

## Special Offerings of the United Church of Christ

The Minnesota Conference participates in the following special offerings of the United Church of Christ:

**One Great Hour of Sharing** works with international partners to provide clean water, food, education, health care, small business micro-credit, advocacy/resettlement for refugees and displaced persons, and emergency relief. It also supports national and international ministries for disaster preparedness and response.

**The Christmas Fund** provides pension and health premium supplementation to low-income retirees, emergency assistance to clergy families in need and Christmas gift checks to hundreds of annuitants.

**The Neighbors in Need** offering supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the U.S. and Puerto Rico, the UCC's Council for American Indians (CAIM) as well as justice advocacy and direct service projects supported by Justice and Witness Ministries.

**The Strengthen the Church** offering supports leadership for new church starts and revitalizing congregations, programs for youth and young adults and leadership development. Gifts to Strengthen the Church have helped over 150 new and renewing churches since 2000. Conferences retain 50% of this offering for their own leadership development and church growth work.

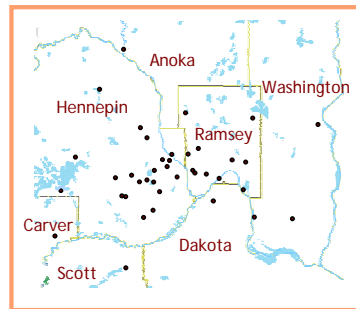
In 2008 56 churches in the Minnesota Conference were "5 for 5" churches. Throughout the year, these congregations gave to Our Church's Wider Mission and participated in all four of the special offerings listed above.

## Our Mission Centers

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Each of 138 Congregations  
In the Minnesota Conference



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*Your OCWM dollars, combined with per capita dues, earned interest, and endowed funds strengthen and support the following:*

## MINISTRIES IN MINNESOTA

- Churches and clergy – particularly during development
- Pilgrim Point Camp
- Annual Meeting and Annual Meeting Planning Work Group
- Conference Board of Directors and its Committees
- Teams in Faith and Spiritual Development,
- Prophetic Ministries, and an Immigration Task Force
- Communication with congregations, authorized ministers, and local church members by means of a weekly e-newsletter (COMMAntary), website ([www.uccmn.org](http://www.uccmn.org)) and periodic mailings
- Delegates to General Synod
- Administrative infrastructure for financial support and disaster response

- Ecumenical partnerships with Joint Religious Legislative Coalition  
Minnesota Council of Churches  
North Central Ministry Develop. Center  
Resource Center for Churches  
United Ministries in Higher Education

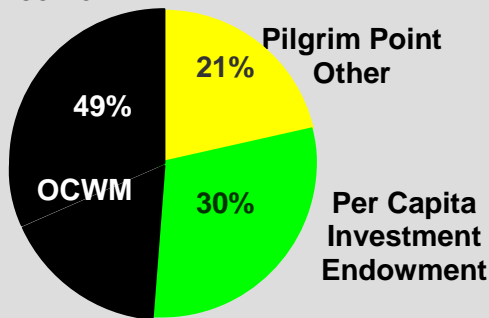
## NATIONAL & GLOBAL MINISTRIES

- New church starts
- Building loans and resources for capital campaigns
- Still Speaking and Congregational Vitality Initiatives
- Worship, music, and Christian education resources
- Stewardship and financial development training
- Social and environmental justice and human rights advocacy
- Ministries with partner churches in 85 countries, and through missionaries, mission associates and volunteers

AND MUCH, MUCH MORE!



For fiscal 2010 OCWM contributions from UCC Congregations in Minnesota comprise 49% of Conference income.



About two-thirds of the OCWM funds support ministries in Minnesota. The remaining third supports national and global ministries.

The fruit of these ministries are such things as:

- Sunday school lessons for kids
- Irrigation pipes in the desert
- Military chaplains in Iraq
- Volunteers reading to the blind
- New pastors for congregations
- New ways to worship
- Witness for peace on earth