



# Minnesota Conference

## United Church of Christ

### FROM THE TRANSITIONAL CONFERENCE MINISTER

Thank you!

The Minnesota Conference United Church of Christ gratefully acknowledges the financial support of every individual and congregation that has helped equip the Minnesota Conference to be a courageous church alive with Christ's transforming love.

In 2023, through financial gifts like yours, the Minnesota Conference provided important ministry to congregations as they continued to find new ways to worship, to learn, to serve, and strengthen church communities of faith. In 2023, we:

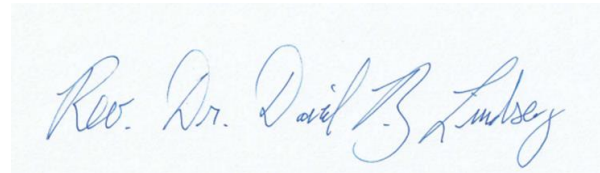
- Sparked courage and hope among our churches, pastors, and lay leaders through one-on-one visits and consultations
- Equipped a new generation of pastors and church leadership through educational opportunities with the Damascus Project and our Committee on Ministry
- Witnessed to justice and the call to meaningful action on issues our youth, adults, and congregations care deeply about
- Deepened connections amongst us with regional Covenant Days, the Small Church Collective, Communities of Practice for clergy, and in-person Annual Meeting
- Partnered with Crossroads Anti-Racism Organizing & Training to dismantle racism
- Accompanied churches facing difficult decisions about their future
- Assisted churches with pastoral searches and calling
- Offered grants to congregations ready to re-imagine their ministries and church life

In this report, we celebrate the support our individual donors have given their Conference and acknowledge those who choose to be monthly Sustaining Donors, as well as our Legacy Circle donors who have remembered the Conference in their estate planning. We give thanks for the planned gifts like the Ashley Foundation endowment to support our ongoing ministries.

We also celebrate those congregations who have supported Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM), Strengthen the Church, One Great Hour of Sharing, Neighbors in Need, and the Christmas Fund — the "5 for 5" churches — recognized by the United Church of Christ.

Your generous gifts made this entire ministry possible! Thank you so much.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rev. Dr. David B. Lindsey". The signature is written in a cursive style and is centered within a light blue rectangular background.

Rev. Dr. David B. Lindsey  
Transitional Conference Minister

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St. Paul's UCC - Henderson  
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