

*"The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ (Ephesians 4:11-12)"*

The New York Conference equips a variety of saints in for building up the body Christ in New York State. We equip authorized ministers through retreats and trainings, lay leaders through the New York School of Ministry, future trailblazers through the New York State Youth Event, and communities within and beyond state borders through our justice and witness, missions, and ecumenical partnerships. Thanks to your support through UCC Covenant share, we enhance the ministerial gifts given to many of our over thirty thousand members.

Another way your UCC Covenant Share is used is in our ministries in Church Revitalization. There is a high probability that your congregation has been blessed in some way by our ministry to congregations. Perhaps it is a New Church Start supported by the Conference and/or the national offices of the UCC. Perhaps your congregation is one of twenty that has benefited from a year of cluster coaching with nationally known author Paul Nixon. Perhaps members from your church were part of the over one hundred people who recently attended our recent Membership to Discipleship workshops in Henrietta and the Bronx. Perhaps your church has explored new mission and ministry possibilities through Mission Insite and Readiness 360. Our ministry in helps our congregations re-imagine themselves. In doing so, we assist our churches in the faithful practice of dreaming not nostalgically about what was, but in hope about what may be!

We the New York Conference Board and Staff are fully committed to Church Revitalization, for we believe that spiritually vital and healthy churches make a healthy Conference. Please join in this commitment by your investment in UCC Covenant Share. Thank you and bless you for your support of the New York Conference!

