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	HELM continues to experience stable financial equilibrium and is able to carry out its mission in a way that is sustainable, based on its current goals and priorities. The programs of HELM continue to have an impact on congregations, the wider church, and higher education institutions affiliated with the Christian Church.
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In what ways is your region/ministry thriving?

Our Disciples higher education institutions continue to weather the challenges of the pandemic, while providing leading edge education. The primary leadership development of HELM, the Leadership Fellows Program, continues to nurture and develop college students and prepare them to thrive as leaders in church, society and world. The number of students in the program has grown over the years from 24 to 32.

What are the biggest challenges facing your region/ministry this year?

With the pandemic continuing, we have not been able to offer our other key leadership development programs. The Emerging Clergy Leadership Conference was placed on hold until we could determine how best to do the conference in person and safely. We also have seen a decrease in DMF income, which has affected our overall operations budget.

What is something you hope to accomplish in the next year?

We hope to have the Emerging Clergy Leadership Conference in 2022 and resume our global engagement trips with our Leadership Fellows Program.

What is something you would like the General Board to know about your region/ministry?

We continue to carry out our mission of nurturing and developing leaders in partnership with wider church and higher education partners and HELM is strongly positioned to do so.

How can we pray for your region/ministry?

Pray for students in our colleges, universities, and theological institutions.