



Higher Education & Leadership Ministries

of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Dear Congregations,

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ! As we enter this season of Thanksgiving, I hope your congregation will participate in the Disciples Mission Fund Thanksgiving Offering taking place on November 6 and 13. **The Thanksgiving Offering benefits the colleges, universities, and graduate theological institutions affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).**

Our theme “*Give me wisdom and knowledge that I may lead*” comes from 2 Chronicles where Solomon is asking God for the strength to lead God’s people and is a reflection of mission of our affiliated institutions. These learning communities encourage students in their intellectual pursuits and form them to make contributions to community, society and the world. Since the beginning of the movement, higher education has been a priority for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and that legacy is reflected in the continuing successes of our educational institutions. Your congregation’s gift to the Thanksgiving Offering helps underwrite the education of students attending one of our 14 colleges & universities and our seven theological institutions.

As you plan and prepare for November worship services, we hope you will consider not only participating in the special offering, but also featuring higher education as part of your worship service. We have created a number of resources to make this easier.

Enclosed are materials to help plan and promote the Thanksgiving Offering. You are encouraged to utilize the worship resources on the back of the bulletin insert. Additional resources, such as sermon starters, moment for mission, children’s sermon and regionally appropriate bulletin inserts can be found at: www.disciplesmissionfund.org or www.helmdisciples.org.

Thank you again for your participation and support in this year’s Thanksgiving Offering.

Sincerely,

Chris Dorsey, President
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