



Expanding the Table

PENTECOST OFFERING 2011



Disciples are continuing the mission of the New Church Movement

Pentecost offering will be taken June 5 and June 12.

Indianapolis, April 25 – New Church Ministry will “Continue the Mission” as it prepares for the 2011 Pentecost Offering, which will be taken at Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) congregations throughout the United States and Canada on June 5 and June 12.

The Pentecost Offering, divided evenly between your region and New Church Ministry, funds recruitment, training, coaching and assessment of new church planters.

More than 12 years ago, Reverend Richard Hamm, who created the 2020 Vision for Disciples, imagined Disciples doing a new thing for the Christian Church. He envisioned a new Disciples movement that would start 1,000 churches by 2020. Today, the New Church Ministry Movement is thriving. New church planters have started 692 congregations and counting! According to Rick Morse, vice president of New Church Ministry and Mission Initiatives, these are exciting times for Disciples as the commitment grows to partner in new ways and expand the Disciples witness. “We are reaching more than 42,000 new Disciples,” he says. “Inspiring and well equipped New Church planters are expanding the table by discovering unique ways to partner with other Disciples ministries and regions. These leaders are essential to the creation and sustainability of new congregations.”

“The challenge is great and the momentum needs to continue,” says Morse. “With everyone’s assistance we can achieve our goal of 1,000 churches by 2020. Supporting the Pentecost Offering means Disciples congregations are supporting a movement that is vital to the future of the church.”

“With the prayers and financial support of Disciples, together we can continue the mission of expanding the table and sharing the message of Jesus Christ from our doorsteps to the ends of the Earth,” says Morse.

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