

How am I blessed?

- ✓ A sunny day
- ✓ Good news from the doctor
- ✓ A call from a friend
- ✓ An unsolicited "I love you"
- ✓ A safe journey
- ✓ A good meal
- ✓ A good meeting
- ✓ A smile from a stranger
- ✓ A baby's smile
- ✓ A simple act of kindness
- ✓ E-mail prayers and blessings
- ✓ Meeting a deadline
- ✓ Being stopped in traffic, thus giving you the time to safely send a text message
- ✓ Winter snows that incubate the Spring flowers
- ✓ You will be amazed how many ways God blesses you once you start to put coins in the box.

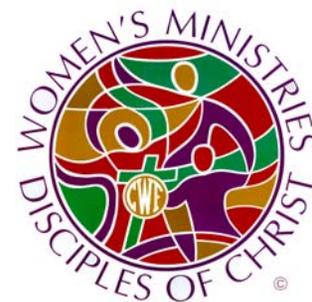


Send your Blessing Box offerings throughout the year:

Payable to *Disciples Mission Fund*, note *Blessing Box* in the memo line, include your congregation's name and city, and mail your check to
OGMP-Treasury Services
P.O. Box 1986
Indianapolis, IN 46206-1986

International Disciples Women's Ministries

130 E Washington St.
Indianapolis, IN 46204
Grow as a Disciples Woman at www.discipleswomen.org
Phone: (317) 635-3100
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Blessing Box Program

“Like good stewards of the manifold blessings of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.”
- 1 Peter 4:10

Your Blessings Bless Others

The Blessing Box is, first and foremost, a Spiritual Discipline. It is a tool to help us focus each and every day on how God is blessing us. It is the over-and-above way to help fund the wider mission of the church. How has God blessed you today?

The history of women's systematic and sacrificial giving to support their dreams and visions for mission and education began as one of the first projects of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions in the 1880s. It started as the Mite Box, then changed to Love Gifts, then the Thank Offering Box, and then the current day Blessing Box. Since their introduction, Blessing Boxes-by any name-have been kept in the homes and offices of women across the church to enable them to express their gratitude for everyday blessings.

From 1999 to 2011, women, through their Blessing Box giving, have contributed a total of \$2,951,219 for the mission of the whole church, with \$584,239 of that going to support women's ministries.



Has the Blessing Box made a difference?

Yes! Yes! In addition to cultivating life-long habits of thanksgiving, Blessing Boxes have generated millions of dollars in mission support. Since 2007, 50 percent of all Blessing Box giving goes to support the mission of the whole church. The other half goes to fund the ministries carried out by Disciples Women through the International Disciples Women's Ministries. Your blessings make a significant difference in the mission of the church at home and abroad.

How do my gifts support Disciples Women?

- ✓ Leadership trainings for regional and constituency representatives;
- ✓ Creation of leadership and study materials;
- ✓ Staff to plan and coordinate Quadrennial Assemblies
- ✓ Publication of *Just Women* study resource materials;
- ✓ Participation and leadership by IDWM officers and Disciples Women's staff at women's retreats around the country;
- ✓ Support of New Church Starts in developing women's ministries; and
- ✓ Development of materials and resources in support of social advocacy.



I want to participate. How do I get started?

Order Blessing Boxes online at www.DisciplesWomen.org.

What should I do when my Blessing Box is filled?

Rejoice! Your blessings are many! If you are part of a congregation or women's group that is using Blessing Boxes, there will probably be a gathering and dedication date at some point during the year. At that time, convert your coins to a check, and turn it in. Your church or group will then send one check to the Disciples Mission Fund with the church's regular reporting. If you are not part of a group and would like to make a donation, you may do so **online** at www.discipleswomen.org and click on the Blessing Box icon to donate by credit card. Be sure to designate your donation as "Blessing Boxes" If you prefer to **mail** a check, please make it payable to *Disciples Mission Fund*, note *Blessing Box* in the memo line, include *your congregation's name and city*, and send to OGMP-Treasury Services, P.O. Box 1986, Indianapolis, IN 46206-1986



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