUNCIL
Computer Printout

Sent By: Church _____ OWM _____
Other _____

I. Disciples Mission Fund	% method _____	actual \$ method _____
	DMFund	\$ _____

Easter	\$ _____
Pentecost	\$ _____
Thanksgiving	\$ _____
Christmas	\$ _____
Blessing Box	\$ _____

DMF REGULAR

DMF EASTER
DMF PENTECOST
DMF THANKSGIVING
DMF CHRISTMAS
DMF REGULAR

II. Ohio Work Funds

Ohio Designated	\$ _____
Inner City	\$ _____
New Church	\$ _____
Camp Christian	\$ _____
Ohio Council of Churches	\$ _____

DESIG OPERATING OHI
DESIG OPERATING OHI
CAP NEW CHURCH
DESIG CAPTL REG OHICMP
DESIG OPERATING OHI

III. General Work Funds

Seminary	\$ _____
Ministerial Relief	\$ _____

DESIG OPERATING OHI
DESIG OPERATING OHI

NOT PART OF OH DISCIPLES OUTREACH BUT DISTRIBUTED AS REQUESTED

Week of Compassion	\$ _____
Designated WOC _____	\$ _____
Designated WOC _____	\$ _____
Reconciliation	\$ _____
Cleveland Christian Home	\$ _____
Metro _____	\$ _____
Metro Designated _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
Keep the Fire Burning	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____

WEEK OF COMPASS
WEEK OF COMPASS
WEEK OF COMPASS
RECONCILIATION

ODO – DISCIPLES MISSION FUND (DMF)

The largest portion of our ODO distribution goes to Disciples Mission Fund. DMF is a church-wide system of outreach giving that supports local, regional, general and worldwide ministries. DMF is the way we, as Disciples, share ministries of love, hope and service from our congregational doorsteps to the ends of the earth.

The Church Finance Council through 11 general units of the church, 33 regions, 21 Disciples-related higher education institutions distributes DMF receipts, and a half-dozen other recognized church-related organizations. These organizations seek to fulfill the challenge of the Gospel by providing important ministries on behalf of the whole church. These ministries include:

- Equipping and supporting congregations in ministries of evangelism and witness
- Caring for children, youth and adults with special needs
- Sponsoring regional camp and conference ministries
- Supporting missionaries serving Christ around the world
- Preserving and telling the story of our Disciples heritage
- Encouraging and training church leaders
- Engaging in ministries of hospitality and justice
- Nurturing strong worship life, vital spirituality, and faith development
- And much more...

What follows in this section, ODO – DMF, are more detailed descriptions of each ministry supported by our giving through Disciples Mission Fund as part of Ohio Disciples Outreach.

Use the mailing and Internet addresses to request resources that will assist you in informing your congregation about the work of each ministry. Many of the groups are willing to send speakers, videos or printed materials.

REGIONS – CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN OHIO

CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN OHIO

Disciples of Christ
355 East Campus View Blvd.
Suite 110
Columbus, OH 43235-5616

(614) 433-0343 Fax: (614) 433-7285

(614)-433-7264 (Automated Menu)

E-mail: ccio@ccinoh.org

www.ccinoh.org

Regional Pastor and President

William H. Edwards

E-mail: bedwards@ccinoh.org

Regional Associate Pastors

LaTaunya Bynum (Ext. 115)

E-mail: lbynum@ccinoh.org

Stephen Bentley (Ext. 116)

E-mail: sbentley@ccinoh.org

Regional Program Minister

Brenda Webster (Ext. 111)

E-mail: bwebster@ccinoh.org

Office Administrator

Jennie Stoddart (Ext. 120)

E-mail: jstoddart@ccinoh.org

Executive Assistant

Joanne Arnold (Ext. 110)

E-mail: jarnold@ccinoh.org

Treasurer

Duncan Draper (Ext. 123)

E-mail: ddraper@ccinoh.org

Bookkeeper/Accountant

Richard Haines (Ext. 122)

E-mail: rhaines@ccinoh.org

Financial Clerk

Sally Wears (Ext 117)

E-mail: swears@ccinoh.org

Camp Christian

10299 Maple Dell Road, Magnetic Springs, Ohio 43036 (937) 348-2811

Al Channell

Camp Superintendent

E-mail: achannell@ccinoh.org

Doris Woodson

Food Services Director

E-mail: dwoodson@ccinoh.org

GENERAL OFFICE OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

OFFICE OF GENERAL MINISTER AND PRESIDENT

Mail: P. O. Box 1986

Indianapolis, Indiana 46206-1986

Office: 130 E. Washington Street, 46204-3645

(317) 635-3100, FAX (317) 635-3700

www.disciples.org

The General Office, established in 1968, has among its many functions:

- Coordinating the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) working with all of its units, councils, commissions, and committees to see that the purpose, goals, and objectives of the Christian Church are carried out.
- Representing the Christian Church in its ecumenical relationships and its dealings with the general public.
- Providing for regular meetings of the General Assembly and other representative bodies.
- Maintaining contact with the regions and with the congregations.
- Providing a variety of services for the general units, regions, and congregations.

Included on its staff are:

- General Minister and President
- Associate General Minister and Secretary of the National Convocation
- Associate Minister for Reconciliation and Mission
- Editor, Yearbook and Directory
- Executive Director of Office Operations and General Assembly Manager

Offices, commissions and committees included are:

- Office of Communication
- Office of Research
- National Convocation of the Christian Church (African-American Disciples)
- National Christian Missionary Convention, Inc.
- Commission on Mission Funding
- General Commission on Ministry
- Week of Compassion Committee
- General Reconciliation Committee
- World Convention of Churches of Christ
- Christian Church Services, Inc.
- Central Pastoral Office for Hispanic Ministries

Other organizations with recognized relationships reporting through the Office of General Minister and President include: Conference of Regional Ministers and Moderators, European Evangelistic Society, National City Christian Church Corporation, and the United Christian Missionary Society.

DIVISION OF OVERSEAS MINISTRIES (DOM)

DIVISION OF OVERSEAS MINISTRIES

Mail: P.O. Box 1986

Indianapolis, Indiana 46206-1986

Office: 130 E. Washington Street, 46204-3645

(317) 713-2575, FAX (317) 635-4323

E-mail: dom@disciples.org

Through the Division of Overseas Ministries (DOM) congregations of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) engage in mission and ministry with other North American churches and with churches of other continents.

Working in partnership with the United Church of Christ's *United Church Board for World Ministries* (UCBWM), DOM is part of the larger "Common Global Ministries Board" (CGMB), a common policy-making body for both denominations. Through the CGMB, Disciples share in effective and wide-ranging ministries of evangelism, witness and service around the world. Programs in interpretation, education and advocacy in North America are also done jointly.

- DOM responds to requests from churches overseas for personnel to perform specific functions for given periods of time, working under the supervision of churches and institutions overseas.
- DOM seeks to cultivate strong linkages with churches and institutions in Africa, Europe, Asia, the Middle East, and Latin America, engaging in mutual ministries in the name of Jesus Christ.
- DOM seeks to make available funds for leadership training, evangelism, medical programs and community development projects as plans are developed by sister churches overseas or ecumenical bodies in which many churches participate.
- DOM seeks to interpret needs and programs to the congregations of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada.

In 2004 we had a total of 189 missionaries serving in 46 countries, which included 105 regular missionaries, 11 global mission interns, 14 long-term volunteers, and 59 associates. In addition, 27 individuals served as short-term volunteers.

DISCIPLES HOME MISSIONS (DHM)

DISCIPLES HOME MISSIONS
Mail: P.O. Box 1986
Indianapolis, Indiana 46206-1986
Office: 130 E. Washington Street, 46204-3645
(317) 713-2679, FAX (317) 635-4426
(888) 346-2631
E-mail: mail@dhm.disciples.org

Mission statement for Homeland Ministries -

God calls Homeland Ministries to serve the church and society

-- one congregation at a time

-- one person at a time

through

- *Faith and Leadership Development*
- *Evangelism*
- *Ministries of Justice and Compassion*

Homeland Ministries is the enabling and coordinating division of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the area of congregational life. Homeland Ministries provides consultation and resources and offers leadership to the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in order that congregations and their ministries may be strengthened and upheld in...

- Bringing people to Christ
- Making transformation possible in individuals and society
- Nurturing individuals and families; and
- Reaching out in mission and witness to the community and the world.

The ministries of Disciples Home Missions include: Men, women, youth, young adults, family and children, AIDS Ministry, Association of Disciple Musicians, Chain of Prayer, Christian Education, Disciples Peace Fellowship, Evangelism, Kids to Kids, Laity Week, Refugee and Immigration Ministries.

PENSION FUND OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

PENSION FUND of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
130 E. Washington Street
P. O. Box 660225
Indianapolis, IN 46266-0255
(317) 634-4504, FAX (317) 634-4071
www.pensionfund.org

The Pension Fund serves as the pension and benefit instrumentality of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Its services are available to all persons employed by congregations, organizations and units of the Christian Church.

Among the services provided are:

- Church-wide health care insurance
- Preparation for retirement
- Money management
- Minister's personal finances
- Low cost accident insurance
- Interim and supply ministerial information
- Income tax information
- Additional benefits program (tax-deferred annuity)
- Promotion of the Month of the Ministry

The Pension Fund also manages *Ministerial Relief and Assistance* and the *Church Wide Health Care Gift Fund*. These help to make life better for many of our older retired ministers, missionaries and their widows or widowers.

Ministerial Relief and Assistance makes funds available for the Supplemental Gifts (to supplement low pensions) and Ministerial Relief Grants (for those who have no pension). Funds for this ministry come from individual gifts, offerings through BMF and the earnings from the Endowment Fund for Ministerial Relief and Assistance.

The *Church Wide Health Care Gift Fund* helps to pay the Health Care Medicare Supplement for many worthy servants of the Church.

NATIONAL BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION (NBA)

National Benevolent Association
149 Weldon Parkway, Suite 115
Maryland Heights, MO 63043-3103
(314) 993-9000
E-mail: nba@nbacares.org

The National Benevolent Association is the 118 year-old social and services general unit of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). NBA provides services to people through its residential and community-based programs for children, youth and families, older adults and people with disabilities.

The mission of the National Benevolent Association is to provide social and health services to meet the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of persons, in the loving and caring spirit of Christ.

At present NBA operates five facilities:

- NBA ECHO is St. Louis' largest provider of emergency care for abused and neglected youth. NBA provides emergency care, residential and transitional living assistance for more than 325 children.
- NBA THE OLIVE BRANCH (A center for young families) opened in 1996, providing residential and social services to homeless pregnant and parenting teen girls in St. Louis.
- NBA WOODHAVEN in Columbia, Missouri has been serving men and women with developmental disabilities since 1964. 45 homes and apartments in the Columbia area are used for persons aged 19-70.
- NBA CHRISTIAN SERVICES FOR CHILDREN IN ALABAMA in Montgomery and Selma, since 1991 has provided community-based therapeutic care for children and families. The Family Options program responds to early signs of neglect and abuse by providing in-home intensive services to families before the child is further endangered.
- NBA SERRA CENTER, in Fremont, California, established in 1973, offers three types of support services for persons with developmental disabilities.

In all, every day, these five units provide support and care to over 500 families, children and adults, helping them lead a happier, healthier and fuller life.

HIGHER EDUCATION AND LEADERSHIP MINISTRIES (HELM)

HIGHER EDUCATION AND LEADERSHIP MINISTRIES
11477 Olde Cabin Road, Suite 310
St. Louis, Missouri 63141-7130
(314) 991-3000, FAX (314) 991-2957 E-mail: helm@helmdisciples.org

The mission of the Higher Education and Leadership Ministries, with the whole Church, is to help proclaim and embody the reign of God and to be part of the human transformation that is the mission of both higher education and the Church of Jesus Christ.

HELM aims to be at the forefront of efforts to form and reform leadership for the church's 2020 Vision and the higher goal of the Great Commission. HELM strives to identify and nurture in Disciples men and women, lay and clergy, the gifts and graces required of those who will transform existing congregations and establish new congregations faithful to the gospel of Jesus Christ in the 21st century.

The Higher Education and Leadership Ministries (HELM) of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) carries responsibilities for the health and effectiveness of the relationship between the Church and its related institutions of higher education. That relationship includes theological institutions, colleges and universities, and those who minister with students through both institutional chaplaincies and ecumenical campus ministries. HELM coordinates DMF allocation requests for the colleges and universities and for the seminaries and foundation houses. HELM also provides grants, scholarships and awards in the area of higher education. The **Thanksgiving Special Day Offering** helps support our higher education institutions.

Goals of the three councils of HELM are as follows:

Council of Theological Institutions

- Leading church-wide discussion of issues and context related to the identification, recruitment, education and nurture of the Church's next generations of leaders.
- Strengthening the theological institutions in their mission and ministry.
- Clarifying the Church's response to the educational needs of ethnic minority and non-traditional ministries.

Council of Colleges and Universities

- Assisting in the increased recruitment of Disciples students to Disciples colleges and universities.
- Creating activities to clarify and strengthen commitments to Church-related education among faculty and staff at Disciples colleges and universities.
- Developing a definitive database of all Disciples throughout higher education.

Council on Ministries in Higher Education

- Evaluating the status and future of campus ministries at public and other non-church institutions.
- Providing appropriate resources for training and support for chaplains and campus ministers with attention for developing new structures for ministry.
- Integrating campus ministries into the mission of the whole church.

The Christian Church in Ohio is in close relationship with four Disciples institutions of higher learning: Bethany College in Bethany, WV; Hiram College in Hiram, OH; Lexington

Theological Seminary in Lexington, KY; and Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis, IN.

CHURCH FINANCE COUNCIL (CFC)

CHURCH FINANCE COUNCIL

Mail: P.O. BOX 1986

Indianapolis, Indiana 46206-1986

Office: 130 E. Washington Street, 46204-3645

(317) 635-3100, FAX (317) 635-3700

The Church Finance Council (CFC) is the treasurer and stewardship office of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). With input from representatives of all regions, general units, and institutions of higher education, the Commission on Mission Funding determines the allocations of DMF receipts each year. This then becomes the budget of the Christian Church at the general level. The CFC then distributes the DMF giving according to this budget.

The work of the CFC takes place in three specific areas of responsibility and ministry:

- *Treasury services*, including the receiving and distribution of some \$30 million annually, and reporting to congregations six times a year to provide updates on their Disciples Mission Fund, Week of Compassion, and Reconciliation, designated and capital giving.
- *Interpretation and promotion* of the three outreach and mission funds of the church – Disciples Mission Fund, Week of Compassion, Reconciliation. This work finds its focus in the preparation of congregational resource materials for the six Special day offerings and the development of a web page that provides easy-to-use information about the resources available from CFC.
- Providing resources for *stewardship education* in congregational ministries. This includes providing theme materials for yearly stewardship campaigns and offering workshops in congregations, regional gatherings and Women’s Ministry events.

The staff of the Church Finance Council is committed to three fundamental goals in their work

- To continue strengthening partnerships with congregations as a first priority as a church.
- Celebrating the oneness of mission that begins with the local setting and then bridges out to the regional, national, and global contexts.
- Lifting up stewardship as an essential element of Christian discipleship, not simply as a fund-raising strategy to increase giving or to balance a budget.

CHURCH EXTENSION (CE)

CHURCH EXTENSION of Disciples of Christ
Mail: P.O. Box 7030 Indianapolis, Indiana 46207-7030
Office: 130 E. Washington Street, 46204-3645
(317) 635-6500, FAX (317) 635-6534 E-mail: bce@churchextension.org

CE's Mission Statement:

Called by God, Church Extension partners with all Disciples of Christ congregations at pivotal points in their life cycles by offering transformational strategies, investment services and capital funding.

Church Extension will significantly increase the ways we serve all manifestations of the church in channeling the energy of the Great Commission into physical form. For the first third of the 21st Century we will:

- Strengthen Disciples witness in proclaiming Christ's gospel and glorifying God through accessible and welcoming facilities for vital congregations, new and established.
- Make disciples by helping establish dynamic, healthy and diverse new congregations.
- Provide new, dynamic technological methods for enhancing the ability of Disciples to plan and manage their financial affairs faithfully as stewards in obedience to Christ.
- Extend the ecumenical witness of the Disciples' tradition by seeking opportunities to serve non-Disciples churches.
- Reflect the capabilities and diversity of Disciples through our Board of Directors and Staff.
- We will respond to Christ's commission in direct, personal and caring ways as servants and partners.

Types of services provided by CE when a congregation is considering expansion, remodeling, or new construction of facilities include:

- General Counseling
- Study-Plans Counseling
- Listening Conferences
- Site Selection Counseling
- Fund Raising Advice
- Providing Loans

The mission of the New Church Ministry Team is to ignite the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) to start as many new churches in as many ways as possible.

The New Church Ministry vision is to provide spirited permission giving leadership for a revival of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) that will break down barriers and result in the formation of 1,000 multiplying congregations.

- Creating a sense of urgency for the Great Commission in the whole church.
- Calling out and equipping committed gifted lay and clergy new church planters.

- Guiding the use of resources to increase our witness nationwide.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH FOUNDATION (CCF)

CHRISTIAN CHURCH FOUNDATION
Mail: P.O. Box 1986, Indianapolis, Indiana 46206-1986
Office: 130 E. Washington Street, 46204-3645
(317) 635-3100, FAX (317) 635-1991
(800) 668-8016

The Christian Church Foundation works with members and entities of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) to make a difference in the sharing of accumulated resources through permanent funds. Although the CCF raises money the joy of their ministry is distributing funds given by donors to their favorite Disciples-related causes.

In addition to working with donors, the staff:

- Consults with congregations to discuss congregational endowment programs, policies and education of members.
- Leads seminars and workshops on such topics as wills, estate planning, management of congregational funds, and inheritance planning.
- Will show how the Foundation can manage funds for entities of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) – congregations, regions, general units and institutions.

COUNCIL ON CHRISTIAN UNITY (CCU)

COUNCIL ON CHRISTIAN UNITY, INC.
P.O. Box 1986
Indianapolis, Indiana 46206-1986
Office: 130 E. Washington Street, 46204-3645
(317) 713-2586

The Council on Church Unity is a general administrative unit of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), working collegially with congregations, regions, institutions of higher education and plenary bodies to encourage their participation in, and contribution to, our church's efforts in fulfilling Jesus' prayer in John 17, "that they may all be one...so that the world might believe." This work includes:

- Church union efforts, represented in Churches Uniting in Christ.
- Disciples-UCC Ecumenical Partnership
- Dialogue for reconciliation and understanding, such as the Stone Campbell Dialogue with members of the Church of Christ and the Christian Churches/Churches of Christ.
- Overseeing participation in conciliar bodies, including the World Council of Churches, the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. and the Canadian Council of Churches.
- Local and Regional Ecumenism where mission and unity are lived out through the witness of Disciples congregations and regions, as well as a network of state and metropolitan ecumenical bodies.
- Theological studies pressing for a common faith and consensus about the Church.
- Ecumenical leadership formation and education that engages and prepares each new generation of Disciples ministers, elders, lay people, youth, seminarians, and administrators for effective and powerful participation in the different aspects of the ecumenical movement.
- Interpretation and teaching through publications, the Peter Ainslie Lecture on Christian Unity, the Hoe and Nancy Stalcup Lecture on Christian Unity, conferences on unity and mission and other projects to interpret the dimensions and directions of the ecumenical movement.
- Interfaith Dialogue, linking together existing efforts on the local level and seeking to engage new efforts for further understanding of the mean of "the whole inhabited earth."

"Let the Unity of Christians be our Polar Star"

NATIONAL CITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH CORPORATION

NATIONAL CITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH CORPORATION

Five Thomas Circle, NW
Washington, D.C. 20005-4153
(202) 232-0323, FAX (202) 797-0111
E-mail: mail@nationalcitycc.org

In June 1851, Alexander Campbell wrote, *“We ought to have the largest meeting house in Washington City, and there, also, a stationed advocate of the great cause we plead; a master spirit, that would neither be shamed of himself nor a shame to others—to stand up to the presence of kings and earth’s nobility, and proclaim the Unknown Gospel as Paul did the Unknown God, in a city which had more temples than palaces, and more gods than men.”* The 1926 International Convention in Memphis authorized the National City Christian Church Corporation. It was charged with the responsibility to obtain a site, erect and maintain a national facility in which a congregation of the Disciples of Christ would be housed. The sacrificial giving of more than 2000 congregations and over 40,000 individuals across the Christian Church made it possible for the historic sanctuary to be built.

The National City complex includes the beautiful sanctuary built in 1930, the Campbell Building built in 1954 and the Beasley Building constructed in 1984. In the intervening years, other important features have been added. These would include the Wilfrey Wayside Prayer Chapel, the Undercroft, the Schreiber Music Suite, and the Columbarium.

With these facilities National City is well suited to provide an excellent witness for Disciples. National City Christian Corporation proudly continues the trust given to it some 80 years ago to own and maintain a place of worship in the Nation’s capitol. Not only is this historic church the worship house of the local congregation -- National City Christian Church -- but it is also the house of worship for Disciples everywhere.

The Corporation is also involved in the planning and funding of unique ministries in our capitol that include:

- A welcome center (Ohio youth have slept there!)
- Special ministries to single adults
- Community Children’s Ministry
- A music ministry
- An International Crafts Gift Shop that supports third world artisans.
- A laboratory in specialized fields for professors on sabbatical leaves and for interns.

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

1101 Nineteenth Avenue, South
Nashville, Tennessee 37212-2196
(615) 327-1444
E-mail: mail@dishistsoc.org
www.dishistsoc.org

The Disciples of Christ Historical Society was established in 1941 to preserve the past upon which our future is built. The Society serves as a common ground for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), the Christian Churches/Churches of Christ and the a cappella Churches of Christ. All three church bodies have their roots in the Campbell-Stone movements.

One of the most important church history research centers in American Protestantism, the Disciples of Christ Historical Society provides services to congregations, individuals, colleges and seminaries. The Society locates, processes and preserves books, periodicals, pamphlets, pictures, manuscripts papers, ledgers, histories, diaries, scrapbooks and other historical materials related to churches, church leaders and church work. The Society also publishes the periodical, *Discipliana* and the occasional newsletter, "We're History."

In covenant with the congregations, regions, general units and institutions of the Disciples of Christ, the Society is committed to the following areas of ministry:

- Keeping the church's archives
- Fostering a community of historians
- Providing historical resources to the church
- Fostering understanding within the Stone-Campbell Movement
- Interpreting the Movement to those outside its membership

CHRISTMOUNT CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY

CHRISTMOUNT CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY
222 Fern Way
Black Mountain, North Carolina 28711-9771
(828) 669-8970 or (828) 669-8977
E-mail: info@christmount.com

Identity and Mission:

Located in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina, Christmount is the camp, conference, and retreat center for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), whose mission it is to serve God by providing opportunities for life-changing and enriching experiences in faith, knowledge, leadership and personal relationships.

In serving Jesus Christ, Christmount seeks to:

- Build caring relationships
- Provide opportunities for growth and change for individuals and groups
- Preserve the natural mountain setting
- Be good stewards
- Expand the ministries of Christmount to all people while remaining deeply rooted in the heritage, vision, and ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

The Assembly has a self-supporting residential area, a summer camp and year around conference program. Located in a quiet cove, Christmount offers retreat opportunities for individuals, non-profit organizations, family reunions, youth camps, vacations, church groups, government agencies, choir retreats, educational events and private spiritual renewal. Christmount offers programs such as clergy conferences, choir workshops, leadership training, individual spiritual life retreats, and a number of camp programs. Also, many Disciple churches, churches of other denominations and non-profit organizations use Christmount's facilities to conduct their own programming.

Year-round facilities include a 31-room motel type complex and a dormitory type lodge that accommodates 32 persons. In the warmer months facilities include 2 family cabins that sleep 6 persons each, 8 camp cabins, and a dorm building that sleeps 25.

ODO - OHIO WORK FUNDS

This section, ODO – Ohio Work Funds, describes Ohio-specific ministries supported by our giving through Ohio Disciples Outreach.

OHIO DESIGNATED – OPERATING FUND

When our present system of budget on the general level, Disciples Mission Fund (Church Finance Council) was negotiated, the Ohio Designated - Operating Fund was included in the negotiations as income for the operating budget of the Christian Church in Ohio.

Ohio Designated-Operating plus Ohio's share of the Disciples Mission Fund are needed in order to continue the current ministry of the Christian Church in Ohio.

The operating fund pays for office staff, facilities, insurance and supplies as well as the ministry of annual programs and regional commissions and committees.

NEW CHURCH FUND

Since 1954, the New Church Fund has helped to establish new congregations in Ohio, congregations beyond Ohio, and denomination-wide programs to plant new churches.

The New Church Ministry Team, under the supervision of the Regional Board of Directors, is responsible for the New Church Program. Its responsibilities include:

- Developing long-range projections for new churches as part of the Christian Church's 2020 Vision.
- Determining where and when new churches are started.
- Employing personnel for new churches.
- Supervising the establishment and development of new churches, including their building programs.
- Promoting and raising of New Church Funds.
- Developing policies and procedures.
- Empowering existing congregations to start new congregations in creative ways.
- Encouraging spiritual entrepreneurs.

Some of the congregations in Ohio continue to receive assistance while others have become self-supporting. Assistance has been given through research, granting money to purchase a site, granting money to assist with the construction of the church building, parsonage, and pastor's salary support. The New Church Ministry Team has also made grants available to assist local congregations in purchasing audio/visual equipment as they add contemporary worship services. The New Church Ministry Team receives income from investment funds, 50% of the **Pentecost Special Day Offering**, a special offering at the Regional Assembly and the ODO budget.

CAMP CHRISTIAN FUND – (OPERATING)

The Camp Christian Fund is used only for the maintenance of our regional church camp -- Camp Christian in Magnetic Springs. This is **not** an endowment fund.

Camp Christian is used year-round. Those using the camp pay fees that cover the operating cost(s) of their use of the facilities. In addition to congregational use, there are Chi Rho Camps, CYF Conferences, OWM and Disciple Men's Retreats, regional ministry teams and commissions meeting at Camp Christian. At the present time our camp fees are lower than other church camps because our fees do not cover maintenance and improvements. Maintenance costs are funded by the Camp Christian Fund. Because Camp Christian is such an important regional ministry we all share together in the maintenance of the camp.

Some of the on-going expenses of this fund are: insurance, taxes, utilities, telephone, fuel, sewage, swimming pool repair, equipment repair and upkeep (truck, tractor, kitchen appliances, beds, tables, chairs). Occasional expenses include: landscaping and gravel.

Items **not** covered by this fund include improvements/additions to the camp, replacement of equipment and scholarships. These items have been paid for in the past by additional capital campaigns and gifts. To reduce the need for future capital campaigns for the benefit of Camp Christian, we are initiating a plan to cover the replacement of buildings and contents through camp fees.

INNER CITY/RURAL FUND

Through the Inner City/Rural Fund, we give financial support to congregations in Ohio that could not afford to continue their ministry if they had to depend on the financial resources of their members alone. The Fund enables congregations to minister to the needs of God's people who live in the inner core of our cities and to the Hocking Valley Parish. Through this fund we give financial support to inner city congregations in Ohio seeking to do new/different transformation mission ministry projects. Grant applications are reviewed by a special committee with an understanding that funds will only be available for a maximum time frame of five years. Grants are based upon available funds. For further information about the application process, please contact the Regional Pastor.

ODO - ECUMENICAL FUND

The Ohio Council of Churches is an ecumenical ministry supported by our giving through Ohio Disciples Outreach.

OHIO COUNCIL OF CHURCHES
6230 Busch Blvd., Suite 430
Columbus, Ohio 43229
(614) 885-9590, (800) 760-9590, Fax: (614) 885-6097
www.ohcouncilchs.org

The Ohio Council of Churches seeks to challenge our members to learn more from our diversity, to witness to our faith, and celebrate our oneness within the Body of Christ. The Ohio Council of Churches is an expression of the worldwide ecumenical movement. Ecumenism is the quest for unity in diversity and the collaborative effort of the churches to be one in their witness and service to the world. Our mandate is to respond to Jesus' prayer: "that they may all be one...so that the world may believe." (John 17:21)

Through our Faith and Order Commission and Justice and Advocacy Commission, we conduct an annual Ohio Ministries Convocation, sponsor dialogues and educational events to enable the Christian community to better understand theological issues, environment concerns, legislative issues, and other concerns emerging in order to act upon them. Policy statements are released by the Oversight Committee on critical issues confronting church and society today. We legislatively advocate on issues at the state level and meet frequently with public officials to ensure our collective voice is heard. We relate to ecumenical constituencies around the state, offering support and networking. We seek to create opportunities for common work and ministry and reach out to secular structures in order to promote the well being of all people.

We work with several related organizations such as Church Women United, Church World Service, Ohio Campus Ministries, Ohio State Chaplain's Association, and the Interfaith Peace Center.

ODO – GENERAL WORK FUNDS

This section, ODO – General Work Funds, describes two general ministries that receive special support through Ohio Disciples Outreach over and above our Basic Mission Finance giving.

OHIO SEMINARY FUND

The Seminary Fund was established in 1976 to respond to a financial crisis in our seminaries, which was greatly affecting the quality of training for the future leadership of the church. Both Lexington Theological Seminary in Lexington, Kentucky and Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis, Indiana were facing severe budgetary problems. In order to balance their budgets, they had to reduce faculty, staff, and services.

Since the training of pastoral leadership is a high priority, we continue support of this fund. ODO receipts for the Seminary Fund are divided between Lexington Theological Seminary and Christian Theological Seminary. A small portion of the ODO receipts for the Seminary Fund goes to the Ohio Ministerial Scholarship Fund. This fund is administered by Ohio's Commission on the Ministry and is used for students from Ohio who are preparing for ministry.

MINISTERIAL RELIEF FUND

20% of the receipts are retained for Ohio's Pastoral Assistance Fund. The regional pastor administers Ohio's Pastoral Assistance Fund, which is used for Ohio's active pastors during times of crisis.

80% of the ODO receipts for Ministerial Relief Fund are given to the Pension Fund for Supplemental Gifts (to supplement low pensions), Ministerial Relief Grants (for those who have no pension), and emergency grants in catastrophic situations

OTHER OUTREACH/ MISSION OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONGREGATIONS

The following mission/outreach opportunities are *not* part of Ohio Disciples Outreach, but may be part of your congregation's ministry. Some of these monies may be remitted with ODO monies, but they are recorded separately.

WEEK OF COMPASSION

WEEK OF COMPASSION

Mail: P.O. Box 1986 Indianapolis, Indiana 46206-1986
130 E. Washington Street, 46204-3645
(317) 635-3100 www.weekofcompassion.org

Through Week of Compassion, North American Disciples reach out in the name of Christ to:

- Provide emergency and long-term assistance to people in the aftermath of hurricanes, floods, earthquakes, droughts, civil war and other natural and human catastrophes. In a typical year WOC responds to a disaster about once every two days.
- Respond with help, hope and hospitality to people who have been uprooted and displaced from their homelands by war, environmental catastrophe, famine and natural disaster. Many of the world's 25 million refugees are children.
- Support self-help programs of the development and rehabilitation that empower people and communities to stand against and rise above hunger, poverty, disease, illiteracy, and other forces of injustice that deny and destroy human dignity. WOC supports projects in more than 80 nations on every inhabitable continent of the earth.
- Encourage and support volunteer groups in "hands-on" mission and service opportunities. Annually, WOC partners with more than 50 Disciples work groups in mission projects in North America and abroad.

Through partnerships with Church World Service, Action by Churches Together, Interchurch Medical Assistance, Food Resource Bank, Heifer Project International, the Disciples' Overseas Ministries, Volunteers in Mission, Refugee and Immigration Ministries, Bread for the World, Souper Bowl of Caring, Habitat, the Ecumenical Loan Fund, and hundreds of local church partners around the world, Week of Compassion shares in a remarkable network of service and caring that is efficient, effective and faithful. WOC's administrative costs are typically less than eight percent annually. Designated gifts go to 100% of the designation.

Disciples through WOC also participate with Christians in nine other Protestant denominations in One Great Hour of Sharing, thus multiplying the effectiveness and extent of our witness many times over.

Week of Compassion is **not** a part of our Ohio Disciples Outreach program, but your congregation's offerings for this Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) outreach ministry may be sent to the regional office along with your ODO giving. Your Week of Compassion offerings will be forwarded *in full* to Indianapolis. If you do send Week of Compassion money to the regional office, always list it as a separate item with its own total.

The annual drive for Week of Compassion occurs in February, but gifts are accepted, and needed, throughout the year. Many congregations mount a special campaign in response to natural disasters.

RECONCILIATION

GENERAL RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE

Mail: P.O. Box 1986
Indianapolis, Indiana 46206-1986
130 E. Washington Street, 46204-3645
(317) 635-3100

Reconciliation Mission is a ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) focused on the eradication of the root causes of systemic racism and structural oppression.

The mission of Reconciliation is to nurture the wholeness of the church by dismantling systemic racism and other oppressive structures toward becoming a church that demonstrates True Community, Deep Christian Spirituality, and Passion for Justice. This ministry is accomplished through organizing, education and advocacy.

The Christian Church in Ohio strives to be an anti-racist, pro-reconciling church, continuing to grow in faithfulness to the Gospel. To that end our Anti-Racist/Pro-Reconciliation Ministry Team has organized anti-racism/pro-reconciliation training workshops for both clergy and laity, which continue on an on-going basis.

Grants are made on the regional level to local congregations to encourage them in the vital work of anti-racism/pro-reconciliation. The Ohio Anti-Racism Team (ART) will partner with congregations and grant their time, resources, the team and a specific partner who will continue to work with that congregation until their goals are met.

The Reconciliation Offering taken in September offers your congregation the opportunity to participate in a church-wide effort to eliminate the scourge of racism in our society by attacking its root causes. Fifty percent of the offering goes to the general office of Reconciliation. The other fifty percent stays here in Ohio for our Reconciliation work in the region.

Reconciliation is **not** a part of our Ohio Disciples Outreach program, but your congregation's offerings for this Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) ministry may be sent to the regional office along with your ODO giving. Your Reconciliation offerings will be forwarded *in full* to Indianapolis. If you do send Reconciliation money to the regional office, always list it as a separate item with its own total.

CLEVELAND CHRISTIAN HOME

Cleveland Christian Home
11401 Lorain Avenue
Cleveland, OH 44111
(216) 671-0977, Development Office (216) 476-0333
www.cchome.org

The Christian Church in Ohio has a long-standing relationship with the Cleveland Christian Home and has continued that relationship since the CCH has ceased to be one of our NBA facilities. The CCH is a line item in the Operations Budget of the Christian Church in Ohio and some congregations have chosen to give directed gifts to CCH, either through the region or directly to the CCH.

The Cleveland Christian Home exists to be a haven of hope and healing for children, youth and families struggling with mental illness, abuse and neglect. The CCH will be a center of excellence providing the highest quality services to meet the physical, emotional, intellectual, cultural and spiritual needs of children, youth and families.

Services at the CCH include Residential and Partial Hospitalization Services, Group Home Services, Independent Living Services, Family Preservation Services, Foster Care Services, Adoption Services, Outpatient Counseling and Child & Family Network (Case Rate Pilot Project).

METROPOLITAN COMMISSIONS

Metropolitan Commissions have been formed so that the congregations of the metropolitan areas of Akron, Cincinnati, Cleveland and Columbus may provide comprehensive witness, mission and services to these urban areas.

The Fellowship of Akron Area Disciples (FAAD) provides assistance to the following programs through distribution of the interest from the Wooster Avenue Christian Church Fund and through individual church contributions:

- Good Neighbors
- Victim Assistance Program
- Akron Area Association of Churches
- Akron Pastoral Counseling Services
- Ecumenical Campus Ministry
- Pastoral Counselors Services
- Salvation Army Ecumenical Utility Program
- Habitat for Humanity
- Akron Caregiver
- Akron Time-out Program

Disciples of Christ-Southwest Ohio provides assistance to:

- Cincinnati Council of Christian Communion
- Metropolitan Area Religious Coalition of Cincinnati (MARCC)
- Offers education, worship, fellowship and mission opportunities for 16 congregations.

Columbus Metropolitan Commission:

- Provides an avenue for Columbus area churches to work together and increase communication.
- Provides the opportunity for youth to do mission projects together.
- Supports the quarterly Racial Unity Services sponsored by the Columbus Metropolitan Area Church Council.
- Works with United Church of Christ Churches to sponsor an annual Equipping the Saints event, the purpose of which is leadership development. This event includes a speaker and workshops.

Metropolitan Commissions are **not** part of our Ohio Disciples Outreach program, but your congregation's offerings for this Christian Church in Ohio ministry may be sent to the regional office along with your ODO giving. Your Metropolitan Commission giving will be forwarded in full to the Commission in your area. If you do send your Metropolitan Commission giving to the regional office, always list it as a separate item with its own total.

OTHER

The following are a few of the many opportunities for mission/outreach involvement beyond the denomination. Please send your giving to these and other ministries of your choice directly to these ministries.

Church World Service/CROP
P.O. Box 968
Elkhart, IN 46515
(800) 297-1516

Church World Service – Ohio
1520 Old Henderson Road, Suite 101
Columbus, OH 43220
614-457-1774

American Bible Society
1865 Broadway
New York, New York 10023-7505
(212) 408-1200 or (800) 33 BIBLE

National Council of Churches
475 Riverside Drive, Suite 880
New York, New York 10115
(212) 870-2227

Habitat for Humanity
121 Habitat Street
Americus, GA 31709-3498
(229) 924-6935, ext. 2551 or 2552

World Council of Churches
475 Riverside Drive
New York, New York 10115
(212) 870-2533