



Higher Education & Leadership Ministries

of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Dear Disciples,

Six times a year, the Christian Church reaches out to our congregations by way of Special Offerings in support of our General Ministries, the very foundation of our denomination's work and ministry. It is through these gifts that we are able to continue our work within the church at-large and beyond.

Since its beginning, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has pledged its dedication to the support of higher education. For 129 years Higher Education & Leadership Ministries (HELM), formerly the Division of Higher Education, has held the distinct privilege of providing support, nurture and funding in the denomination's realm of higher education. Currently, HELM partners with **15 colleges and universities**, and **7 seminaries and divinity houses**, all of which are associated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). In addition to these established partnerships, HELM is looking to expand its relationship with other schools and institutions to better serve the educational needs of all our Disciples.

We are thrilled to announce that 2023 has been a banner year for many of our institutions. Enrollment is up, programs are expanding, scholarships are increasing—excellent news all around! Growth, however, tends to mean added expense. For this reason, we ask for your generous financial support during this year's **Thanksgiving Offering** so that we can both continue supporting the needs of higher education and learning, and grow to meet the broader needs of our Disciples students.

It is HELM's mission to develop and nurture Christian leaders who are transforming church, society and world. Together, we can make this obtainable for all. Thank you for your generous donation.

With gratitude,

Rev. Dr. Tamara Rodenberg
President
Higher Education & Leadership Ministries

