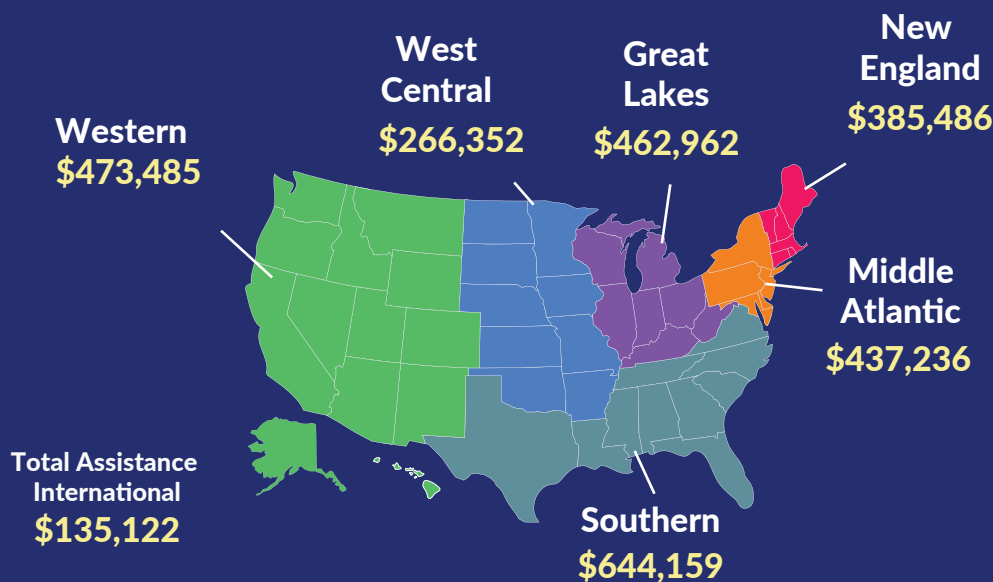


2017 Ministerial Assistance Direct Support by Region



2017 DIRECT SUPPORT FOR THOSE WHO SERVE THE CHURCH TOTALLED \$2,804,802

*supported by gifts to the Christmas Fund

Supplementation of Small Annuities*

For **424** retired clergy/lay employees/surviving spouses, totaling **\$1,513,602**

Health Benefits Supplementation*

For **210** retired clergy/lay employees/surviving spouses, totaling **\$492,863**

Emergency Grants*

For **384** individuals in urgent need totaling **\$136,012**, including **\$86,750** for hurricane relief for **347** authorized ministers in Florida and the Houston area

Christmas "Thank You" Gift Checks*

For **477** retired clergy/lay employees/surviving spouses, totaling **\$228,300**

Ministerial Assistance Grants

For **78** retired/disabled clergy/lay employees/surviving spouses, totaling **\$343,263**

New Church Start Benefit Grants

Support for **10** new church start pastors to have health benefits or seed their annuity account, totaling **\$78,562**

Higher Education Scholarships

For **one** adult child of a clergy person who is either disabled or deceased, totaling **\$2,000**

Herring and Stark Memorial Grants

Seed money for **6** new authorized ministers to create an account in the Annuity Plan for the United Church of Christ and begin saving for a more secure retirement totaling **\$9,000**

100th Birthday

In celebration of their 100th Birthdays, **12** members received a card and a \$100 check, totaling **\$1,200**

BEING the Church for those who SERVE the Church



The Pension Boards

United Church of Christ, Inc.

Since 1885, the United Church Board for Ministerial Assistance (UCBMA) has been one of the places that United Church of Christ clergy, lay church employees, and their surviving spouses have turned to for assistance. As the charitable arm of the Pension Boards, UCBMA's mission is to ensure the wholeness of those who serve in the UCC through direct support and sustainable leadership initiatives. This mission is funded by gifts from UCC members and friends to the Christmas Fund, Ministerial Assistance Fund, Our Church's Wider Mission, and individual legacy gifts.

2017 SUSTAINABLE LEADERSHIP INITIATIVES TOTALED \$1,347,266

Minister's Financial Vitality Initiative (MFVI)

Strengthening financial management skills so that clergy may move toward a more secure future. The first year of this multi-year initiative engaged **30** authorized ministers and was made possible by a \$1 million grant from the Lilly Endowment. The cost of this ministry was **\$71,832**.

Next Generation Leadership Initiative (NGLI)

Equips, energizes, and empowers **111** younger UCC pastors to build up vibrant congregations that change lives and further God's mission in the world. The cost of this ministry was **\$490,596**.

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60 authorized ministers were given time, resources, and encouragement to discern paths to greater wellness and wholeness in the spiritual, vocational, financial, and physical and mental health aspects of their lives and ministries. The cost of this ministry was **\$511,895**.

Annuitant Visitor Program (AVP)

160 visitors call annually on about **6,000** retirees and their spouses to check in regarding their benefit services and offer appreciation for their faithful service to the church. The cost of this ministry was **\$272,943**.



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