Illinois Conference of the United Church of Christ  
Rev. Justo González II, Interim Conference Minister

OUR COVENANTED SHARE GOAL SHEET FOR 2019  
BASIC SUPPORT FOR OUR CHURCH’S WIDER MISSION (OCWM)

Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? (Is. 43:18-19a)

No kidding! New things are happening... God is constantly re-creating the world, us, and the church. I have used this quote several times in my letters to you pastors and you have probably preached on it yourselves.

New things are really happening among our churches in the Illinois Conference. We are starting new churches, other churches are declining, and other churches are revitalizing. The Illinois Conference itself is changing with some staff retiring, new leadership emerging and new initiatives like the Thriving Pastors in Revitalizing Congregations (Lilly Foundation) program are starting up.

As we start a New Year together, how can we support one another? How can we amplify what we do by working side by side? What can the Illinois Conference do with you this year, 2019, to help build God’s realm? We, your Illinois Conference, pledge to use your OCWM dollars to support and resource your local church. That’s our covenant for co-creating God’s new church.

On behalf of all our staff and resources, we remain faithfully yours,

Rev. Justo González II                   Rev. Dr. David Russell
Interim Conference Minister            Interim Associate Conference Minister
                                          for Stewardship and Church Vitality

For the year 2019, 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 2019 Conference Recommended Share Goal and we will contribute to the ministry and mission of the Illinois Conference and the United Church of Christ the amount of $ ____________________________.

___ Although our community of faith is unable to accept the 2019 Conference Recommended 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: ________________________________

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