

When we gather in the United Church of Christ, whether in spirit-filled worship, a fellowship get-together, on a mission work trip, at a Conference meeting, or at General Synod, God's still speaking voice calls us to change lives by doing Christ's mission in the world. Through gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission, we respond to this call, providing worship resources, teaching, seeking justice and healing, restoring hope and bringing Christ's light into the World.

*God is still speaking,*  
**UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST**



## Our Church's Wider Mission

**Basic Support** (80% to IKC / 20% National UCC)  
Provides funding from congregations for our Conference and the national ministries of the United Church of Christ as described throughout this brochure.

**Special Support** (100% as directed)

### One Great Hour of Sharing FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Channels resources for international programs in health, education and agricultural development, emergency relief, refugee ministries, and both international and domestic disaster response, administered by Wider Church Ministries, Global Sharing of Resources.

### Strengthen the Church PENTECOST SUNDAY

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 our UCC Conference and Local Church Ministries.

### Neighbors in Need FIRST SUNDAY OF OCTOBER

Supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States, including the Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM), justice and advocacy, and direct service projects supported by Justice and Witness Ministries.

### The Christmas Fund for the Veterans of the Cross and the Emergency Fund SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS

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.

### Is your church 5 for 5?

If your congregation received all four of the offerings shown above and contributes to Our Church's Wider Mission Basic Support, your church is 5 for 5!



# Changing Lives: That's Our Church's Wider Mission



# HERE'S HOW WE CHANGE LIVES . . .

## Through our **Indiana-Kentucky Conference** (\$567,000\*), we . . .



- equip leaders for children's and youth ministries
- teach best practices for pastors and congregations
- nurture formation of those discerning a call to ministry
- care for our pastors
- foster healthy and vital congregations
- resource pastoral search committees in local churches
- provide financing for new church starts
- provide support for Merom Conference Center

## Through our **Wider Church Ministries** (\$21,933\*), we . . .



- feed the hungry
- respond to disasters and human tragedies
- send help around the world
- reach out to our newest neighbors
- care for children

## Through our **Justice & Witness Ministries** (\$19,863\*), we . . .



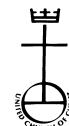
- preach a welcoming and open understanding of Christian faith
- take stands for justice and peace
- celebrate diversity without division
- care about people society casts off

## Through our **Local Church Ministries** (\$32,791\*), we . . .



- foster beauty in worship
- raise our children in faith
- support clergy in their ministries
- learn to be good stewards
- support higher education
- help local churches call pastors
- provide financing for new church starts and church buildings

## Through our **Office of General Ministries** (\$50,359\*), we . . .



- vision and plan the future of UCC mission
- nurture ecumenical and interfaith relationships
- communicate the UCC message
- provide administrative services to the church
- plan our General Synod

## Through our **Pension Boards** (\$8,054\*), we . . .



- care for our retired UCC clergy and spouses



TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT  
OUR CHURCH'S WIDER MISSION GO TO:  
[www.ucc.org/ocwm](http://www.ucc.org/ocwm)

FOR UCC ANNUAL FINANCIAL  
STATEMENTS GO TO:  
[www.ucc.org/about-us/annual-report.html](http://www.ucc.org/about-us/annual-report.html)

TO FIND THE INDIANA-KENTUCKY  
CONFERENCE (A REGIONAL BODY OF  
THE UCC THAT SERVES LOCAL  
CHURCHES): <http://www.ikcucc.org/>

*\*Based upon the 2014 I-K Conference  
OCWM Basic Support Budget*