## "Believe Again in a Deeper Hope"

## **2016 Christmas Offering**

"And his name will be the hope of all the world." Matthew 12:21

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Illinois & Wisconsin

## The Regional Staff is Truly There When You Need Them

In 2012 when our pastor retired, I was asked to chair the committee to hire an Intentional Interim Minister. I had no clue where to start! But the Regional Office Staff of the Disciples of Christ did! They set up a meeting with Christal Williams, a member of the Regional Staff whom we knew from many past contacts. She brought resource material, a written guide for the procedure, and gave us vital information for each step in the process. She walked us through each part of the process with loving guidance – resulting in a very successful Intentional Interim (and even a second one when it became needed!)

We could never have made it through the process without the help of our Regional Staff. We now have our settled pastor whom we love – again thanks to the help of Teresa Dulyea-Parker, Regional Minister.

The staff and volunteers in the Regional church serve local congregations and their leaders in times of transition and by—

- Promoting congregational transformation
- Starting new churches
- Providing awesome camps and youth events
- Offering mission opportunities
- Leading anti-racism training
- Creating global connections in Guatemala & other countries



**Thank you for giving** as generously as you are able to the ministries we share through the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Illinois and Wisconsin. Your gifts make a difference!

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