



**Report of the Ministry of Reconciliation
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**

Reconciliation Ministry Report to the National Convocation Biennial Session 2020

Reconciliation Ministry is grateful to present this report to the National Convocation in its 2020 Biennial Session. Below please find highlights of our equipping and development efforts toward our anti-racism and pro-reconciling mission.

Anti-Racism Education:

Training continues to be one of the most visible resource and offering of Reconciliation Ministry. In both the volume and the variety of content, a surge of requests for anti-racism education persists. To that end, in partnership with Lexington Theological Seminary, we are able to expand our educational offering to an interactive and online distance learning model. This offering has been accepted by many of our Regional Commissions on Ministry in a collaborative effort to support clergy in their anti-racism and pro-reconciliation standing requirements.

New partnerships and supporters have also emerged in our effort to support leadership development and anti-racism education. A recent gift from the Pension Fund has been designated to support clergy education.

Equipping – Leadership Development:

In our effort to advance our mission in this third decade of the 21st century, Reconciliation Ministry sponsored an online Transforming Community Conferencing event. We engaged the consultancy services of Rev. Dr. David Anderson Hooker, Associate Professor of Peace Studies at the Kroc Institute at Notre Dame and principle of CounterStories LLC where his work focuses on narrative alignment. This “conferencing” model has helped our judicatories begin to integrate their Pro-Reconciliation and Anti-Racism (PRAR) mission with their process and narrative. Essentially, this conference began the process of future-ing our stated identity and creating the tools be who we say we are. This conference was supported by an Oreon E. Scott grant.

Granting:

In addition to our annual granting cycle, Reconciliation Ministry was honored to launch the **Ernest Joshua Newborn, Sr. Peacebuilder Legacy Grant** program. This new grant program serves to honor Dr. Newborn’s legacy by providing seed monies for small one-time anti-racism programs that need a financial catalyst to launch. We covet gifts to this fund.