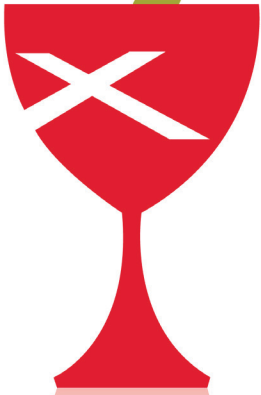


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EASTER OFFERING

2012

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From the doorsteps of your congregation to the ends of the earth, the General Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) resource congregations for mission. The 2012 Easter Offering provides 20-25% of the annual funding for General Ministries.

The General Ministries serve on your behalf around the globe. In Central America, the Church has long-term partnerships for theological education, and agricultural and medical training. In Africa, which is among our largest global presence, there are more members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the Democratic Republic of the Congo than in the US and Canada. In Southeast Asia, our missionaries operate after-school programs keeping children from being sold into the sex trade. These ministries and many more around the globe are dependent on your generosity. Your congregation connects daily to partners to provide education, medical, social and sustainable development resources in over 190 countries! Your Easter Offering gifts provide critical presence, meeting God's people at the place of deepest need.

In the United States and Canada, your financial support provides leadership to congregations seeking missional assessments and strategic planning. Your gifts provide resources to bring together college students and young adults for leadership training and development where the students learn, but also help direct the future of the church through honest conversation about cultural and generational relevancy. Your gifts provide supplemental pension payments to clergy who served in the mission field or small congregations and whose retirement benefits are insufficient to keep them above the poverty level. Your gift provides a safe and stable environment for developmentally disabled adults and children in foster care transition. Your gifts bring life and resource your congregation for mission!

The General Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) are YOUR partners in mission, resourcing and equipping congregations for ministry. YOUR gift to the Easter Offering provides vital support of a critical common witness! Together, we are Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world!

