**Illinois Conference**

**2021 Medical Debt**

**Relief Campaign**

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**.

**SCAN ME TO LEARN MORE!**

Blessings,

Rev. Molly Carlson

Conference Minister

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

