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Christian Church Foundation

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We are pleased to share this report with the General Board, highlighting the strength of the Christian Church Foundation, Inc. (Foundation) and our commitment to assist donors and Disciples ministries in funding the church's work in the world. In 2025, ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) received \$12.7 million in distributions from permanent funds and other gifts entrusted to the Foundation. Additionally, more than 800 partner ministries (congregations, regions, general ministries, institutions of higher education, and other Disciples organizations who jointly invest their long-term financial assets alongside the Foundation) received \$21.2 million in Income distributions to support the church's work in the world.

At the end of 2025, the Foundation held \$1.37 billion in total assets under management. The Foundation's strong financial position continues to undergird the multifaceted work of the church, and for that we give thanks to God.

In addition to reaching a new record for assets under management in 2025, we also recognized the Rev. Gary W. Kidwell as Christian Church Foundation President Emeritus. Celebrating the breadth of his leadership and the Foundation's significant growth during his 21-year ministry as President, we presented him the honor during the Foundation's General Assembly dinner in Memphis, TN.

As we look to the year ahead, the Foundation will embark on a strategic planning process that will survey our church's changing landscape and identify ways to adapt elements of our ministry to best serve our church today and tomorrow. This process will explore challenges facing the church such as the increasing rate of closure among Disciples congregations and changes to donor behavior in general as well as those influenced by an evolving U.S. tax code. These challenges affect the whole church, and the Foundation seeks to be a partner in addressing these issues.

It seems like everything the Foundation does is a story of collaboration. We do not exist for ourselves, but to provide support for every part of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). One story from last year is worth highlighting: a donor wished to establish a permanent fund designed to help rectify generations of pain. He learned his Virginia ancestors had enslaved the ancestors of African American families who currently live in the same area. As a response, he wanted to create a scholarship fund that would provide educational support to Black students in rural Virginia. He spoke with his Foundation development officer who connected him with key church leaders from Virginia. Today, a permanent fund has been created and is making distributions to a Disciples ministry providing scholarships and empowering new generations. The Foundation was privileged to play a small part in collaborating and connecting those who could make this dream a reality.

Finally, we want the General Board to know the Christian Church Foundation exists to support our whole church, including your congregation. Let the Foundation's experience with nurturing planned gifts support your ministry's long-term vision. We are here to serve by gathering, stewarding, and distributing dollars for mission.

We are grateful to be your partners in ministry,

Matt Rosine, President