

Get to Know  
Ohio  
Disciples  
Outreach

A notebook for your congregation's  
outreach/mission ministry team

## INTRODUCTION

This booklet is designed as a resource for the outreach/missions ministry team of your church. It will help you interpret to your congregation the importance of supporting the ministry and mission of the region of Ohio and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) denomination.

Listed in the following pages are all the general church units, regional work funds, and Disciples of Christ special mission offerings. You will find a brief description of each, often including the mission statement or goals of the organization. Also included are the mailing address and telephone numbers to use for gathering more specific information.

Where else can you gain information about the mission giving opportunities of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)? Here are some places to begin:

- Attend the General Assembly for exhibit booth information and for the chance to talk one-on-one with general church staff members.
- Surf to [www.disciples.org](http://www.disciples.org)
- Read the unit reports in the Yearbook and Directory.
- Write or call Rev. Philip Hunt if you have specific questions or needs. He may be reached at Central Christian Church, 731 Main Street., Coshocton 43812-1616 or (740) 622-2208.
- Ask your pastors for copies of any outreach/mission mail to cross their desks.
- Read *The Buckeye Disciple* newsletter for regional church news.
- Read *The Disciple* magazine for general church news.

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## I.A. -- OHIO DISCIPLES OUTREACH – SUMMARY AND PERCENTAGES

Ohio Disciples Outreach (*Ohio DO*) is the umbrella outreach program of the Christian Church in Ohio. *OhioDO* is in place to distribute outreach/mission giving from our Ohio congregations to the various outreach/mission causes of our denomination and our region. All giving received by the *OhioDO* fund is disbursed at the end of each month to the causes as indicated by each congregation.

Congregations may choose to use the recommended distribution percentages, which are determined by the Regional Board of Directors of the Christian Church in Ohio, or they may specify how their money is to be distributed. Both options are available on the *OhioDO* remittance forms. Unless your church tells the regional office otherwise, undesignated offerings to Ohio DO will be allocated in the following manner:

Basic Mission Finance	69.710%
A portion of BMF returns to Ohio	
Ohio Designated—Operating	6.000%
New Church Fund	10.300%
Camp Christian Fund	5.400%
Inner City Fund	1.300%
Ecumenical Fund	0.610%
Seminary Fund	4.370%
Ministerial Relief Fund	2.310%

The largest portion of our *OhioDO* distribution goes to Basic Mission Finance (BMF). Through BMF we support the whole mission and ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). The operating budget of the region, as well as other Ohio-specific funds for regional ministry also need your support. The Ohio Disciples Outreach Committee recommends that each congregation accept the above distribution percentages.

In the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) there is no mandatory amount each congregation must pass along to the denomination. There is no “apportionment” or “head tax” deemed the proper response to mission giving beyond the local church. Instead, each congregation is free to set it’s own commitment to the wider Church. While the Ohio Disciples Outreach Committee will encourage you to give regularly and even sacrificially, your congregation is the final determiner of your outreach giving.

Vital congregations give at least 10-15% of their annual income to denominational mission/outreach, and another 10-15% to their own local outreach programs. The Ohio Disciples Outreach Committee encourages your congregation to accept these guideline for your church goals. If your congregation already overreaches these guidelines, set your own challenging mission goals.

Churches raise money for Ohio DO in many ways. Typically, mission giving beyond the local congregation is a valued priority that shows itself in a line item of the annual congregational budget. Many of our congregations boost Basic Mission Finance through Special Day offering envelopes. These special offerings occur on Thanksgiving Sunday, Christmas, Easter and Pentecost. Some congregations sponsor special fundraisers for Ohio DO missions. Some congregations encourage fellowship groups and individuals to make contributions beyond the congregation's budget. As more churches develop endowment funds we see the rise in commitment to include Ohio Do in endowment fund policies. In one such church, one-quarter of all expenditures from endowment funds must be spent on outreach (Disciple or otherwise). In another church, 10% of all non-designated gifts must go to the wider Church.

By January of each calendar year your outreach ministry team needs to communicate to the regional office the estimated amount of Ohio Disciple Outreach money you hope to contribute in the coming year. The green Response Card will allow you to itemize your gifts, or to accept the regional percentages. In figuring your estimate of giving, remember to include those monies given for Ohio DO or BMF from your Sunday School, youth, men's and women's fellowships, special day offerings and budget.

In addition to the Ohio Disciples Outreach program, the mission/outreach of our congregations also includes the Week of Compassion, Reconciliation, Metropolitan Commission and other locally defined outreach/mission projects. Week of Compassion, Reconciliation, and Metropolitan Commission giving may be remitted with OhioDO monies, but they are reported separately.

You will receive detailed financial reports about your Ohio DO giving from the Church Finance Council in Indianapolis. Since their computer printouts use a different "alphabet soup" than our regional Ohio DO remittance forms, the following page shows which Church Finance Council label is given to the various categories on the Ohio Disciples Remittance form. You may request Ohio DO Remittance Forms from the regional office.

You may choose to send your Basic Mission Finance giving to the regional office along with your other Ohio DO remittances. If you do so, please write one check payable to "OHIO DISCIPLES OUTREACH" and include an itemized remittance form. If you send your Basic Mission Finance giving directly to Indianapolis, please make your check payable to "BASIC MISSION FINANCE", not to Church Finance Council.

## II. ***OHIODO*** – BASIC MISSION FINANCE (BMF)

The largest portion of our *OhioDO* distribution goes to Basic Mission Finance. BMF is a church-wide system of outreach giving that supports local, regional, general and worldwide ministries. BMF is the way we, as Disciples, share ministries of love, hope and service from our congregational doorsteps to the ends of the earth.

BMF receipts are distributed by the Church Finance Council (see description on page 14) through 11 general units of the church, 36 regions, 21 Disciples-related higher education institutions, and a half-dozen other recognized church-related organizations. These organizations seek to fulfill the challenge of the Gospel by providing important ministries on behalf of the whole church. These ministries include:

- Equipping and supporting congregations in ministries of evangelism and witness
- Caring for children, youth and adults with special needs
- Sponsoring regional camp and conference ministries
- Supporting missionaries serving Christ around the world
- Preserving and telling the story of our Disciples heritage
- Encouraging and training church leaders
- Engaging in ministries of hospitality and justice
- Nurturing strong worship life, vital spirituality, and faith development
- And much more...

What follows in this section, ***OhioDO*** – ***BMF***, are more detailed descriptions of each ministry supported by our giving through Basic Mission Finance as part of Ohio Disciples Outreach.

Use the mailing and Internet addresses to ask for resources that will help you inform your congregation about the work of each ministry. Many of the groups are willing to send speakers, videos or printed materials.

## II.A. *OhioDO* – BMF – Regions

On average, two-fifths of the giving received by BMF is used to support the 36 regions and their ministries. All regions participate in BMF and work with the Commission on Mission Funding to determine the total budget of the Christian Church, which includes the distribution amounts for each region. These percentages may change every two years. BMF money received by a region becomes part of that region's budget and is used accordingly to support the ministries of the region. As one of the regions of the Christian Church (DOC), the Christian Church in Ohio is the recipient of BMF funds.

Of every one hundred dollars raised for Basic Mission Finance from Ohio congregations, the region of Ohio will receive \$33.714 back in distribution.

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## **II. B. *OhioDO* -- BMF -- General Office of the Christian Church**

### OFFICE OF GENERAL MINISTER AND PRESIDENT

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Home Page: <http://www.disciples.org>

The General Office, established in 1968, has among its many functions:

- Coordinating the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) working with all of its units, councils, commissions, and committees to see that the purpose, goals, and objectives of the Christian Church are carried out.
- Representing the Christian Church in its ecumenical relationships and its dealings with the general public.
- Providing for regular meetings of the General Assembly and other representative bodies.
- Maintaining contact with the regions and with the congregations.
- Providing a variety of services for the general units, regions, and congregations.

Included on its staff are:

- General Minister and President
- Associate General Minister
- Associate General Minister and Secretary of the National Convocation
- Associate General Minister for Administration
- Executive Minister for Transformation
- Associate Minister for Transformation and Reconciliation
- Director, Office of Research
- Editor, Yearbook and Directory
- Coordinator of Office Services

Offices, commissions and committees included are:

- Office of Communication
- Office of Research
- National Convocation of the Christian Church (African-American Disciples)
- National Christian Missionary Convention, Inc.
- Commission on Mission Funding
- General Commission on Ministry
- Week of Compassion Committee
- General Reconciliation Committee
- World Convention of Churches of Christ
- Christian Church Services, Inc.
- Central Pastoral Office for Hispanic Ministries

Other organizations with recognized relationships reporting through the Office of General Minister and President include: Conference of Regional Ministers and Moderators, European Evangelistic Society, National City Christian Church Corporation, and the United Christian Missionary Society.

## II. C. – *OhioDO* – BMF – Division of Overseas Ministries

### DIVISION OF OVERSEAS MINISTRIES

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Through the Division of Overseas Ministries (DOM) congregations of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) engage in mission and ministry with other North American churches and with churches of other continents.

Working in partnership with the United Church of Christ's *United Church Board for World Ministries* (UCBWM), DOM is part of the larger "Common Global Ministries Board" (CGMB), a common policy-making body for both denominations. Through the CGMB, Disciples share in effective and wide-ranging ministries of evangelism, witness and service around the world. Programs in interpretation, education and advocacy in North America are also done jointly.

- DOM responds to requests from churches overseas for personnel to perform specific functions for given periods of time, working under the supervision of churches and institutions overseas. A total of 180 missionaries served in 46 countries in 1997. In addition, 76 persons served as overseas associates.
- DOM seeks to cultivate strong linkages with churches and institutions in Africa, Europe, Asia, the Middle East, and Latin America, engaging in mutual ministries in the name of Jesus Christ.
- DOM seeks to make available funds for leadership training, evangelism, medical programs and community development projects as plans are developed by sister churches overseas or ecumenical bodies in which many churches participate.
- DOM seeks to interpret needs and programs to the congregations of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada.

The Global Mission Partners program, which links overseas staff to specific regions of the church, was established in 1987. Ohio will be assigned a new global Mission Partner now that Amy Gopp has completed her service in Croatia.

If your congregation wishes to have a visit from a missionary, contact Ginny Sielert, Office of Missionary Relationships, at the above address.

## I.D. – *OhioDO* – BMF – Homeland Ministries

### HOMELAND MINISTRIES

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Home page: <http://www.homeland.org>

The mission statement for Homeland Ministries is:

*God calls Homeland Ministries to serve the church and society*

*-- one congregation at a time*

*-- one person at a time*

*through*

- *Faith and Leadership Development*
- *Evangelism*
- *Ministries of Justice and Compassion*

Homeland Ministries is the enabling and coordinating division of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the area of congregational life. Homeland Ministries provides consultation and resources and offers leadership to the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in order that congregations and their ministries may be strengthened and upheld in...

- bringing people to Christ
- making transformation possible in individuals and society
- nurturing individuals and families; and
- reaching out in mission and witness to the community and the world.

Homeland Ministries is organized into three Centers of Ministry:

- Center for Congregational Growth and Vitality
  - with areas of ministry such as: Congregational Revitalization, Spiritual Growth, African-American Ministries, Young Adult Ministries, Small Groups
- Center for Education and Mission,
  - With areas of ministry such as: Home Mission and Ministry Centers (All Peoples Christian Center in Los Angeles, CA; Inman Christian Center in San Antonio, TX; Kentucky Appalachian Mission; Yakima Indian Mission in White Swan, WA), Refugee and Immigration Ministries, Volunteers in Mission, African American Christian Education, Social Justice Ministries, Dialogues on Racism, Family and Children's Ministry, and Christian/Global Education.
- Center for Leadership and Ministry
  - with areas of ministry such as: Ministry, Office of Disciples Men, Office of Disciples Women, Quadrennial Assembly, Disciples for Women in Ministry, Youth Ministry

## I.E. – *OhioDO* -- BMF – Pension Fund

PENSION FUND of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
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The Pension Fund serves as the pension and benefit instrumentality of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Its services are available to all persons employed by congregations, organizations and units of the Christian Church.

Among the services provided are:

- Church-wide health care insurance
- preparation for retirement
- money management
- minister's personal finances
- low cost accident insurance
- interim and supply ministerial information
- income tax information
- additional benefits program (tax-deferred annuity)
- promotion of the Week of the Ministry

The Pension Fund also manages *Ministerial Relief and Assistance* and the *Churchwide Health Care Gift Fund*. These help to make life better for many of our older retired ministers, missionaries and their widows or widowers.

- *Ministerial Relief and Assistance* makes funds available for the Supplemental Gifts (to supplement low pensions) and Ministerial Relief Grants (for those who have no pension). Funds for this ministry come from individual gifts, offerings through BMF and the earnings from the Endowment Fund for Ministerial Relief and Assistance.
- The *Churchwide Health Care Gift Fund* helps to pay the Health Care Medicare Supplement for many worthy servants of the Church.

## **I.F. -- *OhioDO* -- BMF -- National Benevolent Association**

### NATIONAL BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION

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The National Benevolent Association (NBA) is the Division of Social and Health Services of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). NBA provides an array of services to more than 32,000 persons through 70 facilities and programs in 22 states. Approximately 60 percent of NBA's programs are for older adults, 30 percent are for children, youth and families, and 10 percent are for people who are differently abled.

Two NBA-related units are located in Ohio:

NBA - CLEVELAND CHRISTIAN HOME, INC. offers five distinct types of services:

1. Residential treatment for emotionally disturbed children ages six to seventeen years of age.
2. Specialized/Traditional Foster Care for children ages infancy to eighteen years.
3. Family Services to preserve the family unit through counseling and community service connections
4. Outpatient services for emotionally disturbed children who have appropriate homes and families to return to every day.
5. Reason & Rhymes Early Learning Center, a daycare program with a capacity for 100 community children ages 3-10 years.

NBA - CAMPBELL COURT, housing for older adults, HUD Section 8 202, residents 62 or over. Efficiencies and one bedroom located at 16650 Van Aken Blvd., Shaker Heights, Ohio 44120-3616.

## I.G. – *OhioDO* – BMF – Division of Higher Education

### DIVISION OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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The Division of Higher Education (DHE) of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) carries responsibilities for the health and effectiveness of the relationship between the Church and its related institutions of higher education. That relationship includes theological institutions, colleges and universities, and those who minister with students through both institutional chaplaincies and ecumenical campus ministries. DHE coordinates BMF allocation requests for the colleges and universities and for the seminaries and foundation houses. DHE also provides grants, scholarships and awards in the area of higher education.

Goals of the three councils of DHE are as follows:

#### Council of Theological Institutions

1. Leading church-wide discussion of issues and context related to the identification, recruitment, education and nurture of the Church's next generations of leaders.
2. Strengthening the theological institutions in their mission and ministry.
3. Clarifying the Church's response to the educational needs of ethnic minority and non-traditional ministries.

#### Council of Colleges and Universities

1. Assisting in the increased recruitment of Disciples students to Disciples colleges and universities.
2. Creating activities to clarify and strengthen commitments to Church-related education among faculty and staff at Disciples colleges and universities.
3. Developing a definitive database of all Disciples throughout higher education.

#### Council on Ministries in Higher Education

1. Evaluating the status and future of campus ministries at public and other non-church institutions.
2. Providing appropriate resources for training and support for chaplains and campus ministers with attention for developing new structures for ministry.
3. Integrating campus ministries into the mission of the whole church.

The Christian Church in Ohio is in close relationship with four Disciples institutions of higher learning: Bethany College in Bethany, WV; Hiram College in Hiram, OH; Lexington Theological Seminary in Lexington, KY; and Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis, IN.

## I.H. – *OhioDO* – BMF – Church Finance Council

### CHURCH FINANCE COUNCIL

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The Church Finance Council (CFC) is the treasurer and stewardship office of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). With input from representatives of all regions, general units, and institutions of higher education, the Commission on Mission Funding determines the allocations of BMF receipts each year. This then becomes the budget of the Christian Church at the general level. The CFC then distributes the BMF giving according to this budget.

The work of the CFC takes place in three specific areas of responsibility and ministry:

1. *Treasury services*, including the receiving and distribution of some \$30 million annually, and reporting to congregations six times a year to provide updates on their Basic Mission Finance, Week of Compassion, and Reconciliation, Designated and capital giving.
2. *Interpretation and promotion* of the three outreach and mission funds of the church -- Basic Mission Finance, Week of Compassion, Reconciliation. This work finds its focus in the preparation of congregational resource materials for the six Special day offerings and (as a new initiative) the development of a web page that provides easy-to-use information about the resources available from CFC.
3. Providing resources for *stewardship education* in congregational ministries. This includes providing theme materials for yearly stewardship campaigns and offering workshops in congregations, regional gatherings and CWF events.

The staff of the Church Finance Council is committed to three fundamental goals in their work:

1. To continue strengthening partnerships with congregations as a first priority as a church;
2. Celebrating the oneness of mission that begins with the local setting and then bridges out to the regional, national, and global contexts;
3. Lifting up stewardship as an essential element of Christian discipleship, not simply as a fund-raising strategy to increase giving or to balance a budget.

## **I.I. – *OhioDO* – BMF – Board of Church Extension**

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION of Disciples of Christ

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### BCE's Mission Statement:

The Board of Church Extension is a unit of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) which assists congregations and organizations with planning and financing facilities, to house the church's ministries, and establish new congregations.

### BCE's Identity Statement:

1. BCE is a ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
2. BCE is a partner with Disciples congregations, regions, units, agencies and institutions, providing leadership in financial, strategic and facility planning and development.
3. BCE is a partner with investors and donors who choose to support the growth of the Church through loans and services.
4. BCE is a proponent of inclusiveness, diversity, accessibility and the removal of all barriers, which hinder the ministries of Christ.
5. BCE is a servant of the Church, committed to the highest quality of service and leadership, to excellence in its staff, and to the most rigorous standards of fiscal and ethical responsibility.
6. BCE is an advocate and agent for establishing new Disciples congregations.

Types of services provided by BCE when a congregation is considering expansion, remodeling, or new construction of facilities include:

- General Counseling
- Study-Plans Counseling
- Listening Conferences
- Site Selection Counseling
- Fund Raising Advice
- Providing Loans

New Congregation Establishment of Disciples of Christ is a part of BCE and is entering into a new phase of viability within our denomination. The movement of congregations starting congregations is catching on and many throughout our church are truly catching the vision of reaching the unchurched for Christ. As of December 1998, 137 congregations have been started under the New Congregation Establishment program, with 118 in some level of viability.

## **I.J. -- OhioDO -- BMF -- Christian Church Foundation**

### **CHRISTIAN CHURCH FOUNDATION**

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Ohio's key contact people are Vice President, Gary Kidwell, and Assistant Vice President, Deborah Knerr.

The Christian Church Foundation (CCF) was created by Disciples leaders who had a vision that gifts of accumulated assets made available to the whole church through the Foundation, would enable donors to continue their love of Christ's church far beyond their lifetimes. Such gifts expand ministries of congregations, regions, general units, and institutions of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

#### The Mission of CCF:

The Christian Church Foundation helps Disciples make a difference forever and discover the joy of serving Christ through sharing their resources.

We will achieve our mission by:

- Prudent management of funds
- Educating and training congregational, regional and general unit leaders.
- Developing appropriate ways for donors to make gifts
- Approaching our task as ministry.
- Letting the needs of the whole church guide and inspire us.
- Having an active, effective, competent and representative board of directors.
- Developing a staff who are competent, well-trained, continually learning and constantly focused on the needs of the donors.
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CCF serves all congregations, regions, general units, and institutions by providing the technical counsel and the means to make immediate gifts, deferred gifts, and gifts by bequest. Such gifts may be made with cash, stocks, bonds, life insurance proceeds, and personal and real property. In many cases, persons can use highly appreciated property to fund such gifts or agreements and avoid capital gains taxes.

The Christian Church Foundation can serve congregations by providing:

- Printed resources and personnel to assist in the development of church policy for special gifts, bequests, and endowments.
- Printed and audio-visual resources to assist in promotion of wills and estate planning.
- Personnel to do seminars and to work with members/groups in specific areas of planned giving.
- Professional investment management of permanent funds.
- Counsel to congregations concerning termination of visible ministries.

I.K. -- *OhioDO* -- BMF -- Council on Christian Unity

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The Council on Christian Unity (CCU) keeps a vision and call to unity before our church and within the ecumenical movement. The defining purpose and ministry of the Council on Christian Unity is articulated in these words:

“To watch for every indication of Christian unity and to hasten the time, by intercessory prayer, friendly conferences, and the distribution of irenic literature, until we all attain to the unity of the faith.” (1910)

“To involve the membership of this church in the issues and actions related to Christian unity through theological study; efforts in church union; relations with ecumenical councils and organizations; publication and distribution of literature; and intercessory prayer for unity.” (1974)

“To rekindle, confess, and nurture the visible unity of the Church as a witness to the reconciling nature of the Gospel and to the unity and renewal of the human community and creation. This mission is focused on engaging, educating, and equipping the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) to embody the ecumenical vision.” (1990)

The Council’s program areas include:

- Spirituality and the search for Christian unity
- Ecumenical leadership formation
- Support to local and regional ecumenical work
- Unity through the councilor movement (membership & monetary support)
  - World Council of Churches
  - National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA
- The pilgrimage toward visible church unity
  - Consultation on Church Union
  - Ecumenical partnership between the DOC and the UCC
- Unity through international dialogue
  - with the Roman Catholic Church, the Russian Orthodox Church
  - Disciples delegation to the World Council of Churches
- Publication of a quarterly journal, Mid-Stream

**I.L. -- *OhioDO* -- BMF -- National City Christian Church Corporation**

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In 1851, Alexander Campbell wrote that we ought to have our largest meetinghouse in Washington, D. C. The 1926 International Convention in Memphis authorized the National City Christian Church Corporation. It was charged with the responsibility to obtain a site, erect and maintain a national facility in which a congregation of the Disciples of Christ would be housed. The sacrificial giving of more than 2000 congregations and over 40,000 individuals across the Christian Church made it possible for the historic sanctuary to be built.

The National City complex includes the beautiful sanctuary built in 1930, the Campbell Building built in 1954 and the Beasley Building constructed in 1984. In the intervening years, other important features have been added. These would include the Wilfrey Wayside Prayer Chapel, the Undercroft, the Schreiber Music Suite, and the Columbarium.

With these facilities National City is well suited to provide an excellent witness for Disciples. National City Christian Corporation proudly continues the trust given to it some 70 years ago to own and maintain a place of worship in the Nation's capitol. Not only is this historic church the worship house of the local congregation -- National City Christian Church -- but it is also the house of worship for Disciples everywhere.

The Corporation is also involved in the planning and funding of unique ministries in our capitol that include:

- a visitors' center (Ohio youth have slept there!)
- special ministries to single adults
- Community Children's Ministry
- a music ministry
- an International Crafts Gift Shop that supports third world artisans.
- a laboratory in specialized fields for professors on sabbatical leaves and for interns.

**I.M. -- *OhioDO* -- BMF -- Disciples of Christ Historical Society**

**DISCIPLES OF CHRIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

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The Disciples of Christ Historical Society was established in 1941 to preserve the past upon which our future is built. The Society serves as a common ground for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Christian Churches related to the North American Christian Convention, and Churches of Christ. All three church bodies have their roots in the Campbell-Stone movements.

One of the most important church history research centers in American Protestantism, the Disciples of Christ Historical Society provides services to congregations, individuals, colleges and seminaries. The Society locates, processes and preserves books, periodicals, pamphlets, pictures, manuscripts papers, ledgers, histories, diaries, scrapbooks and other historical materials related to churches, church leaders and church work. The Society also publishes the periodical, Discipliana.

In covenant with the congregations, regions, general units and institutions of the Disciples of Christ, the Society is committed to the following areas of ministry:

- keeping the church's archives
- fostering a community of historians
- providing historical resources to the church
- fostering understanding within the Stone-Campbell Movement
- interpreting the Movement to those outside its membership

## I.N. -- *OhioDO* -- BMF -- Christmount Christian Assembly

CHRISTMOUNT CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY  
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Black Mountain, North Carolina 28711-9771  
(828) 669-8970, FAX (828) 669-6301  
E-mail: christmount@earthlink.net

### Identity and Mission:

Christmount is a gathering place for God's people serving Jesus Christ, the church and the world through a camp, conference and living center in a natural mountain setting.

In serving Jesus Christ, Christmount seeks to:

1. Build caring relationships
2. Provide opportunities for growth and change for individuals and groups
3. Preserve the natural mountain setting
4. Be good stewards
5. Expand the ministries of Christmount to all people while remaining deeply rooted in the heritage, vision, and ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

The Assembly has a self-supporting residential area, a summer camp and year around conference program. The facilities at Christmount are offered to Disciples and other church-related organizations for a wide variety of programming for youth, young adults, and adults. Christmount offers programs such as clergy conferences, choir workshops, leadership training, individual spiritual life retreats, and a number of camp programs. Also, many Disciple churches, churches of other denominations and non-profit organizations use Christmount's facilities to conduct their own programming.

Year-round facilities include a 31-room motel type complex and a dormitory type lodge that accommodates 32 persons. In the warmer months facilities include 2 family cabins that sleep 6 persons each, 8 camp cabins, and a dorm building that sleeps 25.

### **III. – OHIO DO – OHIO WORK FUNDS**

This section, *OhioDO – Ohio Work Funds*, describes Ohio-specific ministries supported by our giving through Ohio Disciples Outreach.

#### **III.A. – *OhioDO* – Ohio Work Funds -- Ohio Designated - Operating**

When our present system of budget on the general level [Basic Mission Finance (Church Finance Council)] was negotiated, the Ohio Designated - Operating Fund was included in the negotiations as income for the operating budget of the Christian Church in Ohio.

Ohio Designated-Operating plus Ohio's share of Basic Mission Finance are needed in order to continue the current ministry of the Christian Church in Ohio. The operating fund pays for office staff, facilities, insurance and supplies as well as the ministry of annual programs and regional commissions and committees.

#### **III.B. – *OhioDO* – Ohio Work Funds -- New Church Fund**

Since 1954, the New Church Fund has helped to establish new congregations in Ohio, congregations beyond Ohio, and denomination-wide programs to plant new churches..

The New Church Committee, under the supervision of the Regional Board of Directors, is responsible for the New Church Program. Its responsibilities include:

- Developing long-range projections for new churches.
- Determining where and when new churches are started.
- Employing personnel for new churches.
- Supervising the establishment and development of new churches, including their building programs.
- Promoting and raising of New Church Funds.
- Developing policies and procedures.

Some of the congregations in Ohio continue to receive assistance while others have become self-supporting. Assistance has been given through research, granting money to purchase a site, granting money to assist with the construction of the church building, parsonage, pastor's salary support. Over the years, approximately one-half of the New Church Fund has been used for capital and about one-half for personnel.

### **III.C. – *OhioDO* – Ohio Work Funds – Camp Christian Fund**

The Camp Christian Fund is used only for the maintenance and improvement of our regional church camp -- Camp Christian in Magnetic Springs.

Camp Christian is used year around. Those using the camp pay fees that cover the cost of their use of the facilities. In addition to congregational use, there are Chi Rho Camps, CYF Conferences, CWF and Disciples Men’s Retreats, regional committees and commissions meeting at Camp Christian. In comparison to other camps, our fees are much lower. This is because our fees do not include the costs of maintenance and improvement. That is why we need a Camp Christian Fund. Because Camp Christian is such an important regional ministry we all share together in the maintenance and improvement of the camp.

Some of the on-going expenses of this fund are: insurance, taxes, utilities, telephone, fuel, sewer, swimming pool, equipment repair and upkeep (truck, tractor, kitchen appliances, beds, tables, chairs). Occasional expenses include: landscaping, replacing roofs, replacing equipment, and gravel.

### **III.D. – *OhioDO* – Ohio Work Funds – Inner City Fund**

Through the Inner City Fund, we give financial support to congregations in Ohio which could not afford to continue their ministry if they had to depend on the financial resources of their members alone. The Fund enables congregations to minister to the needs of God’s people who live in the inner core of our cities.

## **IV. – OHIO DO – ECUMENICAL FUNDS**

The following are Ohio-specific ecumenical ministries supported by our giving through Ohio Disciples Outreach.

### **IV.A. – *Ohio DO* – Ecumenical Funds – Ohio Council of Churches**

OHIO COUNCIL OF CHURCHES  
6877 N. High Street, Suite 206  
Columbus, Ohio 43085-2516  
(614) 885-9590

Historically the Disciples of Christ have been in the forefront of the ecumenical movement and have contributed many leaders to the search for Christian unity. The Ohio Council of Churches is an example of this continued ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

The Council's basic principles are:

- To enable the Christian churches (denominations) of Ohio to experience more fully their unity in Christ.
- To increase awareness of the needs of people and churches in Ohio.
- To help the Christian churches of Ohio in a cooperative response to individual, group and community needs.
- To assist in local ecumenical organizations in their cooperative approach to the needs of their community and its citizens.
- To maintain communication and cooperation with ecumenical organizations throughout the state, nation and world.

These basic principles are carried out through five major areas of witness:

- Ecumenical planning
- Economic justice
- Criminal justice
- Human rights
- Public policy

Individuals and/or congregations wanting to know more about the Ohio Council of Churches are encouraged to contact the Council directly. Many resources are available, including speakers and a newsletter.

## **V. – OHIODO – GENERAL WORK FUNDS**

This section, *OhioDO – General Work Funds*, describes two general ministries that receive special support through Ohio Disciples Outreach over and above our Basic Mission Finance giving.

### **V.A. – *OhioDO* – General Work Funds – Seminary Fund**

The Seminary Fund was established in 1976 to respond to a financial crisis in our seminaries, which was greatly affecting the quality of training for the future leadership of the church. Both Lexington Seminary and Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis were facing severe budgetary problems. In order to balance their budgets, they had to reduce faculty, staff, and services.

Since the training of pastoral leadership is a high priority, we continue support of this fund. *OhioDO* receipts for the Seminary Fund are divided between Lexington Theological Seminary in Lexington, KY and Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis, IN. A smaller portion (approx. 1/7 in 1998) of the *OhioDO* receipts for the Seminary Fund goes to the Ohio Ministerial Scholarship Fund. This fund is administered by Ohio's Commission on the Ministry and is used for students from Ohio who are preparing for ministry.

### **V.B. – *OhioDO* – General Work Funds – Ministerial Relief Fund**

20% of the receipts are retained for Ohio's Pastoral Fund. The senior regional pastor administers Ohio's Pastoral Fund, which is used for Ohio's active pastors during times of crisis.

80% of the *OhioDO* receipts for Ministerial Relief Fund are given to the Pension Fund for Supplemental Gifts (to supplement low pensions), Ministerial Relief Grants (for those who have no pension), and emergency grants in catastrophic situations

## **VI. OTHER OUTREACH/ MISSION OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONGREGATIONS**

The following mission/outreach opportunities are *not* part of Ohio Disciples Outreach, but may be part of your congregation's ministry. Some of these monies may be remitted with *OhioDO* monies, but they are recorded separately.

### **VI. A.1. – Other – General – Week of Compassion**

#### WEEK OF COMPASSION

Mail: P.O. Box 1986

Indianapolis, Indiana 46206-1986

130 E. Washington Street, 46204-3645

(317) 635-3100

The Standing Rules of the Week of Compassion call for it to be the channel for the response of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in providing ready and compassionate response:

1. to severe human distress caused by natural disaster or political or economic crisis;
2. to requests for self-help and development of people victimized by economic, sociological, educational, or spiritual deprivation;
3. to the needs for ecumenical advocacy and action to eliminate the root causes of poverty, hunger and injustice;
4. to the need for ecumenical support including volunteers and fraternal workers, particularly as it relates to relief, development and refugee ministries.”

Week of Compassion is not a part of our Ohio Disciples Outreach program, but your congregation's offerings for this Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) outreach ministry may be sent to the regional office along with your *OhioDO* giving. Your Week of Compassion offerings will be forwarded *in full* to Indianapolis. If you do send Week of Compassion money to the regional office, always list it as a separate item with its own total.

The annual drive for Week of Compassion occurs in February, but gifts are accepted, and needed, throughout the year. Many congregations mount a special campaign in response to natural disasters.

## VI. A.2. – Other – General – Reconciliation

### GENERAL RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE

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Indianapolis, Indiana 46206-1986  
130 E. Washington Street, 46204-3645  
(317) 635-3100

Reconciliation is the Fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) that is used to combat racism. It was established by General Board action in response to the urgent call for justice and reconciliation in North America during the middle 1960's.

Grants are made from this Fund to projects which:

1. Strike at the primary cause of racism
2. Improve race relations

Reconciliation is a partnership ministry with congregations and regions. Most congregations participate in Reconciliation by observing Reconciliation emphasis that includes receiving a special offering during the fall of each year. Approximately half of all monies received are returned to fund regional and local projects.

In 1999 the Ohio region received a grant from general Reconciliation to provide racial sensitivity training to its staff, pastors, and board of directors. In addition, our regional Reconciliation Committee made grants of \$19,000 for programs within our state.

The Reconciliation Offering offers your congregation the opportunity to participate in a church-wide effort to eliminate the scourge of racism in our society by attacking its root causes.

Reconciliation is not a part of our Ohio Disciples Outreach program, but your congregation's offerings for this Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) ministry may be sent to the regional office along with your *OhioDO* giving. Your Reconciliation offerings will be forwarded *in full* to Indianapolis. . If you do send Reconciliation money to the regional office, always list it as a separate item with its own total.

## VI.B.1. – Other Outreach – Regional/Local – Metropolitan Commissions

Metropolitan Commissions have been formed so that the congregations of the metropolitan areas of Akron, Cincinnati, Cleveland and Columbus may provide comprehensive witness, mission and services to these urban areas.

The Fellowship of Akron Area disciples (FAAD) provides assistance to:

- Good Neighbors
- Victim Assistance Program
- Akron Area Association of Churches
- Akron Pastoral Counseling Services
- Ecumenical Campus Ministry
- Pastoral Counselors Services
- Salvation Army Ecumenical Utility Program
- Habitat for Humanity
- Akron Caregiver
- Akron Time-out Program

Cincinnati Metropolitan Commission provides assistance to:

- Cincinnati Council on Christian Communion
- Metropolitan Area Religious Coalition of Cincinnati (MARCC)

Cleveland Area Disciples Commission (CADC) provides assistance to:

- Inter-Church Council of Greater Cleveland
- West Side Ecumenical Ministry
- Mission work with Saint Philips Christian Church

Columbus Metropolitan Commission provides support to:

- Columbus Metropolitan Area Church Council

Metropolitan Commissions coordinate programs in their areas and provide special worship or training events.

Metropolitan Commissions are not a part of our Ohio Disciples Outreach program, but your congregation's offerings for this Christian Church in Ohio ministry may be sent to the regional office along with your *OhioDO* giving. Your Metropolitan Commission giving will be forwarded *in full* to the Commission in your. . If you do send your Metropolitan Commissions giving to the regional office, always list it as a separate item with its own total.

## **VI.C.1. -- OTHER -- ECUMNICAL (world and local)**

The following are a few of the many opportunities for mission/outreach involvement beyond the denomination. Please send your giving to these and other ministries of your choice directly to these ministries.

Church World Service / Crop Walk  
P.O. Box 968  
Elkhart, Indiana 46515  
(219) 264-3102 CWS Hotline (800) 456-1310

American Bible Society  
1865 Broadway  
New York, New York 10023  
(212) 581-7400

Habitat for Humanity – International  
121 Habitat Street  
Americus, Georgia 31709-3498  
(912) 924-6935 FAX (912) 924-6541

World Council of Churches  
475 Riverside Drive  
New York, New York 10115  
(212) 870-2533

National Council of Churches  
475 Riverside Drive  
New York, New York 10115  
(212) 870-2511