

# 2019 Pentecost Offering in Kentucky

In this season of Pentecost, please help church planting take root in Kentucky by *giving* toward, *connecting* with and *experiencing* what God is doing through the new Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) congregations in our region.

## Please *give*.

The Pentecost Offering will be received in churches across the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) on June 2 and 9. Half of our gifts are designated to the local region/area to start and sustain new churches; the other half of our Pentecost Offering gifts pays for recruitment, assessment, training and coaching of leaders of new Disciples churches.

## Please *connect*.

Have you been experiencing a call to start a worshipping community? Are you feeling called to help church planters start new churches? Do you have a passion for exploring new ways of being church? Do you feel the need for new Disciples of Christ churches in our region? Reach out to the New Church team for the Christian Church in Kentucky on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1208904559223282/>), and message us to learn about resources available through a three-tier grant structure and expectations for background checks, history and polity classes, coming under care, determining standing, etc.

## Please *experience*.

Come visit our existing new Disciples congregations in Kentucky, such as Independence's Kentucky Islander Christian Church, Louisville's New Century Fellowship and New Life in Christ Christian Church, Lexington's Co-Heirs with Christ Missions and Madisonville's Potluck Church:

- Kentucky Islanders Christian Church in Independence aims to minister to and with the Chuukese community in Kentucky and beyond. Through weekly worship at 2:30 p.m. Sundays, fellowship and mission-driven outreach initiatives under the leadership of Pastor Bradly Iknasio and two associate ministers, the church provides welcome and support to the recent immigrants from Chuuk State, one of four states located in the Federated States of Micronesia. KICC is a nesting congregation meeting at Independence Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), at 5221 Madison Pike in Independence. The members of Kentucky Islanders Christian Church travel annually to the Chuukese Disciples national gathering in St. Joseph, Missouri, and fellowship with other churches in the North American Pacific/Asian Disciples (NAPAD) of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).
- [Louisville's New Century Fellowship Christian Church](#) celebrated its fourth anniversary in September 2018. It launched as an African-American congregation worshipping in a small office space, but "God had a greater vision," says its planter, the Rev. Syvoskia Bray Pope. In August 2015, New Century moved into a larger space at St. Stephen United Church of Christ at 1875 Farnsley Road in Louisville. Now a multi-cultural

church, it worships there at noon Eastern Sundays and 6 p.m. Thursdays. Plus, over a year ago New Century launched a 6 p.m. Monday service at Louisville's Kristy Love Foundation, a non-profit organization providing shelter and case management to victims of addiction and human trafficking.

- [New Life in Christ Christian Church in Louisville](#), led by Rev Carol Wieger, is located inside Dismas Charities - Diersen House, a detention center. Most of the women in this congregation, which was founded in August 2013, are serving out the last six months of their incarceration due to drug or alcohol-related offenses. "Because of the compassion shown by visiting congregations and the support given by so many in our community and across the state, our congregation continues to grow in strength and numbers," Carol says. Dismas - Diersen houses up to 85 women at maximum capacity and New Life in Christ consistently averages 35 to 40 in worship – that's approximately 44 percent of the women regularly attending worship. Under the umbrella of Mission Behind Bars and Beyond and its executive director, Rev. Dean Bucalos, Pastor Carol continuously offers the women of her congregation numerous life-skills classes throughout the year.
- [Co-Heirs with Christ Missions](#) is a mission-oriented church, focused primarily on spreading the Gospel of the Kingdom of God in Lexington and beyond. Co-Heirs with Christ Missions was launched as an international family house with the primary call to provide a place of worship and fellowship for immigrants and refugees and to convert hearts, as led by the Holy Spirit, for the service of God in the community (to restore human dignity as children of God in the community). The congregation is predominantly Africans who live in Lexington. Foster Frimpong, their pastor/planter, and the rest of the congregation would love to have you come visit. Co-Heirs with Christ Missions ([coheirswithchristmissions@yahoo.com](mailto:coheirswithchristmissions@yahoo.com) or [coheirscm@gmail.com](mailto:coheirscm@gmail.com)) gathers for worship at 10 a.m. Eastern Sundays and prayer service 10 a.m. Fridays at 2350 Woodhill Drive, Suite 68, in Lexington.
- [Madisonville's Potluck Church](#) practices an informal worship centered around a potluck fellowship meal and culminating in the Lord's Supper. Each Tuesday at 6 p.m. Central, Potluck Church reads scripture in conversation, shares each other's prayers, and supports one another's servant ministries and callings. Rev. Rachel Nance Woehler and the other co-conveners of Potluck Church reach out especially to individuals who, for whatever reason, do not attend a traditional worship service on Sunday mornings. Since 2013, the church has gathered for its potluck meal, potluck conversation and communion. To find where they are meeting for worship this week, visit Potluck on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/MadisonvillePotluck/](http://www.facebook.com/MadisonvillePotluck/)).