

# Five Mission Imperatives of the Missouri Mid-South Conference United Church of Christ

## Cultivating and Nurturing Covenantal Relationships

Reconnecting Congregations, ministers and lay leaders  
Connecting with ecumenical partners and the wider United Church of Christ  
Heritage & Identity

## Strengthening Congregations

Enabling Church Vitality  
Establishing new congregations  
Facilitating Search and Call  
Assist with conflict resolution  
Programming for children, youth and adults  
Outdoor Ministries

## Supporting/Equipping Authorized Ministers

Welcoming and orienting clergy new to ministry  
Leadership Development  
Mentoring Programs  
Oversight of commission, ordination and standing process  
Continuing Education  
Clergy Ethics  
Accountability

## Enhancing Communication

Creating and tending a network of communication (both paper and digital) that connects congregations, lay leaders and authorized ministers  
Conference Deacons Program

## Advancing a Mission of Peace and Justice

Tending to our Social Witness  
Encouraging open dialogue  
Encouraging congregational witness and advocacy  
Provide Mission Work opportunities