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Disciples Church Extension Fund General Board Report

For more than 140 years, Disciples Church Extension Fund has empowered the creation of holy places—spaces for connection, transformation, and ministry across the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and beyond. Our services have evolved into a holistic approach that helps established, emerging, and affiliating ministries discern their next spiritual, financial, and physical steps.

An accomplishment from 2025

We ended 2025 with a strong financial position, enabling us to support the Church through seasons of growth and uncertainty. The following were key contributors:

- Increased net assets by \$7.4 million. *
- Maintained an 88% investor retention rate.
- Approved more than \$22 million in new loans for 38 ministries. *
- Completed the New Ways into the World campaign, raising more than \$5.3 million and placing more than \$3.5 million with the Christian Church Foundation.
- Assisted with 16 building disasters, from minor repairs to complex reconstruction projects.
- Partnered with Obra Hispana to launch *Academia de Plantación de Iglesias* through New Church Ministry.
- Collaborated with Ohio and Florida Regions to conduct capital fundraising campaigns, supporting local and regional initiatives.

*Unaudited numbers

A hope for 2026

We look ahead with confidence as Rev. Dr. Courtney Stange-Tregear becomes our President and Chief Executive Officer on March 2, 2026. Her mission-driven leadership, strategic vision, and deep commitment to ministry will build on our strong foundation and develop partnerships to boldly move us into the future.

Key priorities:

- Strengthen denominational partnerships.
- Expand planning and consulting services.
- Increase access to lending and investment tools.
- Support disaster readiness and facility resilience.
- Enhance service to historically under-resourced ministries.

Challenges ahead

Change is constant, but we move forward without fear, trusting God's guidance. The coming year will bring both challenges and opportunities, and we remain committed to supporting the Church with resilience, faithfulness, and clarity of purpose. We trust that blessings will outweigh obstacles as we continue to discern the path forward.

A story of collaboration with another part of the church

In 1993, Central Rocky Mountain Region and Heart of the Rockies Christian Church (HRCC) purchased 11 acres of land that they aspired to share with the community. In 2025, they made their aspiration a reality with the opening of Heartside Hill—and we accompanied them along the way from the building of their first church building to today's milestone project.

"It has been a pleasure to work with the Disciples Church Extension Fund (DCEF) ministry in designing, raising local funds, and supplementing our resources through loans to accomplish God's vision for Heart of the Rockies

Christian Church of Fort Collins,” shares Gordon Thayer, HRCC’s treasurer and who serves on Heartside Hill’s steering and building project teams. “The flexibility and support of DCEF have been essential to realizing the dream this congregation has cherished for 25 years!”

HRCC donated 8.5 acres of land and partnered with CARE Communities, Fort Collins Habitat for Humanity, and L’Arche Northern Colorado to create an affordable, inclusive neighborhood, including 72 one-to four-bedroom units in six apartment buildings, nine single-family homes, and two forever homes for people with intellectual disabilities.

Our most recent participation was financing HRCC’s portion of the Heartside Hill Community Center build, a multipurpose programming space, and their church renovation project.

In the summer of 2025, we celebrated with them the completion of the apartments and community center, surrounded by playgrounds, outdoor gathering spaces, walking paths, and community gardens. As HRCC looks to the future, it envisions the Habitat and L’Arche home complex to be finished by 2030 and an early childhood education center construction project on the horizon. And, when they need us, we’ll be there to assist.

Full story here: [Affordable housing is out of reach for many. This Disciples church is changing that. - Disciples Church Extension Fund](#). More impact and collaboration stories available at [disciplescef.org/blog](#) and [newchurchministry.org/blog](#).

Something you desire each member of the General Board to take back to their local congregation about your General Ministry

We are a ministry of accompaniment, committed to stewarding God’s resources that support congregations and ministries in moments of uncertainty, growth, and crisis.

Our services are grounded in genuine partnership, available, and accessible:

- Investments that strengthen personal and congregational financial health.
- Loans that unlock transformative opportunities.
- Planning services that guide ministries to reimagine their work.

Your advocacy helps ensure that your congregation accesses resources that bring possibilities. We encourage you to reach out when planning or facing facility or ministry challenges to see how we can help. We are here to build, renew, discern, cry, and celebrate with you.

Together, we can be a *movement for wholeness in a fragmented world*, trusting God and embracing change.