

OCWM Basic Support

Pledge Process

Delegates to Annual Meeting will be asked to help their churches make a commitment to Our Church's Wider Mission Basic Support.

The completed church pledge forms should be brought to Prepared to Serve in February, and included in the offering, where they will be consecrated and dedicated. For a copy of the form, please visit: http://nhcucc.org/Documents/OCWM/OCWM_Pledge_Form.pdf.

Our Church's Wider Mission

Special Support

Each local church is also invited to participate in the following four United Church of Christ offerings each year:

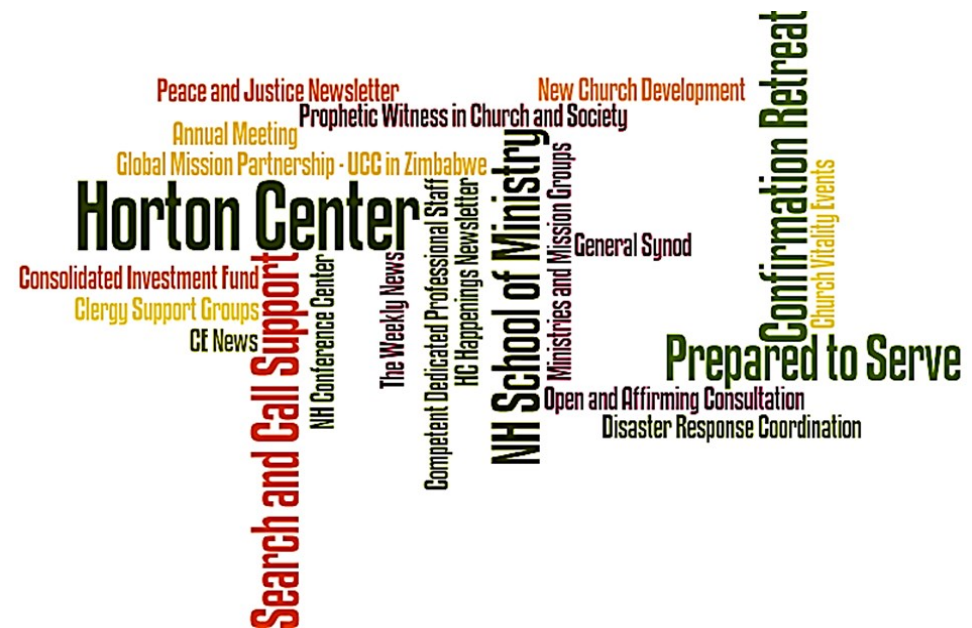
- **One Great Hour of Sharing**
- **Strengthen The Church**
- **Neighbors in Need**
- **The Christmas Fund**

OCWM Special Support also includes monies given to UCC-related seminaries, UCC Council for Health & Human Services Ministries, Global Mission partnerships, Association Fellowship Dues, and more. All gifts given to a UCC organization are classified as OCWM Special Support. To learn more about these special offerings or to order promotional materials, please visit www.ucc.org/ocwm_special-support.



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What is Our Church's Wider Mission?



Education about our covenant with Christ and one another is an on-going, life-long process. We realize that this brochure may generate new questions.

Please be in touch with your Conference staff, (603)225-6647, if you would like to discuss your church's participation in OCWM or learn more.

Our Church's Wider Mission

Basic Support

Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) Basic Support is all about covenant. It is an expression of financial commitment to the relationships that we share in the United Church of Christ. Gifts to OCWM Basic Support are often included in a local church's annual budget. These contributions are sent to the New Hampshire Conference to provide financial support to the wider settings of the United Church of Christ—right here in New Hampshire, in the United States, and in our global mission settings around the world. Congregations make a pledge to OCWM Basic Support and then submit their gifts to the Conference regularly (monthly, quarterly, annually) according to their own schedule.

OCWM Basic Support is the major revenue source that funds the ministries and mission of the New Hampshire Conference, United Church of Christ. About 60% of all Conference financial support comes directly from the local churches in OCWM Basic Support. It is important to remember that OCWM Basic Support is not just another bill to be paid; rather, it is opportunity to say,

"We belong to something larger than ourselves. Count us in!"

At its Annual Meeting in 2012, the Gathered New Hampshire Conference of the United Church of Christ adopted a resolution regarding OCWM Basic Support. It calls and challenges us to be generous in our giving:

"THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the New Hampshire Conference of the United Church of Christ encourages each local church to give at least 10% of its local expense budget through **Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) Basic Support** as an expression of the covenant we share;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that local churches be challenged to increase their annual giving to **Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) Basic Support** by 1% per year until they reach the level of the biblical tithe."

The New Hampshire Conference also seeks to be faithful to its covenant with the national setting of the United Church of Christ; and so, we give 40% of all OCWM Basic Support to the National Setting of the United Church of Christ in Cleveland. These gifts fund the national and global expressions of our denomination. We believe this is what God calls us to do: To honor and cherish the covenant we have with others.

Yes, we are all in this expression of the Church—the United Church of Christ—together. "Count us in!"