MINNESOTA CONFERENCE
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

2024 Generosity Report

God bless you for your generosity!

There is a lot of "together" represented in this Report.

Together is the theme of our Great Conference Get-Together, otherwise known as the Annual Meeting. Building on the call to "equip the saints for ministry together" from the letter to Ephesians, we know being together in a world gripped by division is a rare and precious gift.

Your generosity represented in gifts made to the Annual Fund, Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM), Special Offerings, Per Capita, Sustaining Donations, and Legacy gifts/promises show the power of "together."

Your giving also supports the Conference as it exercises its mission to bring people together to confer. In our congregational tradition we know the Holy Spirit is best discerned when we are together as a body.

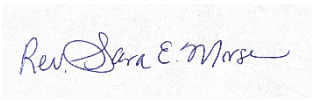
While we may have one annual Great Conference Get-Together in between your giving facilitates other get-togethers such as our Young Adult Cohort Get-Together on the southern border this past January.

A group of seven young adults from six congregations traveled to Sahuarita, Arizona, to be part of *Common Ground on the Border*. This three-day gathering hosted by Good Shepherd United Church of Christ, brought together over 200 people from around the country to explore the theme "From Border to Belonging."

The group learned about the complicated issues that collide in the US/Mexico borderlands, a place that has always been a beautiful mix of culture, language, economies, and people. The gathering also provided a strong call to compassion and engagement for people of faith to find the borders within their own communities and create communities of belonging, safety, and hospitality.

Because of your generosity the MN Conference gathers people to learn, to stand, to act – together. Thank you!

All good things,



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This year, and in the future, we add a new category of Legacy to recognize and honor the gifts from congregations that have concluded their ministry. We gratefully acknowledge the following churches for the legacy they have left to support the on-going ministries of the MN Conference.

2023
Mizpah UCC - Hopkins
Prairie Community Church- Lester Prairie
New Ulm UCC- New Ulm
Sandstone UCC - Sandstone

2024
First Congregational- Pelican Rapids

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We gratefully acknowledge the following churches for their covenantal financial support of the ministries of the Minnesota Conference in 2024. Church names in **BOLD** are *5 for 5 congregations*, supporting Our Church's Wider Mission and the four special offerings of the UCC (United Church of Christ): Strengthen the Church, Neighbors in Need, One Great Hour of Sharing, and the Christmas Fund.

First Congregational UCC – Aldrich
First Congregational UCC - Alexandria
First Congregational UCC - Anoka
First Congregational UCC - Appleton
First Congregational UCC - Austin
St. James UCC - Barnesville
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St. Croix United Church- Bayport
Community UCC - Biwabik
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First Congregational UCC of Brainerd
United Faith Community - Buffalo
Zoar UCC – Chaska
Cottage Grove UCC- Cottage Grove
St. Paul's UCC - Delano
Congregational Church of Detroit Lakes UCC
Pilgrim Congregational - Duluth
Peace UCC - Duluth
Morningside Hills UCC- Edina
Chapel Hills UCC - Edina

Union Congregational UCC - Elk River
The Congregational Church - Excelsior
First Congregational UCC - Fairmont
St. John's UCC - Fairmont
Falcon Heights Church UCC – Falcon Heights
St. John's UCC - Faribault
Congregational Church of Faribault UCC
The Federated Church - Fergus Falls
St. Matthew's UCC-Forest City
United Church of Christ Gaylord
First Congregational UCC - Glencoe
First Congregational UCC - Graceville
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Granite Falls UCC- Granite Falls
Union Congregational Church UCC – Hackensack
St. Paul's UCC - Henderson
New Journey UCC - Hutchinson
Faith UCC - International Falls
Zion UCC - Le Sueur
St. Paul's Evangelical Church - Lewiston
First United Church - Little Falls
Peace United Church - Long Prairie
First Congregational UCC - Mankato
Bethlehem UCC - Maple Lake
The United Church - Mapleton
Grace UCC - Millville
First Congregational Church of MN – Minneapolis
Living Table UCC - Minneapolis
Lyndale Congregational UCC - Minneapolis
Lynnhurst Congregational UCC - Minneapolis
Creekside UCC - Minneapolis
Peace UCC - Minnesota Lake
First Congregational of Moorhead
St. John's UCC - New Albin, IA
United Church of Christ, New Brighton
First Congregational UCC - New York Mills
First United Church of Christ – Northfield
Friedens UCC - County Line Church, Norwood Young America
St. John's UCC - Norwood Young America
The Associated Church - Owatonna
Scambler Union - Pelican Rapids
St. Paul's UCC – Plato
First Congregational UCC - Princeton
Robbinsdale Parkway United Church of Christ
The Congregational UCC - Rochester
Peace UCC - Rochester
United Church of Christ - Saint Charles
Peace UCC - Saint Cloud

Union Congregational UCC - Saint Louis Park
Hazel Park Congregational UCC - Saint Paul
Macalester Plymouth United Church - Saint Paul
St. Anthony Park UCC - Saint Paul
St. Paul's UCC - Saint Paul
Cherokee Park United Church - Saint Paul
Olivet Congregational Church - Saint Paul
First UCC – Sauk Center
New Spirit UCC - Savage
Wabasha UCC
First Congregational UCC - Wadena
Community Church of Walker
Circles of Faith UCC - Waubun
Wayzata Community Church
Zwingli UCC - West Concord
Parkview United Church of Christ - White Bear Lake
First Congregational UCC - Winona