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.