

Easter Offering

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John 15: 1-5

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“I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.” —JOHN 15:5 NRSV

As Disciples, we all benefit from the fruit, the gifts, of our general ministries.

These fruits are made possible only through the connections and support that grow in collaboration with our regions and congregations. This Easter, let us reflect on the transformative ways that we have been impacted by those ministries, and by the fruits of our shared work.

-  **Disciples Women** provides fruits like Bible studies, international journeys, and educational materials, to support and empower Disciples women everywhere, who, because of those gifts, can grow and spread the Gospel message.
-  So too can the Disciples who thrive in partnership with the **National Benevolent Association**, like young adult XPLORES Residents and health and social service leaders launching and sustaining ministries in their own communities and contexts.
-  **Disciples Home Missions'** fruitful branches include Disciples chaplains offering the touch of Christ beyond the Church walls, Refugee and Immigration Ministries offering refugee resettlement and advocacy for immigrants, and Disciples Volunteering connecting with local mission destinations.
-  Our general ministries abide in each other and in our shared call, by working closely with partners across the United States and Canada, and beyond. **Global Ministries** collaborates with community organizations around the world, and the **Council on Christian Unity** cooperates with ecumenical bodies to further the message of Christ's unending love.

Our general ministries provide other critical resources to Disciples congregations, like stewardship campaign materials, loans and financial services, and space for community building around shared values and traditions.

Our ministries can bear these fruits because of our shared root system. We are rooted in Christ. As one branch of our vine grows, we can share more fruit with more people, from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth.

This Holy Week let us give of our own fruits to tend to the whole. Our ministries grow through your tending, nurturing, and caring. Your gifts to the Easter offering can transform our shared work.



Find more stories from our general ministries and make a gift online at disciplesmissionfund.org.

