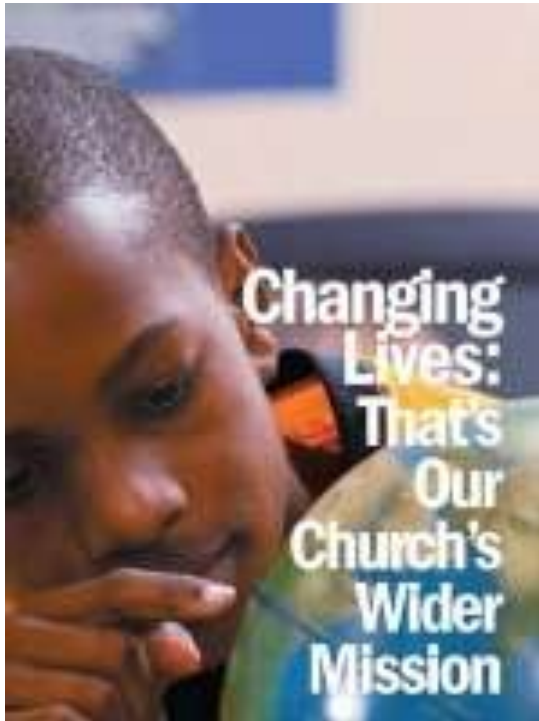


Our Church's Wider Mission ~ ~



Our Church's Wider Mission is the name we use to describe the work we do as the United Church of Christ beyond the local church—through our Conferences, national ministries, and UCC-related institutions. Our Church's Wider Mission is also the name we give to the financial support given by UCC members and congregations that makes this broader mission possible.

Congregations are central to the ability of The United Church of Christ to do mission in local communities, within the United States and internationally. As a congregation works in its own community, it is a representative of the entire denomination and embodies the UCC in that place. And when a congregation determines its giving to Our Church's Wider Mission, there is a direct impact on levels of funding for the Conference and national ministries. Every local congregation

has a responsibility to be aware of opportunities for local mission and to be knowledgeable about the work underway by its own Conference and by the national ministries.

Our Church's Wider Mission, often referred to simply as OCWM, has two parts: OCWM [Basic Support](#) and OCWM [Special Support](#) (Special Mission Offerings).