

2020 Christmas Offering  
**REJOICE**  
A special day offering of  
Disciples Mission Fund



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

Matthew 2:10

Our finest gifts supporting the Ministries of our Region ~ Received December 13th & 20th in most Congregations

## **Christmas offering provides support for congregations to rejoice**

The covid-19 pandemic has created turmoil in nearly every aspect of our lives, which includes our congregations. Safely having worship, Bible study, and fellowship present a tremendous challenge. Regional staff has worked diligently to provide clergy and congregations information from the state Health Department and the Center for Disease Control.

Providing necessary assistance to congregations in conflict, giving guidance to Search Committees as they seek pastoral leadership, and providing support for clergy are critical responsibilities. Your giving to the Christmas Offering provides the resources that enable this vital work to be accomplished.

We will be hard at work in this time of transition, discerning what leadership will be in the context of the financial realities we face. It is a great opportunity to determine new and innovative ways to help our Michigan Disciples congregations grow and thrive, and to build a greater connectedness among the congregations that are the Michigan Disciples Regional Church, and embrace the power of the Holy Spirit to enable and inspire our mission and ministry.

We are committed to doing all we can to nurture you and spark your imagination as you work to develop new leaders, sustain the congregation, and discern and fulfill the ministry to which God has called you. Rejoice and be glad as you give as did the Magi when they gave their gifts to Christ.

You are encouraged to contribute to the Christmas offering. It is an investment in your church, the Regional ministry and the support your church receives in all its times. Thank you for your partnership.

Eugene James, Regional Minister