

Dear CDC Delegates and Annual Meeting Participants,

Thank you for your participation in worship, fellowship, and discernment. One decision that we always make at Annual Meeting is the approval of a spending plan. Next year's spending plan represents a 10% increase from our 2025-2026 spending plan. Much of this increase is due to including the Associate Conference Minister's expenses in the spending plan. For the last three years, this has been covered by the *Tending Transformation Campaign*.

In December of 2021 the CDC Board initiated a three-year, \$350,000 *Tending Transformation Campaign* that focused on the following four goals:

- ⌘ Support a part-time Associate Conference Minister to resource emerging communities of faith
- ⌘ Develop a Grant Program to support emerging communities of faith
- ⌘ Provide clergy development grants and seminary scholarships for current and future pastors
- ⌘ Provide support for a Missional Activities Fund.

As of May 22, we have received \$345,000 with an additional \$6,500 in outstanding pledges. We are grateful for the generosity of over 100 donors that made this possible!

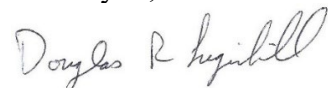
In January of 2023, Matt Prichard began as our Associate Conference Minister. Matt and our Missional Church Committee have provided excellent leadership to two emerging communities of faith; Moveable Feast, Chicago, IL and The Intention Church, a completely online congregation. Matt has also been an excellent support to some of our newer congregations and congregations who are seeking renewal or revitalization.

Matt's ministry and the work of the Missional Church Committee are helping us meet our overall mission as a conference including "Supporting missional partnerships that make God's reign visible and fostering ministries of evangelism, peace, healing, and hope."

The CDC Board is committed to continuing the Associate Conference Minister position into the future. **Through a slight increase in requests from congregations and increasing our individual contributions from \$50,000 to \$66,000 (a 32% increase), we believe we can fund this position through our annual Spending Plan.**

Enclosed is an outline of a strategy that will help us meet our Spending Plan. Please consider being one of our supporters that will help us reach our Spending Plan goal. Gifts can be made online at [www.mcusacdc.org](http://www.mcusacdc.org) or send checks payable to Central District Conference to Central District Conference, PO Box 1199, Goshen, IN 46527-1199.

Thank you,



Doug Luginbill for the CDC Board of Directors

P.S. See the enclosed stories from members of emerging congregations to learn how they are experiencing faith in these new communities.