



## Pentecost Talking Points

- Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will celebrate the 2016 Pentecost Offering on Sundays, May 15 and May 22.
- The theme for this year's special-day offering is "A Second Wind."
- The theme focuses on how the Disciples new church movement is experiencing a second wind. Since the creation of the 2020 Vision, Disciples have planted 934 churches in the United States and Canada. The goal is to start 1,000 new churches by the year 2020.
- Hope Partnership for Missional Transformation introduces a new video this year featuring new church planters Rebecca and Luke Sumner, pastors of Our Common Table, Everett, Washington. The video highlights how the Church is experiencing a second wind, with courageous leaders at the helm. All congregations are invited to view the video at [www.hopepmt.org](http://www.hopepmt.org)
- This year's Pentecost Offering message emphasizes that through the Holy Spirit, a Second Wind is energizing the Disciples new church movement, making it a vital force for sharing God's Word.
- 934 new churches have been started since 2001, when the Disciples introduced the 2020 Vision to start 1,000 new churches by 2020.
- As result of starting 934 new churches, Disciples have shared the gospel with more than 61,000 individuals, who may not have had a relationship with God.
- Every week 28 languages are spoken in Disciples congregations during worship.
- The Pentecost Offering supports the Disciples new church movement by making it possible for the Church to recruit, assess, train and coach new church leaders.
- One half the offering is dedicated to each respective Region or Area where the offering is taken, while the other half is used by Hope Partnership to support new church ministry.
- A gift to the Pentecost Offering supports the new church movement and helps new church pastors develop a clear vision and plan for their ministry.

**For more information about the Pentecost Offering or to access the Pentecost Offering video and other materials, visit [www.hopepmt.org](http://www.hopepmt.org) or call 800.274.1883.**

