



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

*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.**