

NOW JUST WHAT IS DISCIPLE MISSION FUND...aka...(DMF)?

Disciples Mission Fund is the United Way for Disciples mission and ministry, outreach and service, for the Regional and General expressions of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada.

In the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Northern California-Nevada, ALL mission giving comes to and through the Regional Office at 9260 Alcosta Blvd. Suite C-22, San Ramon, CA 94583.

DMF is the strongest foundation Disciples have for supporting our mission/ministry work. It is the “bread and butter- meat and potatoes” that enables both Regional and General Church to pay staff salaries, create programs, equip and empower clergy and laypersons alike for individual and local congregational witness and service.

Most Disciples churches support DMF through %giving; that is, a certain percentage of all regular offerings are designated for DMF support. For many churches that is an historical tithe-10%; other churches give less and a few give more. Most churches send their DMF check on a monthly basis; a few on quarterly and a few once a year. The monthly support check is especially appreciated due to cash flow at the Regional and General Church level.

Here is how DMF funds are divided:

65% remains in the Region to support various ministries

35% is sent to Indianapolis for distribution to 11 General Units of General ministry. To view that list go to www.disciples.org

In addition to DMF % giving, there are four Special Day offerings:

Easter- 100% is sent to Indianapolis to support General Church ministries

Pentecost- 50% remains with CCNC-N to support Regional New Church Ministries;
50% is sent to Indianapolis to support General New Church Ministries

Thanksgiving- 100% is sent to Indianapolis in support of Higher Education and Leadership Ministries (HELM)-Disciples college, universities, seminaries and seminary houses

Christmas- 100% remains here to support CCNC-N ministries

In addition to DMF % giving and four Special Day Offerings, there are two other Special Offerings:

Week of Compassion- 100% is sent to the Indianapolis Week of Compassion office for distribution to disaster and development causes in the US & around the world.

Reconciliation- 50% remains with CCNC-N to support Regional Reconciliation programs and 50% is sent to Indianapolis to support General Reconciliation programs.

Finally, there can be special designated offerings such as Week of Compassion- Haiti Relief, Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, etc. 100% of those offerings go directly as they are designated.