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Dear Congregations,

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ! As we enter this season of Thanksgiving, I hope your congregation will participate in the Disciples Mission Fund Thanksgiving Offering taking place on November 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. **The Thanksgiving Offering benefits the colleges, universities and graduate theological institutions affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).**

Since the beginning of the movement, higher education has been a priority for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Alexander Campbell once said that *“churches and colleges go hand in hand in the progress of Christian civilization.”* Campbell’s belief and vision are still true today, and that legacy is reflected in the continued successes of our educational institutions. The fourteen colleges and universities and the seven theological institutions in covenant with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) encourage students in their intellectual pursuits and nurture them as leaders to transform church, society and world. Your congregation’s gift to the Thanksgiving offering helps support these efforts in education and leadership formation.

Enclosed are materials to help promote the Thanksgiving Offering. The gifts received are an investment in our students and the work of our schools, and we thank you for your participation and continued support.

Sincerely,

Chris Dorsey, President  
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