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PENTECOST OFFERING 2012

CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

"When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place… They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. (Acts 2: 1, 3-4; NIV)

It is time in the life of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), to receive another Special Day offering. These offerings are received on special days because they provide ministry through the church in special ways. The Pentecost Offering aides in the establishment of new congregations; the recruitment, assessment, training and coaching of new church pastors, spouses and core team members to serve. For the past 12 years we have operated with a mandated emphasis. We have established 730 new churches with 45,000 members. We have recruited and trained 1,300 persons who are pastors, pastors' spouses, and core team members to be and to spread the good news of Jesus Christ across these United States. One half of the offering will go to the General Church to support the New Church initiative and one half will go to your Region to assist your new church programs.

It was after prayer and a true togetherness, the followers of Jesus were blessed with the gift of the Holy Spirit. This was indeed the birth of the church. The church began with prayer and continues to thrive because of prayer. Therefore we ask you to pray for the church, the pastors and leaders of our new churches and give generously to the Pentecost Offering on May 20 or May 27 to support the ongoing mission of the Church. God loves happy givers. Amen.