

The Office of the General Minister and President

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada

Regarding the Nov. 20, 2014 announcement from President Barak Obama on immigration reform

"Within our own Disciples congregations, the President's announced protections will allow a young woman who just missed previous entrance deadlines to now be eligible to apply for the expanded DACA program, and another woman who has served behind the scenes in one of our churches for the past 20 years will now have the chance to apply for Deferred Action for Parents. Announced protections will keep undocumented, taxpaying parents of U.S. citizens together with their children. Some undocumented church leaders will now be able to obtain stability as they continue their long years of service to God and neighbor. Recognizing that the President's action is only temporary, I join those Disciples who continue to advocate for immigration reform legislation that is just, humane and compassionate."

- The Rev. Dr. Sharon E. Watkins, general minister and president