

MINISTRY IMPACT REPORT



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National **Benevolent** Association
of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)



“We seek to share the significant work of Disciples health and social service ministries in all of their complexity, vitality, and diversity. We hope you hear and see our core values reflected in all that is being done each day.”

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

The work of the National Benevolent Association is, and always has been, about people. Ask any of our Disciples-related health and social service partners to share what they do, and their first responses will always include a story about a person—a mother, a child, someone living and thriving with disabilities, an individual transitioning back into society after time in prison. The Nigerian novelist Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie shares, “It is impossible to engage properly with a place or a person without engaging with all of the stories of that place and that person.”

Adichie goes on to reflect how important it is to know about people beyond the “single story.”* Beyond what we may hear in news headlines. Beyond brief social media posts or a singular photo. We recognize our shared humanity by knowing fully the situations, experiences, and lives of the people whom we seek to serve and accompany.

Serving as the Disciples health and social service general ministry for 130 years, the NBA’s mission is complex and diverse. We have the joy—and the challenge—of addressing a vast arena of issues. As the NBA, we are grounded in meaningful core values that focus our work:

- being **rooted in compassionate care**,
- acknowledging our **accountability** to the church, our Disciples partners, and the communities in which we serve,
- building and nurturing **collaborative partnerships**,
- valuing the creative voice and mind of all people as we **accompany** one another, and
- learning and adapting as we **lean forward** into our shared efforts of ministry.

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We invite you fully into the story...the whole, inspiring, spirit-giving story of NBA ministries!

With care and commitment,

MARK D. ANDERSON
President and CEO

*Hear Adichie’s full reflection on the “single story”: https://www.ted.com/talks/chimamanda_adichie_the_danger_of_a_single_story/transcript?language=en

WHAT WE DO

Serving as the church's **health and social services general ministry**, the NBA partners with congregations, regions, general ministries, and a variety of Disciples-related health and social service providers to create communities of compassion and care.

Our **shared work** advances care for and with others in our communities and raises awareness of needs that are often overlooked and forgotten—needs such as affordable housing; spiritual care for the incarcerated; children and family services; programs for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities; care and advocacy for older adults; hunger and food security initiatives; and other efforts responding to human need in its many expressions.



INCUBATE

The NBA incubates new ministries, empowering Disciples-led health and social service projects to focus on their growth, strengthen their impact, and work toward sustainability. Through the **NBA Incubate Initiative**, we support social entrepreneurs of faith who are serving their communities in a variety of innovative ways.



INITIATE

The NBA initiates ministries designed to establish and grow partnerships with health and social service supporters and providers. In 2014, we launched **NBA XPLOR**, a 10-month, faith-based Residency for young adults discerning lives of care and service.



CONNECT

The NBA connects **Disciples-related health and social service ministries** and mission partners—connections that empower them to learn, collaborate, and grow stronger. Our networks also include **NBA Affinity Groups** related to prison and jail ministries, and mental health and congregational care.

TODAY'S MINISTRIES OF THE NBA are grounded in our historic mission of “**caring for the least of these.**” Our missional vision is to inspire and invite people of faith into this shared work and ministry responding to God’s call to be compassionate listeners, organizers, and advocates. Together, we **create communities of compassion and care.**

INCUBATE

Through the **NBA Incubate Initiative**, we strive to encourage and support the development of new and innovative health and social service ministries by Disciples social entrepreneurs. These entrepreneurs are most often Disciples individuals, congregations, or members of ecumenical/interfaith teams. Their ministries take the form of individual nonprofits, auxiliary or subsidiary ministries, networks and collaboratives, curricula and training programs, and more.

HOW INCUBATE WORKS

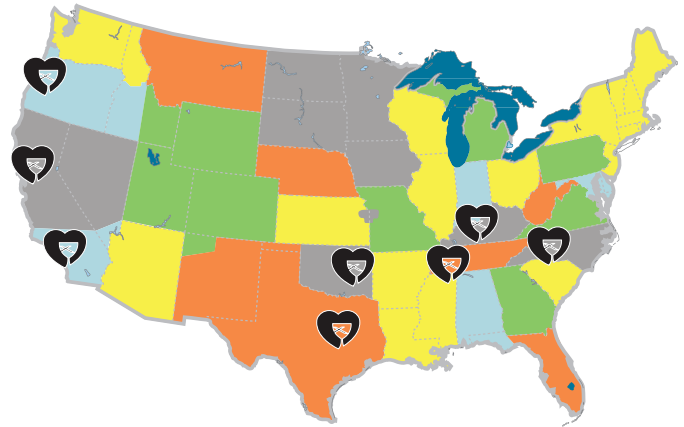
- **Connection:** In-person gatherings, including learning events and retreats; virtual gatherings, including a private Facebook group; and larger Disciples gatherings, like General Assembly
- **Learning:** Workshops and conferences; consulting and coaching; and other virtual co-learning opportunities
- **Support:** Marketing via NBA publications and networks; back-office support opportunities; and professional and spiritual support
- **Grants:** Financial grants and subsidies for a variety of project-specific needs

Our Incubate relationships often come from meetings, connections, referrals, and inquiries. Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) establish formal Incubate relationships. These MOUs typically last three years, with the option to renew, and are designed to promote ministry effectiveness and sustainability and encourage Disciples leadership and innovation.

MOU REQUIREMENTS

FROM THE MINISTRY AFFILIATE	FROM THE NBA
Semi-annual reporting	Financial, professional, and spiritual support
Speaking and writing on behalf of the ministry and NBA Incubate	Organizational consulting and/or leadership/executive coaching
Representing NBA at external events	Skill-building resources
Commitment to collaboration	Church-wide promotion

10 AFFILIATES* IN 8 DISCIPLES REGIONS



MINISTRIES INCLUDE



HOSTED EVENTS IN 2016



2 in-person gatherings



2 virtual learning events

* See Ministry Directory on page 10.



One of our newest Incubate affiliates is **UrbanMission Community Partners (UMCP)**. Located on the campus of UrbanMission (a UCC/DOC new church start), UMCP is a community-focused nonprofit organization that seeks community wholeness, resilience, and sustainability in the Pomona area of Los Angeles County, California, by working with families and individuals at risk from poverty, hunger, homelessness, incarceration, and/or inadequate education and healthcare.



A New Way of Being Church:

"I envisioned an unusual way of doing church planting. My premise was that those who did social justice work together would eventually attract and grow a worshipping congregation. Its individual ministries would be self-contained but interdependent, funded primarily through social entrepreneurship rather than traditional means."

Rev. Al Lopez, Lead Pastor, UrbanMission; President, UMCP



Creating Communities of Compassion and Care:

"Typical services, while providing a much needed and welcomed bandage, will not reach the systemic roots of the problem. Churches must reach outward in collaborative efforts with like-minded partners in their community. Identifying potential partners and the willingness to play on the same team is the first step to a church remaining relevant in its community."

*Rev. Stephen Patten,
Food Justice Minister,
UrbanMission; Secretary, UMCP*

Serving in Local Contexts:

"Ministries across the church are increasingly aware of the deep human need on their own doorsteps. Through the NBA Incubate Initiative, we accompany and resource those ministries as they create effective, sustainable strategies for making a real difference in their neighborhoods and communities."

*Rev. Rebecca Hale,
Vice President of Mission and Ministry, NBA*



Why NBA Incubate?

"We are excited about cementing a new affiliation with the NBA Incubate Initiative, and incorporating UrbanMission Community Partners as a nonprofit organization committed to carrying out our vision of wholeness in our part of a fragmented world."

*Rev. Nora Jacob,
Restorative Justice Minister,
UrbanMission; Treasurer, UMCP*

INITIATE

NBA XPLOR is a prophetic movement of and for young adults who are considering lives of care and service. Through a 10-month Residency, we partner young adults with Disciples congregations, regional and general ministries, and the communities in which they serve—living out NBA’s vision of creating communities of compassion and care.

BUILDING UPON FOUR CORNERSTONES

- **Hands-On Service/Justice Work:** Interning with nonprofit, community-based agencies to empower local mission efforts while gaining professional skills and increasing awareness of, and response to, systems of injustice
- **Simple Living in Community:** Learning and practicing faithful, intentionally simple, and culturally competent communal living
- **Spiritual Discernment on Vocation:** Striving through spiritual disciplines to discern the purpose for which one’s soul is made
- **Disciples Leadership Development:** Working with a spiritual companion and host congregation to live into one’s Disciples identity by exploring the life of faith and the work of justice and becoming leaders in the church and world

Additionally, NBA XPLOR is committed to the solid foundation of diversity as a major component of intentional community living, including ongoing anti-racism, cross-cultural communication, and anti-oppression training.



PREVIOUS XPLOR COHORT: 2015-16

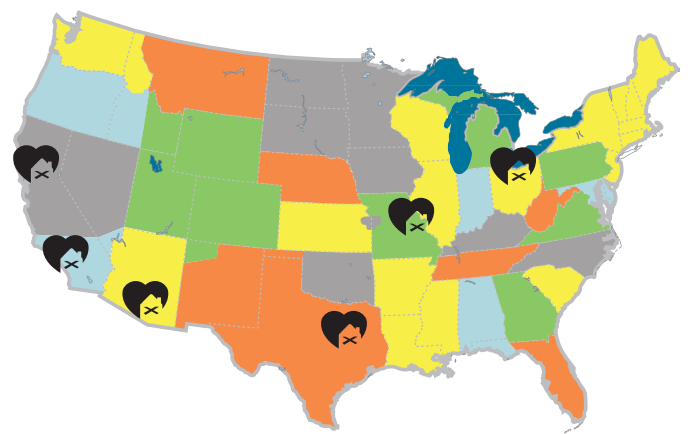
20 Residents

17 partner congregations

24 nonprofit agencies

completing **25,000** volunteer hours

CURRENT XPLOR COHORT: 2016-17



21 Residents in **6** host sites

19 identify as Disciples, from **10** Disciples regions

7 Residents from **5** Disciples colleges/universities

Meet the NBA XPLOR Residents, follow our latest stories and news, and apply for the next Residency at nbacares.org/xplor.



WHY NBA XPLOR?



"I hope NBA XPLOR can allow me to be in participation with others as often as possible, enriching my skills and passions and clarifying direction. Ultimately, XPLOR would give me the confidence to live boldly without barriers or reservations, in care and compassion through the four cornerstones."

Tim Campbell, 2016-17 NBA XPLOR Resident, North Hollywood, CA



"After I graduated, I kept asking myself what was next. Little did I know that God had preordained this program for me. I chose NBA XPLOR because I want to continue my spiritual journey along with my growth."

Imani Williams, 2016-17 NBA XPLOR Resident, Dallas, TX

"I was interested in NBA XPLOR because it gave me the opportunity to reach out and see some parts of my life and my faith that I hadn't explored as much. And you're creating a community while working—not being there as just an intern—you're there as part of that community."

Evan Stanfill, 2015-16 NBA XPLOR Resident, St. Louis, MO



"These young adults are especially committed to finding new ways to live out their faith with integrity, exploring the intersections of the life of faith and the work of justice. They're doing that with a lot of imagination, curiosity, and beautiful conviction, really creating powerful communities of compassion and care."

Rev. Bonnie Osei-Frimpong, Director of NBA XPLOR



"I want to strive to be the man everyone else knows I can be. What they expect. And I want to pass my own expectations. I want people to look at me and say, 'Yeah, I see God in him.'"

Claude Goree, 2016-17 NBA XPLOR Resident, Hiram-Mantua, OH

"Whatever each of us decide to do in life, may each one of us use the knowledge and skills we have learned; may the heart that developed to care for others remain passionate, serving God and serving other people; may the leaders who have emerged continue to grow, teach, guide, and inspire others; may each one of us continue changing the world into a better place. Amen."

Eula Pagdilao, 2015-16 NBA XPLOR Resident, Golden Gate, CA



CONNECT

The ministries of health and social services are core to our Disciples identity and faith. For the NBA, this tradition has evolved into supporting and partnering with a network of care providers and justice-minded individuals who serve as the “hands and feet of God” in their communities.

The NBA and Disciples Home Missions (DHM) collaborate to support a rich network of **Disciples-related health and social service ministries** across the life of the church. Our goals are to *connect, resource, and amplify* the voices of these ministries. Through this network, ministries have access to a constellation of support and services, such as marketing and communications consulting, executive coaching, back-office accounting, and executive searches, as well as networking with other partners through webinars, educational trainings, and peer-group learning opportunities.

Additionally, the NBA supports collaborative communities of Disciples working together on particular health and social service justice issues. Our Affinity Group Ministries advocate for, and respond to, topics of concern across the life of the church, regularly publishing blogs, webinars, and other resources, as well as hosting workshops and gatherings, in-person and virtually.

- The **Prison & Jail Ministries Affinity Group** supports Disciples engaged in spiritual care and advocacy ministries with those who are or have been incarcerated and their families. The group’s work centers around *inspiration, advocacy, and education*. Within this network, we have convened a smaller peer group of leaders to meet for two years, aiming to cultivate encouragement, mutual dialogue, spiritual renewal, and peer-to-peer learning.
- The **Mental Health & Congregational Care Affinity Group** supports Disciples congregations and communities engaged in spiritual care and advocacy ministries with those affected by mental illness and/or mental health disorders. The group’s four main vision areas are to *counter stigma, provide resources and educational support, collaborate and connect, and encourage the sustainability of mental health ministries in congregations, regions, and the general church*.

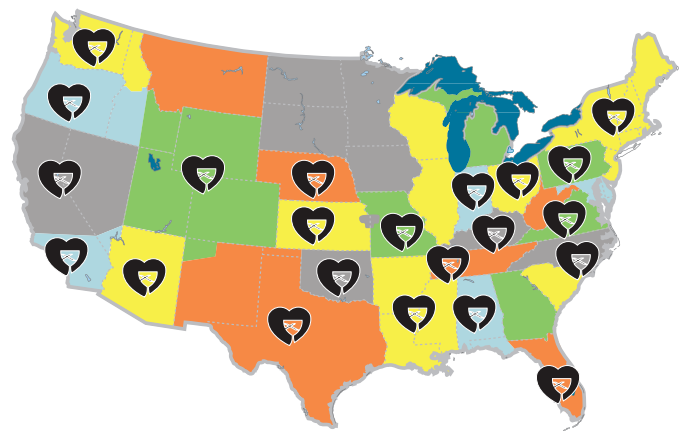
DISCIPLES-RELATED HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICE MINISTRIES*

40 health and social service ministries across **22** Disciples regions

9 members of the executive peer group, launched in July 2016

350+ members of the Prison and Jail Ministries Affinity Group, including 11 in a peer group launched in April 2016

90+ contacts on mailing list for Mental Health and Congregational Care Affinity Group, launched in May 2016, with 20+ contacts working closely toward the group’s mission/objectives



HOSTED EVENTS IN 2016



3 in-person gatherings



10-12 virtual meetings

* See Ministry Directory on page 10.



Hiram Farm, located in Hiram, Ohio, is an agricultural setting that provides meaningful work opportunities for developmentally disabled adults, with an emphasis on adults on the autism spectrum. The four Disciples congregations in the Hiram-Mantua area have been very connected and involved with Hiram Farm since its founding in 2009. As a health and social service ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Hiram Farm came to NBA in late 2015 with the need for assistance through an executive leadership transition. Since then, NBA has come alongside the Hiram Farm team, providing grant support and marketing/communications consulting, and serving as a conversation partner through the strategic visioning process.



Making an Impact:

"I know first-hand the importance of having this resource. We are better prepared to move forward from a position of strength because of our partnership with the NBA."

*Dave Lundeen,
Executive Director, Hiram Farm*



Fulfilling the Mission:

"We work so hard at providing meaningful work for adults with autism. The need for programs like this is great, and part of our mission is to spread the word."

*Rev. Roger McKinney,
Co-Founder and Board President,
Hiram Farm*

Telling the Story:

"For smaller nonprofits, it can be a challenge to pause and make time to tell the story. Hiram Farm has an amazing story to tell, and I've been so inspired to work with the team as they develop a marketing and communications plan that works well for them."

Kasi Zieminski, Director of Marketing, NBA



Creating Communities of Compassion and Care:

"Health and social services are at the heart of mission and ministry for Disciples, yet sometimes these ministries feel disconnected and unsupported. The NBA provides opportunities to make connections, share stories, and access resources and support services to help them strengthen, grow, and sustain their ministries."

*Rev. Monica Wedlock Kilpatrick,
Director of Connect Ministries, NBA/DHM*

REGIONAL INITIATIVES



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The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is gifted with a structure that includes the regional church. Regional life supports faithful work, connecting congregations and church-related ministries in mission and ministry in powerful ways.

One of the most effective ways the NBA resources health and social service ministries is by working with regional leadership to create regional initiatives. This has included the Gift of Years Project across West Virginia in 2013-15 and now encompasses two new efforts:

- A **Regional Mental Health and Congregational Care initiative with the Christian Church in Georgia**, providing education, support, and infrastructure development to pastors and congregations.
- A partnership with the **New Church Ministries team in the Christian Church in Kentucky**, specifically focusing on developing entrepreneurial skills at the intersection of congregational life and health and social service ministries.

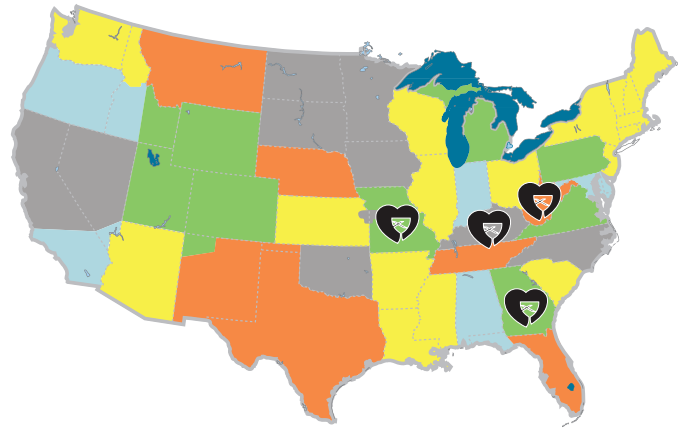
These regional partnerships allow for broad and deep impact across a wide geography and a diversity of ministries.



"We are gifted to live in a region in which we are surrounded by seniors, sages, and saints. The Gift of Years Project has been a gift to the world and to Christ's body, representing contextual ministry at its core."

Rev. Thaddaeus Allen, Regional Minister and President, Christian Church in West Virginia

Learn more at nbacares.org/GOY.



"This region-wide collaborative partnership is in recognition of a common desire to act out our call to mission together. We are better together, and hope to serve as a model for how a region and a general ministry might work in relationship through initiatives and new projects."

Rev. J. Gregory Alexander, General Minister, Christian Church in Kentucky

"I want to establish deeper connections between clergy across the region as we talk about issues that impact our lives, ministry, church, and society. Mental health should be a part of that discussion. My heart is filled with great expectation for the lives and ministries that will be changed through this shared work."

Rev. Denise Bell, Regional Minister, Christian Church in Georgia





FERGUSON JUSTICE INITIATIVE

Following the fatal shooting of Michael Brown on August 9, 2014, by Ferguson police officer Darren Wilson, several Disciples clergy and laypersons have joined many others in community responses for justice in Ferguson and beyond. In cooperation with other Disciples, the NBA has supported efforts for justice and racial reconciliation in the St. Louis area by promoting and facilitating conversation, gathering, advocacy, and healing.

St. Louis-Area Disciples Summit on Racial Justice

Held in September 2015 at Compton Heights Christian Church, this summit was an opportunity to gather and challenge Disciples to forge a unique mission imperative for racial justice in the St. Louis area. The event brought local congregations together to dialogue around issues of racial justice and to equip them, theologically and emotionally, to enter and sustain this difficult work. Resources are available on the NBA website for anyone interested in issues of racial justice, white privilege, and reconciliation, as well as other congregations or organizations interested in hosting similar summits in their communities.



Ministries supporting these justice efforts:

- Disciples activist clergy and laypersons in the St. Louis area
- Christian Church in Mid-America
- Office of the General Minister and President
- Reconciliation Ministry
- Week of Compassion
- Higher Education and Leadership Ministries
- National Convocation
- Metropolitan Congregations United

Injustice Anywhere Documentary Film

The NBA commissioned a gathering of stories after Michael Brown's death on behalf of local Disciples seeking to respond to the crisis. The resulting film, *Injustice Anywhere*, created by Aziza Binti and released in April 2016, arose in the midst of collective conversations and work of several expressions of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). *Injustice Anywhere* has been screened in St. Louis, Kansas City, Nashville, and other locations across the country. The Disciples clergy involved with this documentary have provided study guide materials and screening instructions to help facilitate viewing and discussion of the film within congregations and communities. The NBA has continued to engage with those involved in the *Injustice Anywhere* film, honoring the unnamed activists of the Ferguson Uprising and sharing mental health and healing resources with those who have been working tirelessly for justice.



"To talk about the reforms that need to happen in schools, to talk about the changes that need to happen in the law, to talk to the juvenile courts about things they have to do differently—that's what we've been called to do, and I invite you into that work."

*Rev. Dr. Dietra Wise Baker,
NBA Organizing Specialist, Ferguson Justice Initiative*



MINISTRY DIRECTORY

WE BELIEVE that compassionate and caring communities result from a partnership with God and cooperation between individuals, communities, churches, and organizations. Together, we are a catalyst for advocacy, education, and innovative approaches addressing justice issues. The NBA and Disciples Home Missions (DHM) affirm that, by working with Disciples-related health and social service ministries, we have what we need to create purposeful change.

West

All Peoples Community Center

Christian Church Homes

Gomer's House, a ministry of

Trees of Righteousness Christian Church*

Oakland Peace Center*

Serra Center

SquareOne Villages

Tennyson Center for Children

UrbanMission Community Partners*

Yakama Christian Mission

Los Angeles, CA

Oakland, CA

Portland, OR

Oakland, CA

Union City, CA

Eugene, OR

Denver, CO

Pomona, CA

White Swan, WA



Tulsa's Table

Southwest

Chain Reaction Ministries

Disciple Homes Management Group

Hearts for Care, a ministry of

Disciples Retirement Community of Oklahoma*

Inman Christian Center

Juliette Fowler Communities

Manistee Manor Apartment Homes

Oklahoma Family Empowerment Center*

Reach Beyond Mission*

Tulsa's Table, a project of

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Southwest Good Samaritan Ministries

Houston, TX

Gladewater, TX

Oklahoma City, OK

San Antonio, TX

Dallas, TX

Glendale, AZ

Tulsa, OK

Austin, TX

Tulsa, OK



Florida Christian Center



Reach Beyond Mission

Los Fresnos, TX

Midwest

Child Saving Institute
Cleveland Christian Home
Columbia Area Older Adult Ministry
Hiram Farm
Kansas Christian Home
Patchwork Central / Sozo Health Ministry
Woodhaven Learning Center

Northeast

Live in Hope Foundation
Safe Haven Day Shelter
Worcester Fellowship

Southeast

A Small Hand
Christian Care Communities
Christian Services for Children in Alabama
Florida Christian Center
HER Faith Ministries*
Kentucky Appalachian Ministry
Mission Behind Bars and Beyond*
QC Family Tree*
Southern Christian Services for Children and Youth
The Summit
Urban Spirit

* NBA Incubate Initiative Affiliate Ministries

Omaha, NE
Cleveland, OH
Columbia, MO
Hiram, OH
Newton, KS
Evansville, IN
Columbia, MO



Christian Church Homes



Sozo Health Ministry



NBA and DHM



Oakland Peace Center

To learn more about Disciples health and social service ministries in your area and how you can get involved, visit nbacares.org/directory.

NBA TURNS 130



The legacy and history of the NBA is filled with the healing care and faithful commitment to service by many “clouds of witnesses.” In 2017, the NBA is honored to celebrate 130 years of health and social service ministry with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)!

Throughout those 130 years, NBA has been a ministry that responds to the health, social service, and justice needs of the day—from our six founding women in a prayer circle, to the vast network of historic service providers, through the challenging time of bankruptcy and reorganization, to our transformation as a collaborative partner in creating communities of compassion and care.

During this commemorative time and beyond, we are striving to build a “living history”—one that incorporates a variety of voices from across our ministry partners and the denomination, deepens NBA’s relationships throughout the life of the church, and continues to connect our foundation to our future.



Rowena Mason,
NBA Co-Founder

On NBA’s Beginnings:

“As we have ascended this rugged height, the vista has been broadened—our possibilities enlarged, our hopes brightened—and now we see so much to do that we knew not of before, have learned to climb better, have been given opportunities that we never could have had, only that we have grown into them.”

WE INVITE YOU TO BE INVOLVED AS WE CELEBRATE 130 YEARS!

- Share your NBA stories and memories online
- Sign up for our eNewsletter for the latest ministry stories, news, events, and other updates
- Join us at the 2017 General Assembly in Indianapolis to connect in person!

Learn more at www.nbacares.org/be-involved/nba-at-130.



“Even though the programs of NBA have changed, and the structure is different, NBA stands for something...there is a sense of oneness, that we are NBA—past, present, and future.”

*Dr. Norma Ellington-Twitty,
Former NBA VP of Program Planning
and Evaluation*

FINANCES

DISCIPLES MISSION FUND

As the health and social services general ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), we are grateful partners in the Disciples Mission Fund (DMF), our denomination's common fund for mission and ministries. Each year, when congregations give to DMF at Easter, or through Disciples Women Blessing Boxes, or to the Disciples Mission Fund as a whole, the NBA—as a general ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)—benefits from your generosity and your gifts.

The NBA receives more than \$250,000 from DMF annually, which is given directly to provide for the mission and ministries of health and social services. Your gifts truly make a difference!



FINANCIAL REPORT

In accordance with the bylaws of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and with guidelines established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the NBA's consolidated financial records are audited by independent auditors. Here is a snapshot of our financials. For a full audit report, go to nbacares.org/financials.

"The NBA is able to share its resources by supporting individuals and groups who long for a global community in which justice is predominant. What a gift it is to me to partake in such a vision!"

Barbara Scamman, NBA Board of Trustees

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION December 31, 2015

ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND NET ASSETS (Dollars in Thousands)

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Cash investments	\$64,221	Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$398
Bequests and other receivables	\$229	Note payable to affiliate	\$392
All other assets	\$2,234	Due to affiliated organizations	\$3,366
Total Assets	\$66,684	Annuity obligations, funds held in trust, and other liabilities	\$5,639
		Total Liabilities	\$9,795
NET ASSETS	\$56,889		

DONORS

THE VISION of the National Benevolent Association of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is to create communities of compassion and care. We are so grateful for the community of individuals, families, congregations, and legacy donors who so generously support the ministries of the NBA. Your gifts directly impact how Disciples health and social service ministries are caring, providing, nurturing, and accompanying people and communities across our wider church. Thank you!

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First Christian Church, Columbia (MO)
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- Rooted in Compassionate Care
- Accountability
- Collaborative Partnerships
- Accompaniment
- Forward Leaning

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Following God's call, the National Benevolent Association exists to inspire and connect the people and ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), to accompany one another in the creation of communities of compassion and care, and to advocate for the well-being of humanity.



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