

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

COUNCIL for HEALTH and HUMAN SERVICE MINISTRIES United Church of Christ

Members benefit from ready access to CHHSM's **professional staff** whose competencies include marketing, organizational analysis, management, theological reflection, communications, social media and business development.

CHHSM provides member services in three strategic areas:

Forming Leaders – nurturing leaders whose understanding of vocation integrates faith, theology, ethics and social conscience for health and human service through CHHSM's groundbreaking leadership formation program -- The Nollau Institute; staff development and program consultation services; strengthening collegial relations.

Celebrating Heritage – lifting up CHHSM member ministries as historic and visionary; celebrating our identity as valued United Church of Christ ministries; strengthening relations with all settings of the church; honoring leaders whose personal and professional commitment has continued the legacy of service exemplified by CHHSM ministries.

Resourcing Ministries – providing governance and management education; purchasing discounts and employee benefit programs; marketing and communications consultation; investment and planned giving services; access to UCC health, dental, mental health, substance abuse and prescription drug coverage.

Additional benefits for CHHSM members in good standing include:

Networking to advance service ministry

- Being part of **an intimate community of colleagues** who share values and a vocational calling to advance the healing and service ministry of Jesus Christ.
- Receipt of our monthly e-newsletter – **Diakonie**.
- Collegial relationships that enable **personal consultation** with CHHSM colleagues about enhancing self-care, problem solving, best practices, conflict resolution and programmatic development.
- Connection to CHHSM's network of health and human service **public policy advocacy organizations** and resources.
- Informing, and being informed by, the United Church of Christ's **public policy** positions on critical social, ethical and regulatory issues in health and human services.
- Devising strategies with colleagues to **enhance church relationships** and expand awareness of our **common mission** at all levels of the United Church of Christ.
- **CHHSM Annual Meeting** - providing opportunities for rest, renewal and networking. All CHHSM members in good standing have two voting delegates at the CHHSM Annual Meeting.

Increased visibility and connection

- Listing in **United Church of Christ (UCC) Yearbook**
- Listing in CHHSM's cross-referenced, on-line directory of **UCC-related service providers** at www.chhsm.org, inclusion of a link to your ministry's website, and easy updating.

- Using the creative resources and networking capacities of CHHSM to **expand awareness** of, and **support** for, your ministry.
- The opportunity to share stories of your ministry with a nationwide audience through our monthly e-newsletter *Diakonie*.

Operations support: Integrating faith and organizational life

- Inclusion under the Church's federal non-profit tax exemption, qualifying your ministry for "Church Plan" status.
- Access to **CHHSM Store**, our group purchasing plan that offers significant savings on a wide variety of products and special discount programs for employees of your ministry.
- Participating in meaningful dialogue about integrating **faith and organizational life**.
- Access to CHHSM's electronic resources including: access to electronic version of the UCC Yearbook, webinar platform, and partnerships in technology solutions.
- Access to CHHSM's **Consultant's Network**.
- Opportunity for development of relationships that enable **personal consultation** with CHHSM colleagues about enhancing self-care, problem solving, best practices, conflict resolution and programmatic development.

Leadership and staff development

- **The Nollau Institute** - members are eligible to participate in CHHSM's **leadership formation** program, our specialized program for faith-based servant leaders. Graduates qualify for consecration as CHHSM **Diakonal Ministers** and participation in CHHSM's **Diakonal Minister Community**.
- **CHHSM's customized consultation** for staff and program development and governance education.
- Eligibility to contract for discounted **executive search service**.
- Access to CHHSM's online **Vocations Opportunities Listing** for posting job announcements to reach a national audience.

UCC covenantal benefits

Access to or eligibility to participate in:

- **CHHSM Health** – affordable, comprehensive health care, dental care, mental health & substance abuse services, and pharmaceutical services (offered in covenant with the Pension Boards UCC).
- **Investment services of United Church Funds (UCF)**, a CHHSM Covenantal Partner.
- Excellent **property and casualty insurance** management services of the nonprofit **Insurance Board** established by UCC Conferences.
- Eligibility to participate in **retirement / pension accumulation plans** with the **Pension Boards UCC**.
- **UCC Cornerstone Fund** – Ability to **borrow** from or **invest** at extraordinary rates, including access to their CHHSM Strength Builder program.
- **Free planned giving services** through CHHSM's covenantal partnership with the UCC Financial Development Ministry.

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