



The Circle of Compassion

Week of
Compassion



WEEK OF COMPASSION Congregational Endowments

CERTIFIED CIRCLE OF COMPASSION CONGREGATIONS

Congregations that *have reached \$10,000 or more* in endowments with Week of Compassion.

CONTRIBUTING CIRCLE OF COMPASSION CONGREGATIONS

Congregations that are “on the way” to becoming Certified Circle of Compassion Congregations, having declared their intent to join and started an endowment for that purpose, *building toward the goal of \$10,000 or more.*

CIRCLE OF COMPASSION HERITAGE CONGREGATIONS

Congregations that created Circle of Compassion endowments of *\$10,000 or more as part of the dissolution of assets at closure*, in order to continue their compassionate mission after concluding their visible ministry.

BENEFITS to Congregations

CERTIFIED CIRCLE OF COMPASSION CONGREGATIONS

- Circle of Compassion Congregation logo for the church's website and other publications
- Recognition on the Week of Compassion website and brochures
- A video thank you message from the Week of Compassion Executive Director, personalized for the congregation, at reaching \$10,000 and every subsequent year in which the congregation contributes to its endowment
- Special recognition and events with other Circle of Compassion Congregations
- Access to a semi-annual conference call updating Circle of Compassion participants about the impact of their investments
- As valued participants, Certified Circle of Compassion Congregations are included in materials promoting the Week of Compassion Endowment
- The congregation can point to its own example of generosity and compassion in its stewardship, evangelism, and spiritual growth programs

CONTRIBUTING CIRCLE OF COMPASSION CONGREGATIONS

- Receive a Circle of Compassion membership certificate
- Access assistance from the Week of Compassion team in meeting the initial goal
- Participate in a semi-annual conference call updating Circle of Compassion congregations about the impact of their investments
- As valued participants, Contributing Circle of Compassion Congregations are included in materials promoting the Week of Compassion Endowment
- The congregation can point to its own example of generosity and compassion in its stewardship, evangelism, and spiritual growth program

CIRCLE OF COMPASSION HERITAGE CONGREGATIONS

- Fulfillment of Mission
- Recognition on the Week of Compassion webpage
- Listed as a Circle of Compassion Heritage Congregation in the Week of Compassion biennial report to the General Assembly
- The congregation extends its legacy of generosity and compassion by inspiring and reminding others that ministry stretches far beyond the walls of the church building.

ALL PARTICIPATING CONGREGATIONS BENEFIT FROM

- **PROVEN INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT AND FINANCIAL CONTROLS** - Funds are under the reverent care of the Christian Church Foundation
- **PARTNERSHIP WITH OTHER CONGREGATIONS** - minimizes risk, maximizes efficiencies, and shows the strength of Disciples stewardship and generosity
- **CREDIBILITY** - Because Week of Compassion and the Christian Church Foundation share core values of integrity, honesty, and transparency, an ongoing gift that supports Week of Compassion's ministry will be an example of your faithfulness long into the future.

THE FULL CIRCLE: A Lasting Impact for Week of Compassion

Fulfilling the Ministry OF COMPASSION - Participating in the Week of Compassion Endowment as a Circle of Compassion Congregation provides a scheduled, known source of funds that can be counted upon-providing the ability to respond immediately to those in need of a dose of compassion

Endorsing the Mission OF COMPASSION - Each participating congregation adds to the voice of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), proclaiming its commitment to wholeness in a fragmented world

Maximizing the Gifts FOR COMPASSION - Circle of Compassion Congregations free donated dollars to support acts of compassion during times of disaster, displacement, and enduring need. Endowment gifts may be used to cover some operating costs to help provide the infrastructure and staff support necessary to fulfill the Week of Compassion mission of equipping and empowering disciples to alleviate the suffering of others through disaster response, humanitarian aid, sustainable development.