

# Help the RMC Turn Dollars Into Change!

In 2016, about 80% of RMC churches sent OCWM Basic Support to the Conference. Unlike mission-directed giving, such as One Great Hour of Sharing, Basic Support allows us to faithfully retain a staff that provides necessary guidance and resources to support the health and vitality of our churches. Without Basic Support, these services wouldn't exist.

Basic Support is a covenant: The Conference does everything it can to enrich local churches, and in return, churches send funds to make it possible. As a covenanted people, we are concerned with the well-being of our churches, so we support every RMC church, regardless of how much they've given. This is where it gets tricky, though: Even when 20% of churches give \$0 (as in 2016), these churches still need and receive the same support as churches who gave generously.



**"I didn't realize how much we needed Conference until we REALLY needed Conference."**  
 — Heidi Hess, member of First Congregational UCC in Grand Junction



There are three ways for your church to affirm our mutual covenant:

- **OCWM Basic Support:** 78% supports RMC ministries, while 22% supports the National Office.
- **Per Capita (\$12/member/year):** 80% supports RMC ministries, while 20% supports La Foret.
- **"Friends of the Conference":** 100% supports RMC ministries! These are gifts from individuals who want to want make an even bigger impact in our Conference.

If your church doesn't yet include Basic Support in your yearly budget, please start in 2018. Support isn't an "all-or-nothing" proposition, and we are grateful for what you can give.

## Giving Makes a Powerful Difference! For Every Dollar Donated...



### Ministry Development: 33¢

Ministry Development focuses on the health and vitality of our local churches and their ministries, including transition support, pastor search & call process (interim minister recruitment, church mission discernment, etc.), crisis management, communications and technical support (website, promotion, branding, etc.), boundary training, Annual Celebration, and support for our five Associations.

### Faith Formation: 38¢

We believe that building up bold and faithful leaders for the future is a top priority. That means educating our children, youth, and adult leaders through RMC camps & retreats, national UCC events, the IGNITE Leadership Initiative, and other vital trainings.

### UCC Covenant: 18¢

We are stronger together than we are alone. The covenant funds we send to the National UCC forward Christ's mission beyond us, via Accessible to All (A2A), disaster response, General Synod, and so much more.

### Mission: 6¢

Our missions support area ecumenical ministries, as well as local community outreach through "In the Mud" grants.

### Building: 5¢

Provides work-space for RMC Boards and Teams, as well as reduced-rate space for CO Council of Churches and Family Promise.

## Because Of Your Generosity...



- ... LGBTQ teens in Ogden, Utah were given a place to meet and offer each other support, forming a community of survivors;
- ... Families in Texas, Louisiana, Florida, and Puerto Rico were given water, food, and shelter in the wake of recent hurricanes;
- ... Senior citizens in Hayden, CO who had no one to help them were brought groceries, driven to appointments, and cared for.
- ... Underserved RMC youth, who wouldn't otherwise attend camp, were given scholarships to experience life-changing community;
- ... Smaller RMC churches with limited resources were trained and empowered to revamp their websites, use social media, and more.

Thank You  
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**BE**  
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**CHURCH!**