2021 CHRISTMAS OFFERING

God's Imagination

went to work and created the human family! A family of richly diverse and interesting personalities. God intended that each individual be part of the fabric of humanity, woven together in community with each thread needing the other to avoid unraveling. Imagination is powerful, tending to stir and ignite the flow of creativity and invention.

During this season of the year, your gifts to the Region help stir and ignite imagination for how this fellowship of Covenant Churches can continue to fulfill the mission and witness of God's love.

With your gift, Imagination becomes a reality by...

- **Enhancing** the Commission on Ministry's work as they walk alongside those who say, "*here am I, Lord, send me*."
- **Supporting** congregations through Search and Call as they receive God's direction for a new pastor.
- **Undergirding** Youth and Adult ministry through camps, conferences, and retreats.
- **Expanding** Camp Caroline's vision and value as a place of spiritual nurture, social development, and grooming Church leaders in a recreational setting.
- **Planning** for God's NEXT shift that will connect congregations more deeply to each other, will foster faith development, will gather Disciples in hybrid assemblies, will nurture the development of a new generation of lay leaders, will interpret the global mission of the Church, will represent the Church in ecumenical gatherings, will counsel and pray with those who are troubled of spirit, and will lead the Church to address racism and inequity.

This is how we envision a sustainable and relevant future as a fellowship of covenant churches called the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in North Carolina. Once there was another moment in history that threatened the fabric of the human family. Darkness took voice and whispered, *all hope is lost*! And with creative imagination, God offered a solution by sending God's one and only son, Jesus, the Messiah! What a gift of God's creative provision for humanity's future! Today, allow your heart to imagine what your gift means to the future of your Region. Your support is our lifeline.

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