## May is Older Adults Month: Honoring the Legacy and Leadership of Older Adults

Our Older Adult Ministries, in partnership with the National Benevolent Association and Disciples Home Missions, encourages you to join us to celebrate Older Adults Month in May. It is a special time to honor older adults in our congregations and communities who have shaped us, and continue to contribute with their faith, wisdom, and service. Designate a Sunday in May for a special celebration and recognition service. These <u>resources</u> are offered for your use.

## A Call to Celebrate: Designate one Sunday in May as Older Adults Recognition Sunday

Older adults are more than our past—they are active, valuable contributors to the present and future of the Church. They carry our Church's faith history, share deep spiritual insight, and continue to lead and serve in powerful ways. Their stories inspire, their presence grounds us, and their commitment strengthens our community.

Use this day to:

- Publicly celebrate and thank your older members
- Invite them to share testimonies or lead parts of worship
- Highlight ministries and programs that support and engage older adults
- Encourage intergenerational connections and conversations
- Make a financial gift on behalf of your congregation to a ministry with and for older adults.

Honor those who have led so faithfully, and recommit to walking alongside them with respect, love, and purpose.

"They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green." — Psalm 92:14 (NIV)