

THE UNITED CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

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The United Christian Missionary Society continued to furnish financial support for the Division of Homeland Ministries, dba Disciples Home Missions, and the Division of Overseas Ministries by investing and managing its endowments and permanent funds for the benefit of the two Divisions.

During 2008, there were two UCMS life income contracts released totaling \$6,000 and one UCMS gift annuity released in the amount of \$4,573. These funds were either distributed outright to Disciples Home Missions and the Division of Overseas Ministries or were added to the permanent endowments of UCMS. The UCMS did not receive any restricted bequests.

The UCMS continues to be involved, through its relationship with Christian Church Foundation, with ethical issues which relate to its investments and with the Interfaith Center for Corporate Responsibility (ICCR). This is an ecumenical organization of 17 Protestant denominations and approximately 200 Roman Catholic orders which cooperate concerning ethical and social concerns as expressed by actions of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

The UCMS, which has eight trustees and four officers, has no active employees. Beginning in 1993, The UCMS contracted with the Christian Church Foundation, Inc., to perform the treasury services for the Society. The current officers of The UCMS are as follows: Ronald J. Degges, President; David Vargas, Vice President; Jennie A. King, Secretary, and Lonna Owens, Treasurer.

Four trustees are nominated by each of the two Divisions served by The UCMS. They are elected by the General Board of the church and serve a term of four years. Their responsibilities are to oversee and determine policies concerning the investments of assets owned by The UCMS. The protection as well as the income realized from these assets is of paramount concern for the trustees. Their invaluable service is recognized and this report is submitted on their behalf.

The UCMS distributed the following from the investment pool in 2008: DHM - \$964,255; DOM - \$1,228,729; and other entities - \$58,229.