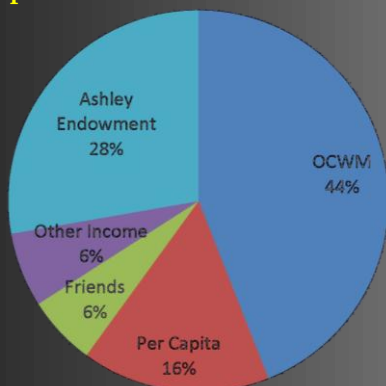


For 2011, OCWM contributions from UCC congregations in Minnesota comprise 44% of Conference income.



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

The fruits of these ministries are...

- Teach best practices to churches
- Health services for families in East Timor
- Vitality training for lay leaders
- New pastors for congregations
- Foster beauty in worship
- Financial support for local church mission trips
- And many more!



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 times of transition and with leadership development
- Pilgrim Point Camp
- Annual Meeting and Annual Meeting Planning Work Group
- Conference Board of Directors and its committees
- Vitality Initiative Pilot (VIP) project, Equipping Leaders for Generous Congregations training, annual Fall Leadership Convocation, etc.
- Communication with congregations, authorized ministers, and local church members by means of COMMAntary, the weekly e-newsletter of the Minnesota Conference, and the website, www.uccmn.org along with periodic mailings and face-to-face meetings
- 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 Development Center
 - Resource Center for Churches
 - United Ministries in Higher Education

NATIONAL AND 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 nearly 200 missionaries, mission associates, and 75 volunteers

AND MUCH, MUCH MORE

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 United States, 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.

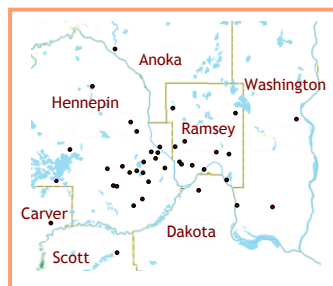
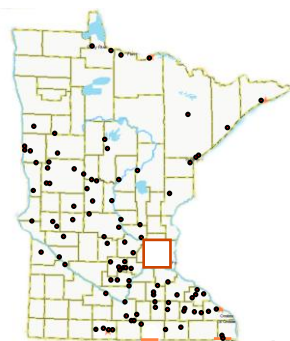
In 2009, 58 churches in the Minnesota Conference were "5 for 5" churches. Throughout the year, these congregations gave to Our Church's Wider Mission and participated in all four of the special offerings listed above.

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