

Silver Chalice Ministry – ensuring older adults are recognized at the table...  
**A message to Regions' leadership to join the movement!**

The Older Adult Ministries (OAM) working group deeply values the positive roles older adults can and do play in our Disciples congregations and organizations. OAM seeks to connect with constituents in striking down ageism, addressing other injustice issues, and building better models for the care and service of older adults in church and community. OAM has developed intergenerational educational programs, resources and activities for our churches and organizations.

A primary goal is the Silver Chalice designation all DOC churches and NBA-related facilities can earn. The purpose of the Silver Chalice Ministry is to encourage, support, and celebrate DOC congregations/organizations to live out their faith by caring, assisting, and utilizing the gifts and wisdom of older adults.

Achieving a Silver Chalice designation means the congregation has reached certain goals that add vitality, meaning and value to the life of older adults and the wider church. Promotion of Silver Chalice accomplishments are publicized by the denomination with recognition brought to the local church.

Won't you join in encouraging your Region's congregations to lift up the rights and visibility of older adults? Our Silver Chalice team is ready to guide and support Regions and churches on their journey of growing faith among all ages.

Silver Chalice congregations have experienced more meaningful interactions and relationships, while deepening faith journeys. For example, the webinar series begun in January, 2024, continues throughout the year with how-tos on contemplation, starting support groups, and intergenerational storytelling, all led by experts.

These tangible representations of commitment and acknowledgment inspire the formation of age-friendly Disciples Regions and congregations – attracting more intergenerational families and growing church attendance!

For details on the steps of the Silver Chalice designation click on the *Silver Chalice Overview and Outline*: <https://www.nbacares.org/resources/aging-in-faith-clergy-worship-resources-spiritual-care-older-adults/>

To become a Silver Chalice Region, join founding Regions: Mid-America and Florida. Look for us at General Assembly.

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*OAM has been working with NBA, DHM, The Oldtimers' Grapevine, and is in conversation with the National Convocation, NAPAD, and Obra Hispana to identify premier multi-generational congregations. OAM works with peer leaders intergenerationally through Gen On, Worship and Wonder, and Ministries Across Generations.*