

Intro to CHHSM



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CHHSM Basics

Who is CHHSM?

CHHSM is a [membership association](#) committed to advancing the healing and service ministry of Jesus Christ with our vision that [“together, we create a just, caring, and compassionate world.”](#)

Our members - all affiliated with the United Church of Christ, operate [over 400 communities](#) in affiliated health care centers, hospitals, affordable housing and retirement communities, transitional housing for those experiencing homelessness or domestic violence, and service centers for children, youth, families, and those with developmental disabilities.

Our organizations [serve nearly three million people annually](#) and have combined assets of more than [\\$15 billion](#).



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CHHSM Agencies

Over **70 nonprofit corporations** recognized by the Conferences and General Synod of the United Church of Christ, encompassing over 400 facilities and programs in the following outreach ministries:

- Affordable Housing: **302**
- Services to Older Adults: **82**
- Services to Children, Youth and Families: **20**
- Transitional and Shelter Care: **7**
- Primary and Acute Health Services: **3**
- Services to Persons with Disabilities: **2**
- Charitable Grant Making Foundations: **1**



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CHHSM Impact

Together, CHHSM's more than 400 health and human service programs and communities:

- **Provide \$1 billion in uncompensated, charitable care.**
- Served *3 million individuals* including: 14,594 children; 11,915 youth; 18,064 families; 34,364 older adults; 1,549 veterans; and provided community-based ambulatory health care to over 2.2 million people
- Operated *35,044 residential units* including: 21,506 affordable housing units; 10,237 independent living units; and 3,301 assisted living units
- Operated facilities with *6,065 beds* providing acute, skilled nursing, and memory care; and
- Provided *residential and non-residential services* to over *350 people with developmental disabilities.*



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CHHSM Benefits

CHHSM Membership strengthens ministries through:

- **Leadership Development** through our signature Nollau and Nollau To You Programs
- **Cost savings through our comprehensive group purchasing program** with Care Purchasing Services
- **Networking and support** through **our Affinity Groups** (location and sector based), online trainings, and in person events like the **Annual Gathering**
- **Access to cost effective consulting services**



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CHHSM Staff



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Where is CHHSM?



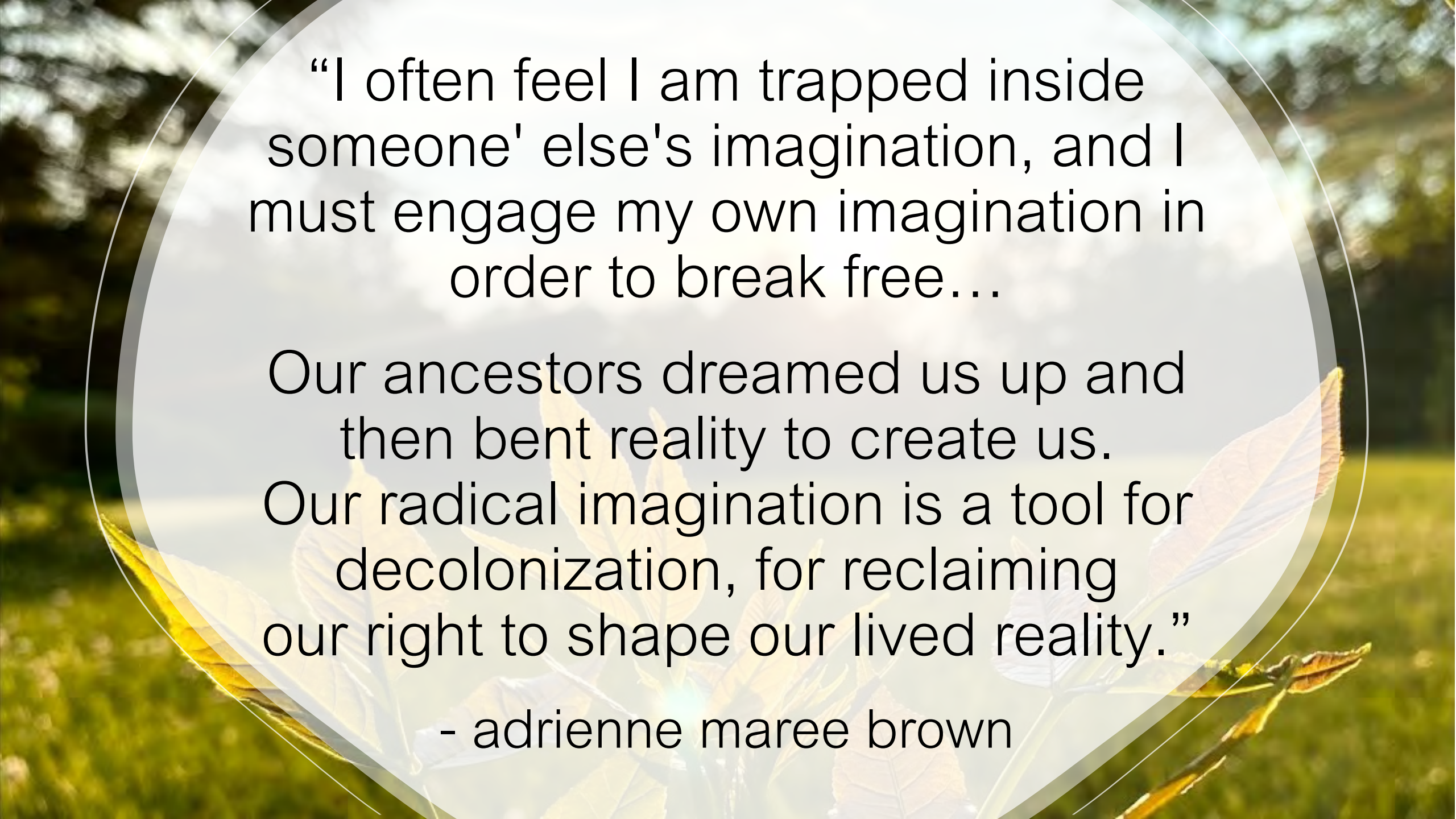
Where is CHHSM in your Conference?



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CHHSM Member Collaborations



“I often feel I am trapped inside someone' else's imagination, and I must engage my own imagination in order to break free...

Our ancestors dreamed us up and then bent reality to create us. Our radical imagination is a tool for decolonization, for reclaiming our right to shape our lived reality.”

- adrienne maree brown

United Church Homes and South Haven UCC

- In 1989, South Haven UCC initiated the project to use their back three acres to build affordable senior housing on their lot
- They partnered with United Church Homes to make it happen.
- In 2019, they expanded the campus to add more apartments to meet the high demand for affordable housing in Bedford, OH.



“Our best projects are possible through a strong partnership with a neighboring congregation. Our rededication service celebrated the joint mission of providing safe, affordable housing to meet a need in the community around the church. South Haven UCC has committed to being an engaged community partner and to meet the need for justice housing for people of limited incomes. South Haven Woods ... is the best model, in my view, of a congregation enacting its call to discipleship and putting its faith into action.”- Rev. Dr. Ken Daniels, CEO of UCH

Deaconess Nurse Ministries, Epiphany UCC, the Islamic Foundation, MO Health Care for All, and Deaconess Foundation

- Community recognizing the lack of health care services for the uninsured and under insured in Missouri
- Deaconess Nurse Ministries provides the nurses, the Islamic Foundation provides the doctors, and Epiphany UCC provides the space.
- Epiphany UCC also provided office space for staff members of Missouri Health Care For All, to advocate for a systemic solution, which receives funding from the Deaconess Foundation
- In August 2020 MO approved Medicaid expansion

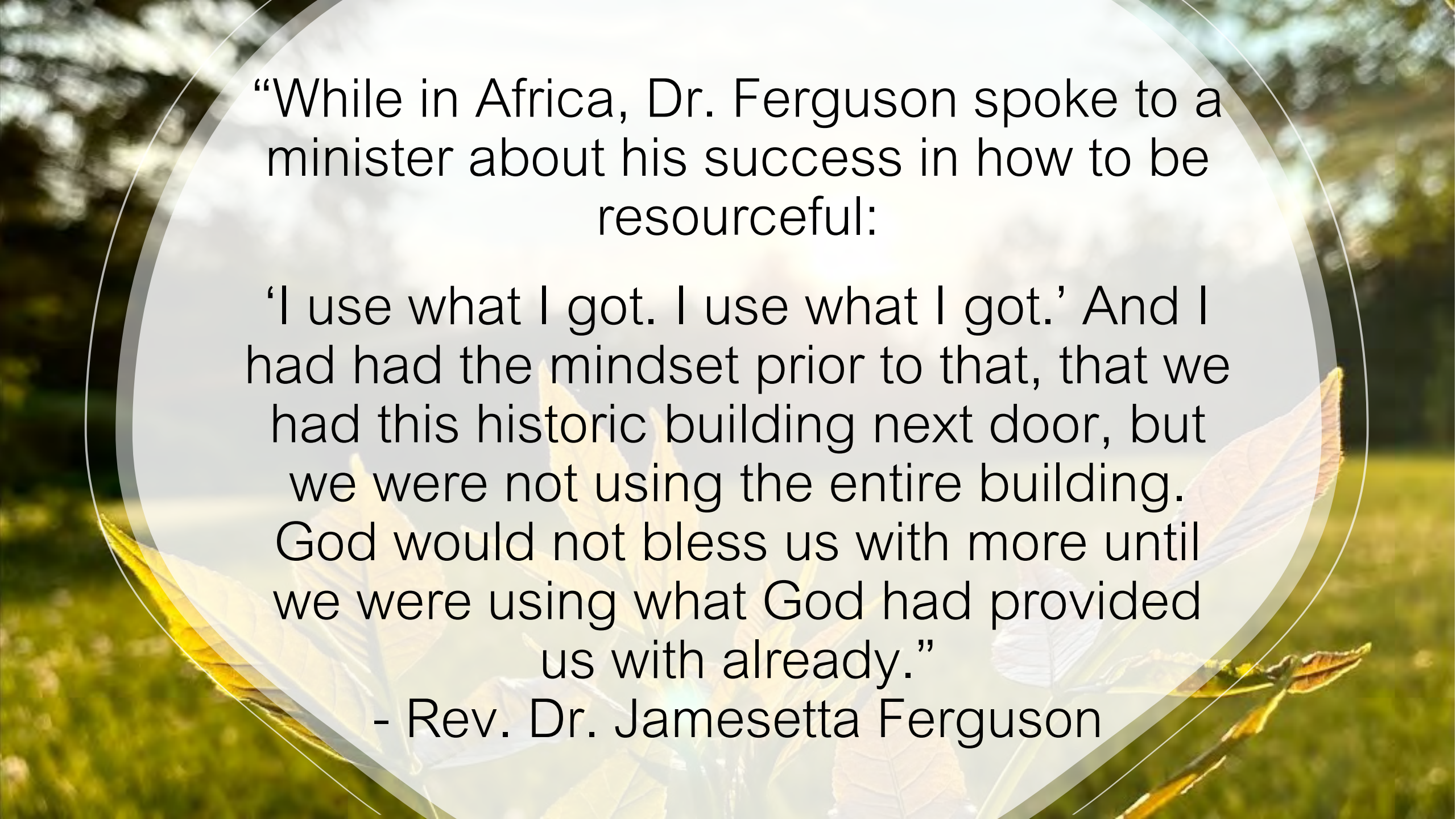


“Muslim doctors, young people advocating for health care for all, Deaconess Nurse Ministry leaders and nurses, medical students who will volunteer at the clinic, UCC ministers and members, and elected officials from St. Louis and the state of Missouri — those are the people who gathered to dedicate the Salam Clinic. This is what a Just World for All looks like!” – Rev. Dr. Ginny Brown Daniel

MOLO Village CDC, St. Peter's UCC, UCC Church Building and Loan Fund, The Cornerstone Fund, and Bellewood & Brooklawn

- Multiple unmet needs and lack of opportunities in underserved part of Louisville, KY.
- Rev. Dr. Ferguson imagined social services and businesses next to St. Peter's historic building.
- Raised funds from the UCC Church Building and Loan Fund, Cornerstone Fund and other partners to create MOLO Village CDC
- MOLO now partners with Bellewood and Brooklawn to provide mental health services to youth and families, and the Indiana Kentucky Conference invested in this project as part of their WISE designation





“While in Africa, Dr. Ferguson spoke to a minister about his success in how to be resourceful:

‘I use what I got. I use what I got.’ And I had had the mindset prior to that, that we had this historic building next door, but we were not using the entire building. God would not bless us with more until we were using what God had provided us with already.”

- Rev. Dr. Jamesetta Ferguson

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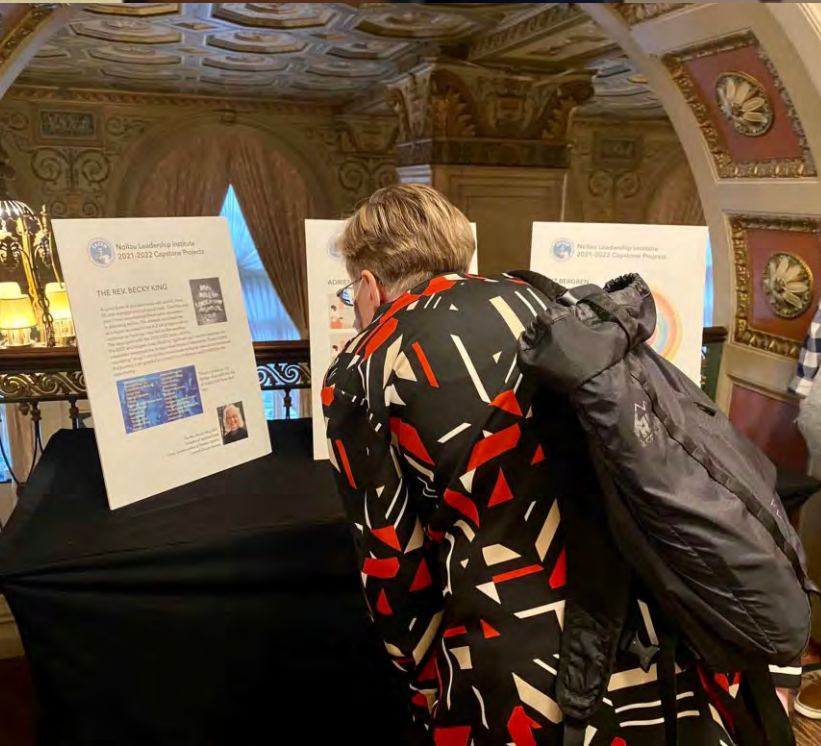
Annual Gathering



**COLLABORATION as the
*GATEWAY to INNOVATION***

2024 CHHSM 86th Annual Gathering

Tuesday, March 12 – Thursday, March 14



Annual Gathering



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Have you considered attending the CHHSM Annual Gathering?

An aerial photograph of a rural landscape. In the foreground, there are several rows of green crops, likely corn, planted in neat, parallel lines. A dirt road or path runs through the middle of the fields. In the background, there is a dense line of trees and a small cluster of buildings, including a prominent red barn. The terrain is rolling, with a hill visible in the distance under a clear sky.

Leadership Development

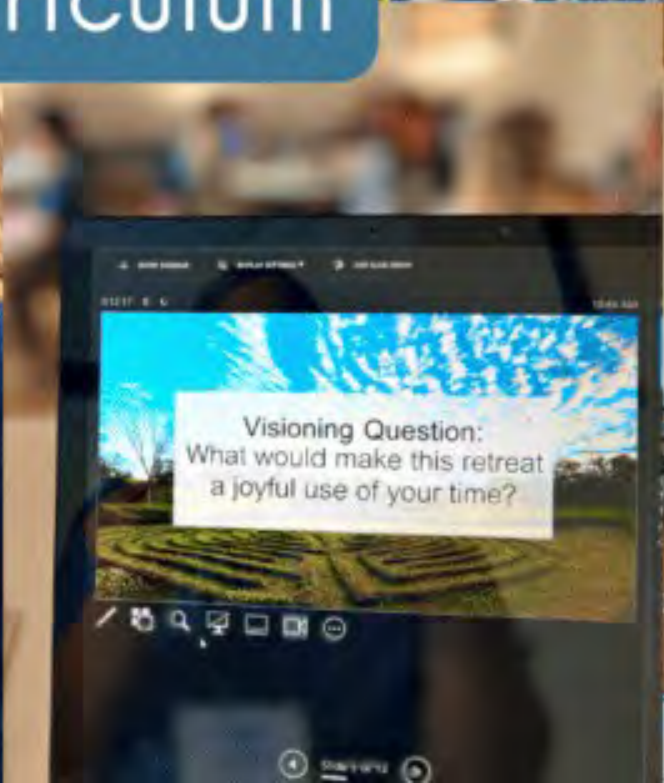
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leaders for a
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The Nollau Leadership Institute



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Capstones

 **Nollau Leadership Institute
2022-2023 Capstone Projects**

THE REV. CHRISTINA RYAN PERKINS

As the Crossroad chaplain, I lead by modeling Trauma Informed Care in every interaction but especially during chapel services. I am modeling how to adapt a very challenging yet valuable story for a trauma informed environment. The Godly Play sacred story of Jonah. The Backward Prophet is shared with the original words and actions and parallelled in trauma informed inclusive language. In the original script, I highlighted in red the words that needed adapted. In the Trauma Informed Script, the adapted words are highlighted in red so the reader can see the difference. As you lead your communities, please take a moment, and consider how you can adjust what you do to provide a more inclusive and trauma informed environment.

Original Script	Trauma Informed Script
 <p>Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time. "Rise up, Jonah, that great city, and tell the people there that they need to change and become good!"</p>	 <p>Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time. "Rise up to Nollau, that great city, and tell the people there that they are hurting people and they need to change and care for others."</p>
<p>This time Jonah went to Nollau.</p>	<p>This time Jonah went to Nollau.</p>
<p>He cried out to the people of Nollau that they were bad and that God commanded them to be good. God said that they would be destroyed if they did not.</p>	<p>He cried out to the people of Nollau that they were hurting people and that God wanted them to care for others. God said that there would be consequences if they did not.</p>
<p>Now a prophet is someone who is assigned when people who are bad become good.</p>	<p>Now a prophet is someone who is assigned when people who are hurting people change and care for others.</p>
 <p>The people of Nollau listened to God's call and they turned and became good. All were about wearing jackets and shoes to show how sorry they were. Even the king and queen were sorry and began crying. The sheaves in the field were sorry too, and they also became good.</p>	 <p>The people of Nollau listened to God's call and they turned and began caring for others. All were about wearing jackets and shoes to show how sorry they were. Even the king and queen were sorry and began caring. The sheaves in the field were sorry too, and they also became good.</p>
<p>God did not destroy that great city.</p>	<p>God listened that great city.</p>


The Rev. Christina Ryan Perkins
Chaplain
Crossroad Child & Family Services





Diakonal Ministers

"This program is about finding a community that believes in the language of love, understands the demands of justice, and will walk with me — as I will with them — as we try to live out our best intentions."

Nikki Starr

Minnesota Second Judicial District Court Judge
Class of 2024





One or
Multi-Day
Events

Scholars & Fellowships

'I Will Remember Being Held': Essence Ellis Reflects on Her Year as UCC Fellow

June 13, 2022 | Barb Powell

As her year-long experience of being the



Essence Ellis during her workshop at the 2022 Annual Gathering in Louisville.



CHHSM's Rev. Jerry Paul Scholar Program for Seminarians is Accepting Applications for 2022-2023 School Year

By Barb Powell | May 12, 2022

The UCC Council for Health and Human Service Ministries has



CHHSM Creates Special Emerging Leadership Cohort for Rev. Jerry Paul Scholar Finalists

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A rare juxtaposition of



Emerging Leadership Cohort 2023-2024




Dr. Zaria Davis, Nicole Starr, J.D., and George Davis-Williams, R.N., B.S.N.

Leadership Programming



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Who do you know who might benefit from enrolling in Nollau or other CHHSM programming?

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JREDI and Advocacy



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**Reason to Have Hope:
A Public Health Response
to Racism**

**Together We Learn Group to
Discuss Stevenson's Critically-
Acclaimed Book, 'Just Mercy'**

By Barb Powell | August 11, 2023

**Online Education,
Affinity Groups, &
Public Speaking**

**CHHSM's New 'Welcoming Diversity' Virtual Group to
Address Issues of Race, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion**

October 12, 2021 | Barb Powell

The UCC Council for Health and Human Service Ministries (CHHSM) is forming a "Welcoming Diversity" Group to provide a supportive environment for participants to discuss issues of Race, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (RDEI). The group's first Zoom meeting takes place Oct. 21 at 12 noon ET.



The Rev. Dr. Sheila Harvey Guillaume and the Rev. George Graham

The Welcoming Diversity Group is open to all



**Advocacy
Center**



**Anti-Racism
Center**



UCC Washington DC Collaborations

Be A Voice Toolkit Offers Focused Resources to Help Congregations and CHHSM Members Find Nonpartisan Ways to Work Towards Health Care Justice

By Barb Powell | February 12, 2020

As an extension of its new advocacy partnership, the UCC's



Health Equity is Holy

God calls us to co-create, repair, and rebuild our world where everyone has the opportunity for a life of health and well-being. Such work towards justice and wholeness, is the work of the Spirit.

#BeAVoiceCHHSM #HealthCareForAll



CHHSM/JLCM Reproductive Justice Toolkits Offer Tangible Ways to Advocate for Women's Rights

By Barb Powell | July 13, 2022

In the wake of the Supreme Court's Dobbs decision overturning Roe v. Wade, the UCC's



Patients over Profit.

As a community of faith, the United Church of Christ supports universal health care.

#BeAVoiceCHHSM #HealthcareForAll



CHHSM Joins UCC Effort to Abolish Medical Debt for Low-Income Families

November 21, 2019 | CHHSM Staff

In order to



Advocates Called to Stay Connected

By Guest Contributor | March 24, 2020

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CHHSM Sends Letter to U.S. Senate Republicans Encouraging HEALS Act Provisions for Vulnerable Populations

By Barb Powell | July 30, 2020

Michael J. Readinger, president and CEO of the United Church of Christ's





CHHSM/COREM Resolution Opens UCC General Synod with Powerful Statement on Racism as a Public Health Crisis

By Barb Powell | July 12, 2021

A highlight of the July 11 opening plenary session of the United Church of Christ's Thirty-Third General Synod —



Delegates call on churches to commit to harm reduction advocacy

UCC General Synod

UCC Council for Health and Human Service Ministries Releases Statement on 'Pandemic of Systemic Racism'

June 4, 2020 | Barb Powell

The Board and staff of th



Creation of RDEI Standing Committee, Commitment to Anti-Bias and RDEI Training Highlight CHHSM Board's November Meeting

December 13, 2021 | Barb Powell

An increased commitment to Race, Diversity



The first in-person Board meeting took place Nov. 15-17 in Chicago.



- ONE: Gracious God, hold us in our discomfort. Grant us the grace and the wisdom to find ways to move toward peace.
- ALL: *We ask questions of ourselves and others.*
- ONE: God of wisdom and light, teach us to ask the right questions and hear the answers as spoken.
- ALL: *We engage in deliberative dialogue -- not debate or arguing, and not just listening.*
- ONE: Still speaking God, teach us to be wise as we engage with one another in our learning.
- ALL: *We acknowledge intent, and we are accountable for impact. We actively work against systemic oppression, and we support one another in unlearning.*
- ONE: God of liberation, walk with us as we acknowledge our words and actions today. Free us from the oppressive behaviors and language that we have learned in the past.
- ALL: *We work to understand how we benefit from the oppression of others.*
- ONE: Compassionate God, open our minds and hearts to the hard work of change. Help us recognize that our liberation is tied up in the liberation of others.
- ALL: Together, we pray to God: These are the agreements that guide us. We are open to the possibility that we may need to consider others and to the reality that we depend on your grace, forgiveness, and love as we live into a new way of being together. Amen.

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**COUNCIL FOR HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICE MINISTRIES
RDEI ASSESSMENT**
May 2021


Internal CHHSM Work

Advocacy and JREDI



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Health and Human Service Sunday



We know you not only as the Divine Physician, but as the Holy Housing Manager, the Sacred Social Worker, and the Chaplain to the Cosmos, too. Your healing work has no bounds, no set roles or rules, no singular calling.

Your healing is breathing. Let us enter its flow.

Health & Human Service Sunday 2024
Rev. Dr. Elyse Berry



Help us to discover that the Gospel is worth the risk of showing up just as we are.

May your love and assurance live in our hearts rent-free.

And may we make a home of extravagant welcome out of your reconciling grace for all. Amen.

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HHS Sunday



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How is your congregation living into the UCC value of “a just world for all?” through its liturgy?