Special Giving and Sources of Funding for Global Ministries

Tips for Discussing Giving

Ministry and Mission Interpreters provide an important link for individuals and congregations interested in connecting to Global Ministries. Discussing money may be anxiety producing but it doesn’t have to be. Here are a few tips for discussing giving:

- Encourage giving and thank local churches for giving to Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM), the Disciples Mission Fund, and all special offerings, especially One Great Hour of Sharing, Week of Compassion and the Disciples Easter Offering
- Find your comfort level
- Share from your heart
- Share from your experience of giving
- Refer the questions you can’t answer
- Pass along feedback and ways to connect

Global Ministries Special Giving Opportunities

One of the ways that MMIs can contribute to the work of Global Ministries is through Special Giving Opportunities. MMIs can encourage their friends and family, their churches, and their regions and conferences to give financial support for the work of Global Ministries and our partners. While the majority of Global Ministries funds come from denominational funding sources such as the United Church of Christ’s Our Church's Wider Mission and One Great Hour of Sharing, and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)’s Disciples Mission Fund and Week of Compassion, the special gifts from individuals and church groups who feel called to support the work of Global Ministries make possible many unique kinds of service for those in need, congregational growth and new church starts that otherwise would be impossible to address.

First priority is for general gifts that can be used where needed most. Undesignated gifts help Global Ministries provide services to congregations and judicatories such as itineration of missionaries and People-to-People Pilgrimages, education and advocacy, area offices that maintain and nurture relationships with partners, leadership, and administration.

Gifts can also be made to support missionary appointments. Global Ministries partner churches and programs around the world submit requests for persons in mission on a regular basis to fill their special personnel needs - usually a position involving skills or talents that they cannot fill themselves at the present time. There continually are requests from partners for missionaries that cannot be fulfilled because of financial limitations.
The average fully-supported missionary appointment costs Global Ministries about $50,000 per year for expenses of salary, benefits, housing, children's education and travel. Churches and/or judicatories (regions, conferences, areas or associations) can either give generally to new missionary appointments, or if they make a multi-year commitment (usually a minimum of $5,000 per year) can be matched with a specific new missionary being appointed. Donor churches and judicatories then have the opportunity for ongoing news and communication with their supported missionary over the time they are in the field and can host the missionary on a visit to their congregation or judicatory.

Congregations and judicatories can also choose to provide missionary support funds for a missionary currently serving. Some may choose to support a missionary with whom they already have a missionary relationship, or a missionary assigned to their region or conference as a missionary partner. Some churches find a missionary relationship more meaningful if they have a financial "stake" in the person's ministry through special giving -- and that special giving to one missionary means that other funds are freed up to name new missionaries.

Global Ministries works with partners around the world to provide special projects which are opportunities to support their work through special giving. Special projects are identified by our global partners and proposed to the Area Executives. Special gifts allow Global Ministries to be attentive to our partners' calls for support for new and emerging efforts. The number of special projects averages around 250 in over 50 countries around the world. The list of projects changes as global partners complete one project or begin another. The projects can be found online at www.globalministries.org/give and searching by topic and/or country. A list of projects can also be found on each country page. Anyone needing help identifying projects which may be of interest can contact the Resource Development Office at 317.713.2555 or gifts@dom.disciples.org for assistance. Global Ministries can provide information about the project and the country and has photos of many of the projects and partners.

Some of these efforts include:
- Support to ministries addressing HIV/AIDS in Africa
- Water access projects in East Africa, Mozambique, China and Honduras
- Church leadership development through seminaries in Nicaragua, South Africa, Indonesia, Congo, Thailand, Honduras and Haiti
- Community leadership training in Guatemala and Botswana
- Income generation and job skills projects for women in Lebanon, India, Bangladesh, and Angola
- Finances to keep clinics and schools up-to-date in Haiti, China, Paraguay, Philippines, and Laos

Designated gifts to special projects are sent to our global partners in their entirety. This is made possible by gifts to Our Church’s Wider Mission and Disciples Mission Fund along with undesignated gifts to Global Ministries.
Gifts may be made in honor or in memory of friends, family, pastors, etc. Honorees are sent a card and a photo indicating the gift given. Global Ministries emphasizes this option at in the weeks leading up to Christmas. Congregations can request a display and information about our annual Alternative Christmas campaign to give individuals the opportunity to participate. Each year, Global Ministries highlights several projects as Alternative Christmas gift suggestions but any giving opportunity may be used as a gift. Additionally, gifts may be sent at any time of year. When sending a gift, be sure to include information about the honoree including name and address as well as what the project or designation the gift is for. Gift givers will receive a receipt for the gift.

Each spring, Global Ministries makes available suggestions for global projects to be included in Vacation Bible School and/or summer camp settings. Resource Development staff are glad to help identify opportunities to coincide with specific curricula if needed.

Congregations connect to giving opportunities in a variety of ways. Some congregations and judicatories have included global partner capital projects as an element of capital campaigns. Others have connected through ongoing missionary support and special projects Sunday School classes may collect funds for a particular need or for a particular partner. Women’s groups may support a project related to the material they are studying. In some instances, congregations have established foundations or sharing funds with values which are well-matched to Global Ministries partner projects and Critical Presence needs. MMIs can help provide links to these opportunities as well.

To give a gift:
You may give a gift online by going to www.globalministries.org, or checks may be directed to:

Global Ministries Or Global Ministries
P.O. Box 1986 700 Prospect Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 46206 Cleveland, OH 44115

Checks should be made payable to Global Ministries. When designating for a specific project, be sure to note that project name.

For more information regarding special giving opportunities, contact Resource Development:

(317) 713-2555 or gifts@dom.disciples.org

For individuals interested in doing something more, Global Ministries Resource Development staff are available to help with planned giving. Sample wording for wills can be found on the Global Ministries website and staff can help explore other options as needed.

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Funding Mission Work in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

**Disciples Mission Fund**

Our shared stewardship supports the worldwide mission and ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) through Disciples Mission Fund (DMF). DMF is a ministry by which congregations, regions, institutions of higher education and general ministries share in the mission of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) through a common funding system. This ministry is a faithful witness of receiving, caring and giving in Christian community.

DMF receives contributions from more than 2,600 Disciples congregations to support the worldwide mission of the church. Congregations give to DMF through their operating budget. A target goal for congregational giving to DMF is 10% of the local operating budget. DMF also receives contributions from Disciples Women, Individuals, Sunday School classes, Youth Groups, and the Christian Church Foundation.

Additionally, individuals support the ministries of the church through the four special offerings. Each special offering has a designated recipient group. Easter supports General Ministries. Pentecost supports new church and is split 50/50 with the region and the new church priority housed in Church Extension. Thanksgiving supports our institutions of higher education. Christmas supports regional ministry with 100% of the money returning to the region in which it was raised. More information about the funding system and the DMF supported ministries can be found at [www.disciplesmissionfund.org](http://www.disciplesmissionfund.org).

It is important to note that ministries receiving DMF support should not ask congregations for direct support of an individual ministry, but support of the whole church through DMF. Also, ministries are not permitted to ask individuals for gifts to a specific ministry or project, unless the individual has first expressed an interest in the ministry by attending a workshop or event, where the individual gives their contact information.

Congregations send their DMF contributions to OGMP Treasury Services in Indianapolis. Of the total, approximately 11% comes to DOM. DOM's funds are used for the work of Global Ministries in basic categories of: missionary support, grants to partner churches and programs, services offered to congregations such as Missionary Relationships, People to People, Resource Development, and Child Sponsorship. In addition, DOM’s funds are used to maintain home-based operations such as the President's Office, Finance and portions of other offices which relate solely to the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Global Ministries programs are funded approximately 51% from Wider Church Ministries of the United Church of Christ and 48% from DOM.
Special Offering recipients include:

- **EASTER** – for general ministries implementation of Disciples Imperative to strengthen congregational life.
- **PENTECOST** – for new church development, divided equally between the region in which the offering is received and general new church ministry.
- **THANKSGIVING** – for higher education institutions who are responsible for the theological education of the church’s leaders.
- **CHRISTMAS** – for regional ministries in the region where the funds are contributed for implementation of the church’s imperative: “To strengthen congregational life for this mission.”

Our Mission as Disciples is “to be and to share the Good News of Jesus Christ, witnessing, loving and serving from our doorsteps to the ends of the Earth” (Acts 1:8). The DMF is our church wide system of outreach giving. Your gifts support this common mission fund of your church, established as a network to support the church's mission of teaching, preaching, evangelizing, caring and sharing experience and expertise in the United States, Canada, and around the world. These funds are distributed among 10 general ministries, 3 racial ethnic ministries, the Office of the General Minister and President, 33 regions, 17 institutions of higher education, and other recognized church-related organizations.

**Week of Compassion**

The ministry of Week of Compassion is a faithful and effective way for Disciples congregations, members and friends to channel their resources and concerns to the humanitarian needs of suffering people in the world.

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

1. 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.
2. 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. There are more than 30 million uprooted and displaced people in the world. Many of them are children.
3. support programs of sustainable 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 nearly 100 countries on every inhabitable continent of the earth.
4. encourage and support volunteer groups in "hands-on" mission and service opportunities.

Annually, WOC partners with more than 100 Disciples work groups in mission projects in North America and abroad.
Through partnerships with Church World Service, Action by Churches Together, IMA World Health, Foods Resource Bank, Heifer International, Global Ministries, Disciples Volunteering, Refugee and Immigration Ministries, Bread for the World, Souper Bowl of Caring, Habitat for Humanity, the Ecumenical Church Loan Fund (ELCOF), 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/fundraising costs are typically less than six percent annually. All designated gifts to WOC go in their entirety as the donor directs.

Through Week of Compassion, Disciples also participate with Christians in eight other Protestant denominations in One Great Hour of Sharing, thus multiplying the effectiveness and extent of our witness many times over.

Of course, the partnership we share with more than 3000 Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) congregations across North America is where this remarkable ministry of connecting Disciples to the world and sharing compassion with all God’s children truly begins. Disciples annually channel more than 2.5 million dollars through Week of Compassion for humanitarian needs in the world.

WEEK OF COMPASSION: Around the World - Around the Year

www.weekofcompassion.org
Funding Mission Work in the United Church of Christ

Our Church’s Wider Mission

UCC congregations are involved with mission in many ways. In the United Church of Christ, we affirm that, although the congregation is the fundamental unit of mission, mission is not just local. We are connected to one another, across boundaries of neighborhood, class, race, and national border.

Our Church’s Wider Mission is the name we use to describe the work we do as the United Church of Christ beyond the local church—through our Conferences, national ministries, and UCC-related institutions. Our Church’s Wider Mission is also the name we give to the financial support given by UCC members and congregations that makes this broader mission possible.

Congregations are central to the ability of the United Church of Christ to do mission in local communities, within the United States and internationally. As a congregation works in its own community, it is a representative of the entire denomination and embodies the UCC in that place. And when a congregation determines its giving to Our Church’s Wider Mission, there is a direct impact on levels of funding for the Conference and national ministries. Every local congregation has a responsibility to be aware of opportunities for local mission and to be knowledgeable about the work underway by its own Conference and by the national ministries.

Our Church’s Wider Mission, often referred to simply as OCWM, has two parts: OCWM Basic Support and OCWM Special Support.

Basic Support

Our Church’s Wider Mission Basic Support provides funding for the work of UCC Conferences and for the work of the UCC's national ministries. Each congregation decides how much of its members' financial support it will contribute to Our Church's Wider Mission Basic Support. Congregations send their OCWM gifts to the Conference. Each Conference decides what percentage of those gifts to keep for the work of that particular Conference, and what percentage it will send to the national setting of the UCC. Contributions from individuals to their congregations comprise the funds from which OCWM Basic Support is given to the Conferences and national ministries. Local churches can help individuals understand the mission and work of the denomination.

OCWM Basic Support is used to fund the ministries of the National Offices including Global Mission, Justice Ministries, Ministries to Local Churches, Research, Governance, Retiree Pension Supplementation, Covenantal Relations, Communication and Interpretation, and Administration.
**Special Support**

There are four special mission offerings: Christmas Fund, Neighbors in Need, Strengthen the Church and One Great Hour of Sharing.

The **Christmas Fund** helps provide pension and health premium supplementation to low-income retired church workers, emergency assistance to clergy families in need, and Christmas checks to hundreds of annuitants, as administered by the Pension Boards.

**Neighbors in Need** supports the ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States and Puerto Rico, including the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM), justice and advocacy, and direct service projects supported by Justice and Witness Ministries.

**Strengthen the Church** supports leadership for new and revitalizing congregations, programs for youth and young adults, and leadership development for the whole church. These ministries are carried out by UCC Conferences and Local Church Ministries.

**One Great Hour of Sharing**

One Great Hour of Sharing is administered by Wider Church Ministries. Through OGHS, United Church of Christ members reach out in the name of Christ to:

- Build sustainable communities. OGHS supports self-help programs in more than 80 nations to build sustainable communities that enable people and communities to stand against and rise above hunger, disease, illiteracy, and other forces of injustice that deny and destroy dignity.
- Respond to disaster. OGHS provides emergency and long-term assistance to people in the aftermath of hurricanes, tornados, storms, floods, tidal waves, fires, explosions, technological disasters, civil strife, war, or other natural or human-caused events. On average, OGHS responds to a disaster once every 2.5 days.
- Minister to refugees. OGHS responds with advocacy and help, hope and hospitality for people who have been uprooted from their home of origin. Nearly 30 million of the world's people are uprooted at any given time.

In cooperation with Global Ministries, Church World Service, Action by Churches Together, Interchurch Medical Assistance, Foods Resource Bank, Oikocredit, Freedom from Hunger and hundreds of local partners around the world, One Great Hour of Sharing is part of a remarkable network of service and caring that is efficient, effective and faithful. Administrative costs are typically less than eight percent annually.

The United Church of Christ unites with Christians in eight other Protestant denominations and Church World Service in One Great Hour of Sharing, thus multiplying the effectiveness and extent of our witness many times over.
The partnership we share with nearly 6,000 United Church of Christ congregations across the United States and Puerto Rico is where this remarkable miracle connecting UCC members to the world truly begins. The UCC annually channels more than $3 million dollars through One Great Hour of Sharing to humanitarian needs in the world.

*All gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing are tax deductible and 100% of designated gifts go to the designated area of response. Non-designated funds are encouraged. They allow One Great Hour of Sharing to address future hidden and forgotten emergencies around the world.*

[www.ucc.org/oghs](http://www.ucc.org/oghs)
OGHS Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is One Great Hour of Sharing?
One Great Hour of Sharing, as part of Our Churches Wider Mission, is the special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that carries God’s message of love and hope to people in more than eighty countries. The UCC works with international partners to provide sources of clean water and food, education and health care, small business micro-credit, emergency relief, and advocacy and resettlement for refugees and displaced persons. OGHS also supports domestic and international ministries for disaster preparedness and response.

2. Who participates in One Great Hour of Sharing?
Nine Christian denominations and Church World Service work together to develop common promotional materials thereby sharing ideas, costs, and a commitment to faithful service. Each denomination receives and manages its respective OGHS offerings.

3. How is the United Church of Christ's offering used?
More than 60 percent of the UCC's offering supports international development initiatives, including annual support for approximately ten missionaries working in health care, education, and agricultural development. Gifts are also used for disaster preparedness and response, refugee and immigration advocacy and assistance and related volunteer initiatives.

4. Where and how are OGHS funds shared?
The United Church of Christ responds to development, disaster, and refugee needs in more than eighty countries, including the United States. Funding decisions are made by asking our worldwide mission partners, "What would you have us do with you?" The United Church of Christ responds as a member of ecumenical organizations such as Church World Service and Action by Churches Together, International. We also support the direct mission efforts of churches and church-based organizations with which the United Church of Christ and the Disciples of Christ have direct partnerships through Global Ministries. Nearly one-third of the UCC's offering is shared through Church World Service to support refugee, disaster, development, and advocacy programs.

5. How many dollars are given to the UCC's OGHS offering?
On average, annual OGHS special offering receipts total just over $3 million. Nearly seventy percent of UCC congregations participate.

6. What percentage of OGHS donations are used directly for mission?
On average, of every dollar given to One Great Hour of Sharing, 92 cents are used directly for mission programming. Most administrative costs are paid with gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission National Basic Support and endowment funds. Due to decreases in OCWM Basic Support, beginning in 2004 both mission and administrative costs for refugee ministries are supported by One Great Hour of Sharing.

7. How can I contribute to One Great Hour of Sharing?
The OGHS special mission offering is received through local UCC congregations and all UCC members are encouraged to participate in this way. Secure On-line contributions to One Great Hour of Sharing may be made at www.ucc.org/oghs.

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Information on Special Giving Projects

The Office of Resource Development can provide materials on the project or projects you or your church are interested in supporting. These are a few examples:

Project Profiles

Widows Farm Project
United Congregational Church of Southern Africa, Zimbabwe Synod

The Zimbabwe Synod is one of five synods comprising the United Congregational Church of Southern Africa. It is based in Bulawayo with congregations and schools throughout Matabeleland. The church’s greatest constraint is the economic and political situation prevailing throughout the country. As a result of this situation, ordinary Zimbabweans suffer greatly. The migration of the youth and other members of the workforce is taking its toll on the church and communities where the churches are located.

The Widow Project was started in 2007 in the Bulawayo Region, when a cry was heard from some of the vulnerable widows. The group currently has 35 members of varying ages. The youngest widows are less than 40 years of age and the oldest among them are over 60. When the Widow Project started, they each contributed what they knew of basketry, embroidery, and crocheting. The church gave the group enough land for the garden and gave access to a water supply. Farming training was done by a volunteer widower. Other projects include candle-making and baking.

Once fully established, the project will be a very good source of income. People need food sources in Zimbabwe and the widows will make a profit through selling vegetables. Markets and bakeries are eager to sell the vegetables and bread. Food projects will also improve the nutritional status especially of the elderly, the sick, and the young. Candles are in demand because of the constant electricity shortages.

The project will help individuals to pay for:
- Hospital or medical expenses
- Funeral expenses
- Rent and utilities
- Food and other household needs
- School fees, books, and school uniforms for their children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren

Working together on various projects also serves as a sort of therapy for the widows. The UCCSA in Zimbabwe says that there will be large numbers of widows as long as HIV/AIDS exists.

The budget for the Widow Project includes resources for seeds and baking ingredients, candle-making supplies, and shipping costs. The initial amount needed to cover all these expenses is estimated at $2,000. This should sustain the Widow Program of the UCCSA, Zimbabwe for the first several years.

Your gifts can help support the Widow Project in the following ways:
- $2.00 can purchase seeds for a vegetable garden
- $5.00 could buy flour to bake bread
- $15.00 might be used to purchase candle-making supplies
- $25.00 may help purchase farming tools

Gifts of any size may be directed to:

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Indianapolis, IN 46206

Global Ministries
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Photo Collages

Guatemala
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