Together Making Disciples of Christ

An Annual Fund

to support
The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
in Illinois and Wisconsin

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Our Ministry Together in the Regional Church (CCIW)

The Christian Church in Illinois and Wisconsin, or CCIW, exists to support local congregations. We are committed to high quality ministry that provides services not available elsewhere - helping congregations in times of crisis, providing camps for our children and youth, helping congregations call their next pastor, partnering to do global ministry together. The Annual Fund provides an opportunity for individuals to partner with this vital ministry by supporting it financially.

Helping congregations in times of crisis. When facing important – and often difficult – decisions, congregational leaders need help. Regional ministers can help them work through the issues, ask good questions, offer insight, and talk about how other churches have successfully dealt with similar situations. The knowledge and guidance from someone outside the congregation can make all the difference.

Camps for our children and youth. Both campers and counselors give witness to the holy, powerful experience of their week at camp. At camp they find opportunities to be close to God, to grow in faith, and to learn how to be leaders. The love and acceptance experienced at camp give our young Disciples a hopeful approach to life. Friendships that last a lifetime are created there. Many of our ministers say they received their call to ministry at church camp.



Helping congregations call their next pastor. Search committee chairs can testify to faithful service of Regional staff members. As a partner in the process, the staff member offers the names of qualified ministerial candidates and walks with the search committee throughout the entire procedure. When there are challenging issues, the staff person can offer experience and guidance to help the search committee make good decisions. A word of encouragement and a broader perspective can be of great value when there is much at stake for the life of a congregation.



Partnering to do Global ministry together. Since 2011, we have been in ministerial partnership with the Ecumenical Christian Council of Guatemala. We have sent delegations to Guatemala and learned more about unity. Unity is not just an option to consider, it is required for our survival as Christians. In Guatemala, it really is a matter of life and death. Church leaders and church members have supported one another in face of tremendous challenges. We've expanded our relationships with Global Ministries in Indianapolis, we broadened our connections to the wider church.



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We Celebrate our Regional Church!

Values of the Regional Church

- Deep Discipleship
- Real Relationships
- Creative Ministries
- Mission Focused

One very important initiative of our Region is to move us toward a **Pro-Reconciling/Anti-Racism** identity. This isn't always the most comfortable work, but it is the call of God. A step forward on a journey of reconciliation is pleasing to God. We will keep on the journey, together, for the sake of the Kin-dom of God.





We find an abundance of God's gifts around the Region. We blend those gifts to help create wonderful, miraculous ministries. From our doorsteps to the ends of the earth, God's love is lived and shared. Regional church ministry is a powerful means of connecting and combining God's gifts

We enter partnerships with local congregations for life-changing ministry! There are eleven congregations on "The Journey," a two-year process of transformation. Church leaders are gaining new insights and building new relationships in a robust effort to bring new life and new vision to the church. We reconnect to Great Commandment and Great Commission ministries.

HOPE Partnership for Missional Transformation

