



Fact Sheet

Overview:

- Disciples Home Missions is a myriad of ministries in mission committed to equipping disciples for Christ and connecting people to the life changing love of God!
- Disciples Home Missions covers the arc of ministry as the breadbasket ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)!
- Disciples Home Missions priority is evangelism i.e. making the good news relevant to the context of ministry! It's connecting people with the life-changing love of God.

What follows are the areas of emphasis for 'DHM grounded in the priority of evangelistic engagement: i.e. connecting people with the life-changing love of God...

- ◇ Congregational Transformation -- Strengthening communities of faith
- ◇ Faith Formation -- Building people up
- ◇ Pro-Reconciliation/Anti-Racism -- Bringing people together & challenging dehumanization
- ◇ Leader Development -- Equipping people for service
- ◇ Justice initiative -- Making it right
- ◇ Missions -- Hands on service through disaster recovery, short-term mission projects, Disciples Volunteering, Refugee and Immigration Ministries and more...

Faith Formation:

DHM also offers programs and support resources for congregational Christian education, spiritual growth, evangelism, congregational transformation, planning and programs to strengthen congregational life.

Missions:

Key elements of DHM ministry include refugee and immigration ministries, short and long-term mission projects, disaster recovery, and Disciples Volunteering.

Justice:

Programs empowering racial and environmental justice are also key elements of DHM's ministry. This includes a Rapid Response program and keeping the church aware of legislative issues.

Networks:

Much of the empowering work and ministry we provide is at least partially facilitated through important networks; for various constituencies such as families and children, youth, young adults, women, and men.

Leader Development

Disciples Home Missions provides programs for youth and young adults, African American ministries, support for clergy and laity in the church, and educational scholarships. North American mission opportunities are also a key element for helping develop leadership gifts.

Mission Centers:

An important component for empowering mission and ministry in congregational life includes our relationship with various Mission Centers across North America. They provide essential care to local communities and powerful destinations for strategic work and mission trips.

Sponsored Organizations:

A vibrant life of connected and effective ministry for church members is also facilitated through our sponsorship of, and staff support to, various Disciples organizations. Such organizations help create and maintain a vibrant quality ministry with musicians, chaplains and other clergy, youth, and scouting programs.

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Relational Partners:

In the best Disciples' fashion, DHM facilitates greater possibility for church transformation through active relationships with additional ministry partners, such as:

- *Association of Disciples Intentional Interim Ministers*
- *Christmount Christian Assembly*
- *Disciples Peace Fellowship*
- *General Conference of Disciples Men*
- *International Disciples Women's Ministries*
- *National Convocation*
- *Disciples Center for Public Witness & DJAN*
- *National Hispanic Assembly/Obra Hispana*
- *United Christian Missionary Society*
- *Global Women Connecting*
- *Association for Disciples in Outdoor Ministries*
- *Eco America and Blessed Tomorrow*

Here to serve you:

As the hands-on general ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) empowering congregational life, mission and ministry -- Disciples Home Missions is here to serve you by inspiring and empowering your personal and congregational call in ministry. For lay-person and clergy intent on faithfully serving God in the 21st century, you are invited to check out the resources, services and programs DHM provides. Seek us out on the Web, give us a call, or contact us by email; make Disciples Home Missions the first stop along a pathway to transformation, vitality, and an abundant life in ministry.

Publications:

Disciples Home Missions also creates several publications to help connect church members to the life-changing love of God. Some of these publications include:

- *Disciples Advocate*
- *Just Women magazine*
- *Disciples Thumbnail Sketches*
- *"You Are ..." leadership identity resources*
- *Well-Fed Spirit Website*
- *Green Chalice News*
- *Family and Children's E-Newsletter*
- *UMOJA Newsletter*
- *and more!*

Vocational Ministry:

Whether you are a seminary student preparing for a life of service in the church, or a clergy-person already serving, DHM can facilitate your vocational call through a variety of means, including educational scholarship, Search and Call, spiritual formation resources, and much, much more.

Lay Leader Resources:

If you are a lay leader serving as Elder, Deacon, Sunday School teacher, Vacation Bible School director, and in another position of congregational responsibility we can help. Disciples Home Missions offers a variety of curricula and programs; as well as development, formation and worship resources. Many are freely available for download from our Website.

