

# THE FULL CIRCLE: A Lasting Impact for Week of Compassion

**Fulfilling the Ministry of COMPASSION** — Supporting Week of Compassion as a Circle of Compassion Congregation provides a reliable, known source of funds that can be counted upon, providing the ability to respond immediately to those in need of compassion.

**Endorsing the Mission of COMPASSION** — Each participating congregation adds to the voice of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), proclaiming its commitment to wholeness in a fragmented world.

**Maximizing the Gifts for COMPASSION** — Circle of Compassion Congregations free up designated dollars to support acts of compassion during times of disaster, displacement, and enduring need. Endowment funds ensure that Week of Compassion can respond to meet urgent needs now, while also planning ahead for the future and supporting ongoing development programs that empower communities to thrive.



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We encourage congregations to continue regular contributions to Circle of Compassion funds—even once they have reached their goal! This is a great way to celebrate special church occasions, invite individual members to participate, and keep the commitment to Week of Compassion as a central part of the congregation's mission identity.



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The Circle of Compassion



## CIRCLE OF COMPASSION CONGREGATIONS

Congregations that have contributed at least \$1000 to establish a named endowment fund for Week of Compassion, with a commitment to grow the fund to at least \$10,000 over time.

## CIRCLE OF COMPASSION LEGACY CONGREGATIONS

Congregations that have created a named endowment fund of \$10,000 or more as part of the dissolution of assets at closure, continuing their compassionate mission after concluding their visible ministry.

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# BENEFITS to Congregations

## A lasting legacy—and a gift that keeps giving!

This is true not only for congregations that are closing, but also for active congregations that want to make Week of Compassion a lasting mission priority! Your investment grows over time, supporting Week of Compassion for generations to come.

## Meet the needs of the moment

Week of Compassion's mission is timely and relevant: disasters happen with greater frequency and severity; there are more displaced people living in the world than at any other time; those who live in poverty are faced with even greater challenges in a changing climate; and communities are beginning to recover from the impact of a global pandemic.

## Grow your impact

Being a Circle of Compassion congregation is a meaningful ministry—with a global impact—to celebrate and name as an important part of your church's mission and identity. Feature the "Circle of Compassion" logo on your church media and publications to share with your community the story of this exciting mission commitment.

## Stay "in the Circle"

Supporting congregations not only get to feature the Circle of Compassion logo, they will also be invited to a special gathering at General Assembly to hear updates and meet key leaders and receive occasional video greetings from the Executive Director.



Week of Compassion has long been a beloved offering for the members of Battery Park Christian Church. **We've been especially proud of being a part of the "Circle of Compassion" and our contribution to it.** It has been important to so many in our congregation to reach out to those in need, especially in times of disaster and for development purposes providing for longer relief and a vision for the future. We have been very blessed to be a part of the circle, and each year we look forward to the report that tells us how much our Circle endowment has earned to support this ministry.

+ Battery Park Christian Church, Richmond, VA  
Circle of Compassion Fund

University Christian Church has always had a heart for Week of Compassion. **It captures for us a way to live Jesus' commandment to love each other from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth.** We were honored to be asked to join the Circle of Compassion and support its important work in ever widening that circle of love. We can count on Week of Compassion to faithfully carry on Christ's work of love and care where ever it is needed, and we are grateful to be part of it.

+ University Christian Church, Ft. Worth, TX  
Circle of Compassion Fund

## ALL PARTICIPATING CONGREGATIONS benefit from

- **PROVEN INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT AND FINANCIAL CONTROLS**

Funds are under the reverent care of the Christian Church Foundation.

- **PARTNERSHIP WITH OTHER CONGREGATIONS**

Together, Circle of Compassion funds minimize risk, maximize efficiency, and show the strength of Disciples stewardship and generosity.

- **CREDIBILITY**

Because Week of Compassion and the Christian Church Foundation share core values of integrity, honesty, and transparency, an ongoing gift that supports Week of Compassion's ministry will be an example of your faithfulness long into the future.

When our small church received a large gift, we knew immediately that we needed to share a portion of this gift with our neighbors in need in Seattle and around the globe. **By joining the Circle of Compassion, we partner with Week of Compassion to extend God's love and mercy to where it is needed most for many years to come.**

+ Northwest Christian Church, Seattle, WA  
Circle of Compassion Fund



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