

- 2020 Christmas Special Offering

Rejoice

When they saw the star, they rejoiced
exceedingly with great joy.

Matthew 2:10

As partners in the ministry, the Regional Church and local congregations work together. The staff and volunteers in the Regional church serve local congregations and their leaders by:

- Starting new churches
- Providing engaging camps & youth events
- Helping congregations with their communication initiatives
- Creating global connections in Guatemala & other countries
- Leading anti-racism training
- Promoting congregational transformation
- Assisting congregations with telling Life Giving & Life Changing Stories
- Offering mission opportunities
- Providing a School for Ministry

The School for Ministry started out as a noble concept with a mission to prepare men and women to serve as Commissioned Ministers (DOC) and Lay Ministers (UCC) for the 21st Century. Now entering its third year of service, the School currently enrolls 19 students from all walks of life. At the end of their journey, they will earn a Certificate of Pastoral Ministry, awarded in a partnership with the School and Phillips Theological Seminary. We continue to prepare new shepherds to feed God's sheep in a world hungry for justice, love, and peace.

This is an example of how the Regional Church provides opportunities to equip leaders for Pastoral Ministry in our congregations. It is our goal to advance God's Kingdom together and show God's love. Your contribution in today's offering will help assist the Region in our continued progress. We're all in this together!

Thank you for sharing your fine gifts for the ministries we share through The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Illinois and Wisconsin. Your offerings make a difference! 100% of your gifts to the Christmas Offering support CCIW.



"Together Making Disciples of Christ"