

Illinois Conference of the United Church of Christ
Rev. Char Burch, Acting Conference Minister

OUR COVENANTED FAIR SHARE GOAL SHEET FOR 2018

BASIC SUPPORT FOR OUR CHURCH'S WIDER MISSION (OCWM)

"... for during a severe ordeal of affliction, their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part." (2 Cor. 8:2)

As we witness disasters and violent tragedies, we see people of compassion, of faith and generosity. We are created in the image of God to be loving and giving souls. It's who we are as followers, congregations and the wider church.

As our churches witness to God's love with your service to others, your outreach to those without a faith community and your care for your faithful fellowship of saints, let us give to God by giving whatever we can to build God's church and spread God's gospel.

Our Body of Christ of the Illinois Conference needs your support and commitment to revitalize and revision the future of our life together. The Conference is called to serve you the churches. To do that we need your support of our ministries with and for you.

Thanks be to God for your generosity!

With Christ in service,
Rev. Dr. David Russell
Interim Associate Conference Minister for Stewardship and Church Vitality

In 2017, our community of faith contributed \$ _____ to OUR CHURCH'S WIDER MISSION (OCWM), which provides basic support for our conference and our denomination.

For the year 2018, we commit to the following:

____ Our community of faith accepts the call to tithe our budget and we will support the ministry and mission of the Illinois Conference and the United Church of Christ with contributions in the amount of \$ _____, which is 10% of our budget.

____ Our community of faith accepts the 2018 Conference Recommended Fair Share Goal and we will contribute to the ministry and mission of the Illinois Conference and the United Church of Christ the amount of \$ _____. (See reverse for determining your Fair Share Goal)

____ Although our community of faith is unable to accept the 2018 Conference Recommended Fair Share Goal, we will support the ministry and mission of the Illinois Conference and the United Church of Christ in the amount of \$ _____.

Signed: _____ Printed Name: _____

Leadership Position: _____ Date: _____

Church: _____ City: _____

Please return this form to: Rev. Dr. David Russell, Interim Associate Conference Minister, Illinois Conference of the United Church of Christ, 1840 Westchester Boulevard, Suite #200, Westchester, Illinois, 60154.

In order to arrive at our suggestion for your congregation's Covenanted Fair Share Goal for the year 2018, we used the formula listed below. However, if your contributions to Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) fluctuated in substantial amounts during the past three year, we suggested an amount that seemed appropriate.

If your church contributed less than 3.5% of your total 2017 budget to OCWM,

we invite you to increase your contributions to OCWM by .5% of your 2018 budget.

If your church contributed between 3.5% and 6.5% of your total 2017 budget to OCWM,

we invite you to increase your contributions to OCWM by 1.0% of your 2018 budget.

If your church contributed between 6.6% and 8.5% of your total 2017 budget to OCWM,

we invite you to increase your contributions to OCWM by .75% of your 2018 budget.

If your church contributed between 8.5% and 9.9% of your total 2017 budget to OCWM,

we invite you to increase your contributions to OCWM by .5% of your 2018 budget.

If your church contributed 10% and more of your total 2017 budget to OCWM,

we pray that you will continue to offer the same level of support in the year 2018.

If your church is not able to accept the recommended Fair Share Goal that we have suggested, please share with us the amount that you are able to offer as support for OCWM.

Once your church has determined the level of support that you will offer in 2018, please have the appropriate church officer sign the Fair Share Goal Sheet, and return the form to us.

Know that we thank God for you and whatever gifts you are able to offer. You and your ministry are in our thoughts and prayers.