

Report to the Illinois Conference Council

From: Wilbert O. Watkins, Tuthill Commission

Date: October 2025

Dear Members of the Conference Council,

I wanted to provide a brief update following the concerns noted in my August report regarding the distribution of Tuthill funds.

- **September 29, 2025** – Received an email from *Jennifer Shook* confirming that the Global Ministries check was received.
- **October 2, 2025** – Received a gracious thank-you letter from *Rev. Dr. LaMarco Cable* (President/CEO, Disciples Overseas Ministries/Global Ministries) acknowledging the Tuthill gift of **\$37,096.05**.
- **October 2, 2025** – Received an email from *Rev. Paula Bidle* confirming that the SIPAZ check was received from the Tuthill Commission and Illinois Conference.
- **October 3, 2025** – Received a gracious thank-you letter from *Rev. Bidle* (Treasurer, Servicio Internacional para la Paz) for the Tuthill gift of **\$9,032**.

In the past, Tuthill grantees have been asked to submit a 3–4 page progress report approximately nine months after funds were awarded. Given that these funds were distributed four months later than planned (September 29–October 2 rather than May 30, 2025), the Commission agrees that a February 2026 report is not appropriate in this case.

Recipients are, of course, welcome to reach out at any time with updates or questions.

A special work of thanks to Scott Peterson's communication and persistence over the last few weeks to ensure the Tuthill grant monies were finally distributed for 2025.

Peace and blessings,

Wilbert O. Watkins, Ph.D.

Tuthill Commission, Chair