

# IMAGINE *God's Love* REVEALED

A special day offering of Disciples Mission Fund supporting the ministries of our Region



## God's Love Revealed ... Supporting our Pastors

The Commission on Ministry serves an essential process here in Michigan, walking with leaders through the process of becoming Ordained or Commissioned Ministers. They support ministerial candidates moving through the education and preparation process.

We currently have two candidates under the care of the Commission on Ministry as they begin their journey. During the coming years we will support them, knowing that one day soon they may very possibly be serving as pastor of one of our Michigan churches.

At this moment of Advent, anticipating the arrival of the Christ Child, it is appropriate to lift up those who come to follow Him. This includes our faithful clergy, including your pastor and the 65 other ministers under the care of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Michigan Region. 38 are serving Disciples congregations across the state, some are providing counseling and other ministries, while others are retired.

As Regional Minister it has been my privilege to work closely with our Michigan Disciples congregations, most often in assisting them in finding and calling ministers. It has been a special joy to ordain new ministers.

*Pastor Eugene James*, Regional Minister

Thank you for revealing God's Love in your offering to support the ministries we share through the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Michigan. Your offerings make a difference! 100% of your gifts to the Christmas Offering support our Region.

***"Together Making Disciples of Christ"***

## **We imagine God's love revealed when Jesus called disciples to follow him**

And we imagine God's love revealed when our Region nurtures persons for ministry preparing them for ordination and commissioning.

## **We imagine God's love revealed when Jesus drew his disciples into retreat**

And we imagine God's love revealed when our Region gathers children, youth, and adults in summer camps.

## **We imagine God's love revealed when the Apostle Paul cared for congregations and helped them find their leaders**

And we imagine God's love revealed when our Region provides care for our pastors, encouragement to lay leaders, and support in transitions.

## **We imagine God's love revealed when the early church found ways to break down racial, political, and economic barriers to form true community**

And we imagine God's love revealed when our Region assists pastors and congregations to honestly confront racism in our own time.

## **We imagine God's love revealed when a young couple in Bethlehem, overwhelmed by God's love, gave birth to one in whom they could see God's face**

And we imagine God's love revealed when we see the face of God in our neighbor, the stranger, and the refugee.

We invite you to share your gift to the Christmas offering supporting the ministries of our Region as we continue our witness to God's love in our midst.

Your gift to the Christmas offering supports the work of the Michigan Region, sustaining the life of our church. Thank you for providing your finest gift.

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