



COUNCIL for HEALTH and HUMAN SERVICE MINISTRIES
United Church of Christ

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

Tangible benefits of joining and being a member in good standing of CHHSM:

- Listing in **United Church of Christ (UCC) Yearbook** and inclusion under the Church's federal non-profit tax exemption, qualifying your ministry for "**Church Plan**" status.
- 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.
- Eligibility to have **two voting delegates** at the CHHSM annual membership meeting.
- 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.
- Access to CHHSM's electronic resources, including receipt of our monthly e-newsletter – **Diakonie** – and the opportunity to share stories of your ministry with a nationwide audience.
- Eligibility to participate in CHHSM's **leadership formation** program, **The Nollau Institute**, that offers specialized education and theological reflection for faith-based servant leaders. The Nollau Institute graduates qualify for consecration as CHHSM **Diakonal Ministers** and participation in CHHSM's **Diakonal Minister Community**.
- Access to **free planned giving services** through CHHSM's covenantal partnership with the UCC Financial Development Ministry.
- Access to **customized consultation** for staff and program development and governance education through CHHSM's consulting services.
- 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).
- Access to the **investment services** of **United Church Funds (UCF)**, a CHHSM Covenantal Partner.
- Eligibility to **borrow** from or **invest** with the **UCC Cornerstone Fund** at extraordinary rates, including access to their CHHSM Strength Builder program.
- Access to excellent **property and casualty insurance** management services of the nonprofit **Insurance Board** established by UCC Conferences.
- Eligibility to contract for discounted **executive search services** with Kittleman & Associates, Chicago.

- Access to CHHSM's online **Vocations Opportunities Listing** for posting job announcements to reach a national audience.
- Connection to CHHSM's network of health and human service **public policy advocacy organizations** and resources.
- Eligibility to participate in **retirement / pension accumulation plans** with the **Pension Boards UCC**.

Access to CHHSM's webinar platform and partnerships in technology solutions.

Other valuable benefits of CHHSM membership are less tangible:

- 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.
- Participating in meaningful dialogue about integrating **faith and organizational life**.
- Collegial relationships that enable **personal consultation** with CHHSM colleagues about enhancing self-care, problem solving, best practices, conflict resolution and programmatic development.
- Having ready access to CHHSM's **professional staff** whose competencies include marketing, organizational analysis, management, theological reflection, communications, social media and business development.
- 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.
- Using the creative resources and networking capacities of CHHSM to **expand awareness** of, and **support** for, your ministry.

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