



# Money Matters

ILLINOIS CONFERENCE  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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*Weekly Insights into generosity, Conference finances, and being stronger together.*

## RIP Medical Debt Relief

Rev. Molly Carlson

### Calling the ENTIRE Illinois Conference!

We have an exciting challenge that we can only possibly achieve if we work together. After all, we are **STRONGER TOGETHER**.

We have a challenge set to **relieve \$10M of medical debt** that is burdening our neighbors right here in Illinois. If we can **raise \$100,000** by the end of November, we have the opportunity to purchase debt through [RIP Medical Debt](#) in partnership with the national setting of the UCC. This amount of money can relieve \$10,000,000 of debt off the backs of our neighbors most in need. I know no better way to express our faith in practice!

I invite you each to give what you can – but better yet, motivate your congregation to give! If your congregation could raise \$10,000 – that would be \$1M of debt! If your missions committee could allocate \$1,000 – that would be \$100,000! If your Sunday School class could scrape together \$100 – that would be \$10,000 that another family will be freed from.

The United Church of Christ is committed to creating a just world for all – and how better to put this concept into practice than to lift the burden of medical debt, especially during this season of pandemic.

A great way to give THANKS. A great way to

celebrate the HOLIDAYS. A great way to live out our FAITH.

*Blessings,  
Molly*

P.S. Consider making a donation in the name of that family member that is hard to buy for – what a great gift!

# IL UCC MEDICAL DEBT RELIEF



PUTTING OUR FAITH TO WORK

## \$10M IN 10 WEEKS

- When the Illinois Conference of the UCC raises \$100,000, we can pay off \$10M in debt!
- Campaign runs through Annual Celebration, November 20, 2021.



## LEVERAGE EVERY DOLLAR



- By partnering with RIP Medical Debt, we can leverage our dollars 100 fold.
- National UCC will ADD to our donations stretching our gift even further.

## KEEP IT LOCAL

- RIP will purchase debt BY ZIPCODE and send notification letters acknowledging that these debts were paid by UCC neighbors.



## STRONGER TOGETHER



- The 240 churches and 60,000 members of the IL Conference can make a HUGE impact when we work together toward a Just World For All!

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*And we Celebrate!!!*

Burr Ridge United Church of Christ is now...  
**Burr Ridge Community Church!**

### **New Name - Same Us**

"We are still a United Church of Christ denomination, however, we feel our new name better reflects our commitment to **God's community.**"





Support the work of the  
Illinois Conference  
with your gifts today!

### Who we are

The Illinois Conference of the United Church of Christ is made up of all of the churches, members, clergy and covenant partners affiliated with the United Church of Christ in the northern half of Illinois.

▶ **DONATE NOW**

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