



Dear Pentecost Partner:

Planting a church can make a huge and lasting impression in the community it serves. Since its inception, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has proudly served its communities by proclaiming the Gospel, praying for the disenfranchised, caring for the poor, marching for social justice, empowering the oppressed and moving for hope and wholeness in a fragmented world. For this reason, **Churches Change the World... Start More!** is the theme for the 2017 Pentecost Offering.

As a Disciples church planter and the current Minister of New Church Strategies for Hope Partnership for Missional Transformation, I have personally witnessed the impact that a church can have in its community.

To date, the Christian Church has started **980** churches in the United States and Canada, thus sharing the gospel with more than 61,500 individuals since initiating the 2020 Vision in 2000. The goal is to start 1,000 new congregations in 1,000 different ways. Although we are close to accomplishing this task, we can't stop there. Planting 1,000 churches is just the beginning! We must continue our journey by setting our sights higher, equipping courageous leaders and planting even more churches.

I encourage you to **help actively change the world by supporting the Pentecost Offering** Sundays, June 4 and June 11. Each year, half of the offering is designated to your local Region/Area in an effort to start and sustain new churches. The other half is used by Hope Partnership to support the recruitment, assessment, training and coaching of new church leaders at events like Leadership Academy.

Thank you in advance for collecting the **Pentecost Offering on Sundays, June 4 and June 11**. Please find enclosed offering materials for your use. Visit **[www.hopepmt.org](http://www.hopepmt.org)** for additional resources including a two-minute video to share with your congregation on Pentecost Offering Sunday.

With your support, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will continue to change the world!

Sincerely,

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