

# Festival of Faith – Day of Service

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For thirty years the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the United Church of Christ have formally been Ecumenical Partners with each other. We share a Common Global Missions Board that partners with over 300 Global Mission Partners! In Michigan, we are grateful for this DOC UCC partnership that has sponsored Joint Annual Meeting Regional Assembly meetings, educational development events and a Festival of Faith for encouraging and equipping ministry in our local church settings. Today, we are excited to put that faith into action on behalf of our sisters and brothers in need. In Benzie County, Detroit and Grand Rapids, members of our local churches will be working hard to build partnerships and build community. Thank you for your presence here today as we join together in this Festival of Faith Day of Service.

## Day of Service Litany

“<sup>4</sup> What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? <sup>15</sup> Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. <sup>16</sup> If one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? <sup>17</sup> In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.” James 2:14-17

Leader: We gather today to give life to our faith by working together to assist those who help others in need.

**Group: Use us, oh Lord, to be a blessing to those we serve.**

Leader: Let the joy of this day that the Lord has made enliven us as we work to make a difference.

**All: May the work of our hands encourage those we help and bring glory to our God. Amen**

Make sure to spend time today getting to know people whom you have not met before. In so doing, may we strengthen further our partnership of love and service. Have a blessed day!