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Division of Homeland Ministries, dba Disciples Home Missions (DHM), traces its history and legacy back to the early days of the Stone-Campbell Movement, when the first commitment was made for congregations to engage in coordinated mission work. We continue to hold to the following three priorities in shaping and guiding our ministry.

- Mission – Engaging in coordinated missions on behalf of the whole church.
- Advocacy – Acting and speaking to promote greater justice and mercy.
- Programs – Providing innovative programs and resources to congregations, regions, clergy, and laity.

Mission • Advocacy • Programs

Accomplishments from 2025

In 2025, DHM launched both Disciples Mission HUB and Disciples Advocate as online church-wide platforms.

Disciples Mission HUB

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has over 2,800 congregations throughout the U.S. and Canada. Many congregations are engaged in meaningful and impactful ministries in their local communities. It is vital that we find ways to connect congregations and regions to learn from one another, network to expand our mission and outreach, and share the life-changing love of God.

The Disciples Missions HUB seeks to do just this. This HUB is available to both individuals and congregations seeking to connect and network from their doorsteps to their local communities, and beyond. Housed at www.disciplesmissionhub.org, the HUB is an online platform that includes:

- A volunteer portal that connects congregations and individuals to Disciples affiliated volunteer opportunities throughout the U.S. and Canada. **(HELPING)**
- A platform for education and mission resourcing that offers webinars, e-learning content and downloadable content on mission-related topics, funding opportunities, and good news about what congregations are doing. **(UNDERSTANDING)**
- A networking community that provides online networking spaces for cohorts to communicate experiences, share best practices, and get tips on how to get started in key local missions work. **(BEING)**

Disciples Advocate

In 2025, DHM relaunched Disciples Advocate as a distribution channel and a connection space that empowers Disciples Home Missions to bring a coordinated approach to promoting greater justice and mercy in the world. Disciples Advocate is intended for congregations, Regions, clergy and laypeople, General Ministries, and our partners. By amplifying the work of scholars, activists, community organizers, and church members at work on the frontlines of justice, we are deepening our connections, elevating opportunities, and serving God in new and exciting ways. It is located at www.disciplesadvocate.org.

What is a Disciples Advocate?

- Someone who cares deeply about justice issues and making the world a more compassionate place.
- Someone who engages in advocacy through voice and actions to promote lasting change in policy and practice.
- Someone committed to educating themselves and others around a variety of justice issues.
- Someone willing to be in solidarity with the oppressed and committed to amplifying the voices of marginalized communities.

The platform connects Disciples Advocates through:

- Monthly Email Updates with articles from partners, invitations to events, and advocacy toolkits.
- The Disciples Advocate WhatsApp Community with five distinct groups
- Disciples Advocate Digest weekly videos amplifying resources
- A gathering space on the Disciples Leadership Network
- Sharing something with the community via the integrated form on our website.

Other Highlights from 2025

- Fifty-Five Disciples Interims participants were trained in the Interim Ministry Basics and Family Systems Theory sessions.
- We hired Jonathan Fisher as the new Director for Chaplaincy and Specialized Ministries in 2025. There are currently 356 members of the Disciples Chaplains Association. Ten new chaplains were endorsed in 2025.

- Black Ministers Retreat was held in Charleston, South Carolina.
- The C.A.R.E. team designed two new resources for children and their leaders: C.A.R.E. Sundays and “Hey, Imago Dei!”
- Children Worship & Wonder as it officially made its transition to Children Worship Wonder & Welcome. The Director, Rev. Laura Ann Phillips, began in June 2025. A new hybrid model of training was developed and implemented for 36 additional storytellers, and new video modules were filmed of trainers for use on Disciples Leadership Network.

Hope for 2026

In 2026, we hope to launch the third of our major platforms to further help promote learning and faith formation across the life of the church. Stay tuned! There’s more to come!

Challenges Ahead

We continue to see challenges in funding streams. Given that we are heavily dependent upon DMF, the decline in DMF presents a significant challenge for us. We also recognize the challenges associated with providing programs and services to clergy, laypersons, regions, and congregations. The needs are great. We remain hopeful that our innovative approaches to ministry can still make a difference.

Collaboration

DHM collaborates with many different parts of the church. Recently, we did six “mission pop-ups,” where we visited congregations and ministries to interview members about some of the great work they are doing in local missions within their communities. Videos from these pop-ups are available on the www.disciplesmissionhub.org website.

- University Christian Church in Austin, TX
- Southwest Good Samaritan Ministries
- Ridglea Christian Church in Fort Worth, TX
- In the Spirit Christian Church in Tulsa, OK
- First Christian Church in North Hollywood, CA
- Church of the Foothills, in Orange, CA
- Christian Church in Nebraska

Other examples of collaboration include:

- DHM’s Green Chalice continues to be a partnership with the Christian Church in Kentucky.
- We partnered with NBA to produce an Adulting 101 Webinar series on managing finances for youth and young adults.

- We continue partnering with DOM in key justice areas including Thursdays in Black; a tour of the Civil Rights Museum in Memphis; and many others
- Our Congregational Vitality and Innovation Ministry continues collaborating with Lexington Theological Seminary on their Thriving Congregations Initiative

We want every General Board member to know that DHM remains committed to serving the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), and we continue to focus on mission, advocacy, and programs!

We look forward to all the ways we continue to partner with the wider church in being a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world!

Humbly and faithfully submitted,

Chris Dorsey,
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