



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 to 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 over 130 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 continues to explore relationships with other schools and institutions to better serve the educational needs of all our Disciples.

**Supporting our students is more important than ever.** Scholarship requests are increasing yearly for our colleges, universities, seminaries and divinity houses. For this reason, we ask for your generous financial support during this year's **Thanksgiving Offering**.

It is HELM's mission to impact the world by bringing students and resources together. With your help, we can accomplish not only this mission, but realize our vision to help students confidently and faithfully address the needs of our diverse communities today and tomorrow. Thank you for your generous donation.

With gratitude,

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

