

Give Generously to the Thanksgiving Offering on November 15 and 22!

In the midst of national and global challenges associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, our higher education institutions are facing unprecedented challenges and they need our support now, more than ever. Your gift to the Thanksgiving offering helps support these efforts in education and leadership formation. One example of this is the support and mentoring that Disciples students receive while attending a Disciples related college or university. Emma Drake, a student at Chapman University, shares what attending a Disciples related school means to her:

There are no words to express my daily gratitude for being an active part of the Disciples on Campus group. The Disciples of Christ has been present throughout my entire life, but I am especially thankful for it at college. I chose to attend a school on the opposite side of the country from my home. Even though it's what I wanted, feeling suddenly detached from everything I care about was absolutely terrifying. Our DOC leaders here are wonderful and they made sure I would always have a place to feel welcome. This community is an amazing safety net for anybody who needs it. My older brother is a part of DOC at Texas Christian University, and he encouraged me to be active because he knew how supportive it would be. Even though it's a little more difficult to feel connected to our Chapman DOC community during the pandemic and online school, we still have multiple weekly opportunities to see each other. Speaking from experience, people will still reach out to you even if you're too busy to go to events or you're feeling mentally overwhelmed. I have honestly never felt more surrounded by support and love from one community in my entire



Despite the current challenges they face, the fifteen colleges and universities and seven theological institutions in covenant with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) continue to encourage students like Emma in their intellectual pursuits and nurture them as leaders to transform church, society and world. The gifts received are an investment in our students and the work of our schools, and we thank you for your participation and continued support.