

## CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN OHIO

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST A COVENANT NETWORK OF CONGREGATIONS

## "What Gifts Shall We Bring?"

The Spiritual life is a great and unknown journey. Jesus is the light that guides us. The Holy Spirit is the power that moves us. Almighty God is the one who faithfully watches over us and reveals to us our purpose in life.

Walking the spiritual path is challenging, but it is often the most rewarding. Our Spiritual path brings meaning to our lives as we grow in discipleship and service, and grow in wisdom, compassion and love. As long as we stay faithful and actively participate in our spiritual journey, as long as we respond to God's call and as long as we spread love whenever and wherever we can follow is Christ's footsteps, our life is united to God. God rejoices in the gifts of something we can do as long as we give from our heart.

Through our Christmas Special Day Offering we support our Regional Church Ministry through gifts. This Offering goes totally to our own Region to help us witness together.

Whether it is Camp Christian, start New Churches, Stewardship, Pastoral care, Pastoral Search Committees or mission emphases to help local churches reach out through mission trips to the Gulf Coast, Chile' and now a new opportunity to partner as a Regional Church with the Disciples of Christ Community of the Congo in Boyeka.

Through our Regional Pastor Rev. Dr. William Edwards and Associate Rev. Stephen Bentley, staff and volunteers, Ohio Disciples are on the move and witnessing at home and around the world to the love and care of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

When we do things together as a Regional Church, we stretch the boundaries of our local congregations to be able to minister in ways and in places none of us could reach alone. It is in loving others, it is sharing our gifts, that we become free to receive the most precious gift of all...the grace, love and mercy of Christ in our own lives. The gift you decide to give will be the best gift God ever received. God always rejoices in what we have to offer him. Let us use 2014 Christmas Offering to ask "What Gifts Shall We Bring?" and give whole hearted support to our Regional Ministry together.