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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

Incubate. Initiate. Connect.

As the National Benevolent Association (NBA) of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), we have been living into, abiding by, and centering our relationships and ministries around these words. These are living words that help describe the amazing work being done in God’s name across our Disciples’ communities and in our congregations.

As members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), we understand deeply the power that comes from caring for the “least of these.” We seek to make an impact in the lives of people around us. How we care for others, how we accompany and connect with individuals and families—it matters.

In the following pages of this NBA Ministry Impact Report, we share and celebrate the transformative health and social service work being done across the life of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). We invite you to know more and be connected to Disciples such as:

- Pastors Milele and James at Gomer’s House in Portland, OR, who work daily to provide safe housing, a community of support, and social services for all who enter through their doors.
- The staff and professionals at Disciples-related organizations such as Christian Church Homes, Tennyson Center for Children, Woodhaven, Cleveland Christian Home, and so many others.
- Britani, David, Emily, Laura, Linda, Louise, Nancy, and other ministers and leaders who host young adults during their time as part of NBA XPLORE; these individuals serve as Spiritual Companions, conversation partners, prayer partners, and supports throughout the year.

Thank you to all who have given your support to Disciples health and social service ministries. For those who are only beginning to hear of these ministries, we invite you to engage in the transformative mission happening all across the life of our Church.

The ministries of compassion and care are real and relevant. I am humbled daily by the faithful work and efforts of Disciples leaders and communities responding and engaging in innovative and thoughtful ways. We are indeed called together and called to care.

With gratitude and blessing,

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President and CEO