

The **national setting of the United Church of Christ** prayerfully considers and applies the gifts forwarded to them; emphasizing God's continuing testament in the world, the extravagant welcome of our churches, and transformed lives.



Because we believe in God's continuing testament in the world, we...

- Take Stands for Justice and Peace
- Proclaim God is Still Speaking
- Communicate the UCC Message
- Help Local Churches Call Pastors
- Gather for General Synod
- Vision and Plan the Future of UCC Mission
- Nurture Those Discerning A Call to Ministry

Because we believe in extravagant welcome, we...

- Respond to Disasters and Human Tragedies
- Feed the Hungry
- Send Help Around the World
- Nurture Ecumenical & Interfaith Relationships
- Care For Our Retired UCC Clergy and Spouses

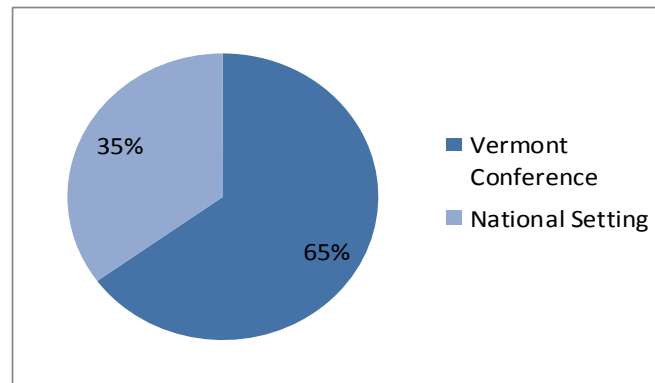
Because we believe in transforming lives, we...

- Raise Our Children in Faith
- Equip Leaders For Children's and Youth Ministries
- Foster Beauty in Worship
- Support Clergy in Their Ministries
- Provide Financing For New Church Starts and Church Buildings
- Provide Administrative Services to the Church

Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) and the Vermont Conference



The Staff and Board of Directors of the Vermont Conference wish to thank our churches for their contributions toward Basic Support for Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) and the mission and ministries they make possible.



Sixty-five percent of OCWM giving remains in Vermont for ministries to and on behalf of local churches.

Thirty-five percent goes to the United Church Of Christ for ministry in the United States and in the world.

This brochure shows some of the ministries made possible by your contributions.

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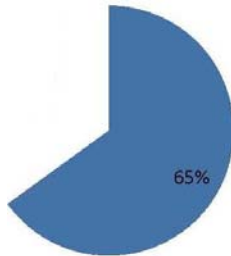
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Our Church's Wider Mission
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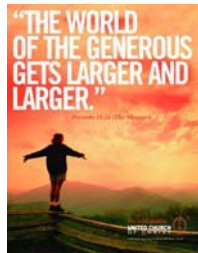
Our Church's **Wider Mission (OCWM)** is the name we give to individual and congregational gifts that support the missions and ministries of the Vermont Conference and national setting of the United Church of Christ. Each year at Annual Meeting, delegates vote on the distribution of those gifts.

For the past few years, 65% has been voted to remain here in Vermont for the work of your Conference, while 35% is forwarded on to the national setting.



Here are some of the things supported by **OCWM** in our Vermont setting of the United Church of Christ:

- **Search and Call:** the average search process costs the Conference about \$8,000!
- **Resources and Training – Stewardship**
 - Narrative Budgets
 - Stewardship Campaigns
 - Year Round Stewardship
 - Planned Giving and Capital Campaigns
- **Resources and Training – Faith Formation**
 - Support to Christian Educators
 - Northeast School of Ministry
 - New England Association of United Church Educators
 - Youth Ministry, including National Youth Events
 - Support for Covenant Hills Christian Camp



- **Congregational Vitality Events** - including, in recent years: Diana Butler Bass, Social Media, New Keys for an Old Door, and Recalculating the Way

- **Support to Our Pastors** - with things like: Minister's Convocation, New Pastor Support Groups, Interim Ministry Gatherings, and support for when Pastors need a Pastor.



- **Intra-state Mission and Ministry Support:**



- Vermont Low Income Advocacy Council
- Summer Lunch Program
- Atkinson Residence for the Retired
- Prison Justice
- Peace Advocacy
- Disaster Planning and Response

- **Communications and Resources:**

- Email newsletters, surveys, on line registrations
- Internet hosting and access, search engines, calendars
- Resource Center operation and new resources

- Work of the Conference Committees:

- Ministerial Standing and Standards
- Finance and Investment
- Ministerial Compensation

and so much more!