

OCWM: Our Church's **WIDER** Mission

Financial contributions to the United Church of Christ and its ministries, contributed by individuals and congregations, is called "Our Church's Wider Mission."

The fundamental support of churches to the UCC is known as **Basic Support**. It works like this:

As **individuals**, church members give a portion of their income to their **congregations** through tithes and offerings. These funds enable ministry and mission that individuals can't do by themselves - things like:



- Faith Formation for Children, Youth and Adults
- Creative and Energizing Worship & Music
- Outreach to the Community
- Care and Support for our Church Family and Friends
- An Active Presence and a Voice for Issues of Social Justice

Congregations, in turn, give a portion of what they receive from members to the **Conference**, to enable ministry and mission that churches cannot do on their own, including:

- Consultation and Support for Congregations in Strategic Planning, Stewardship, Search & Call, and more
- Education for Ministers and Lay Leaders through the Conference Leadership Academy, Boundary Awareness Training, and Church Vitality Events
- Pilgrim Pines Camp Programs for Children and Youth
- A Voice and a Partner in Issues of Social Justice



Conferences then give a percentage of what they receive from local congregations to the **National Setting of the United Church of Christ**, to enable even broader ministry and mission, including:

- Resources for local churches, like stewardship materials, educational curriculum, worship and liturgical materials
- The Office of Ministerial Excellence, Support and Authorization, which provides denomination-wide resources and guidelines for the authorization of ministry
- A national and global voice and presence in matters of social justice
- Global partnerships for human services and ministries



Additionally, there are four **Special Offerings** of the United Church of Christ:

- **One Great Hour of Sharing** supports Church World Service and global relief
- **Strengthen the Church** provides support to the UCC's Local Church Ministries
- **Neighbors in Need** helps to fund the work of the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries
- **The Christmas Fund** provides resources to retired UCC clergy with low income

Basic Support and the Special Offerings together are called OCWM, or
Our Church's **WIDER Mission**

Churches who contribute to Basic Support and all four special offerings are "5 For 5" Churches

Thank you for your generous support!



**The United Church of Christ in
Southern California and Nevada**

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OF CHRIST**

