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TO: MODERATOR

United Evangelical Church
United Church of Christ
3200 Dillon Street
Baltimore, MD 21224-5028

FOR:

Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM)

Covenant Keepers

An INVITATION

INVITATION #[100]
DATE: OCTOBER 17, 2005

DESCRIPTION	Operating Expenses	Percentage of Operating Expenses Given in 2004	Amount Given in 2004	Min. Percentage of Operating Expenses to Reach Covenant Keepers Level	Covenant Keepers Amount for 2005* †
2004 OCWM Gift	\$165,587	1.65%	\$2,731		
Estimated 2005 OCWM Covenant Keepers Amount				10%	\$16,559
Covenant Keepers "On The Way" Amount †				2.65%	\$4,387
<p>Please remit all OCWM payments through your Conference or Association office or wherever you normally send it. Do not send to the national offices.</p>					

*Based on 2004 Operating Expenses as reported by your church. Your actual Operating Expenses for 2005 may vary.
† Percentage of 2004 Operating Expenses given to OCWM plus 1%. Actual 2005 OCWM gift total amount may vary.

This is not a bill, it's an invitation!

Interesting Facts:

1. Currently, only 988 out of 5,888 congregations give 10 percent or more of their operating expenses to Basic Support of Our Church's Wider Mission, which funds United Church of Christ Conference and national ministries. These 988 churches are providing 46 percent of the financial support of UCC Conference and national ministries. Their median giving is 13.2 percent of their local operating budget.
2. Stillspeaking Churches collectively provide 70% of the financial support of Our Church's Wider Mission.

"Never place a decimal point where God has placed a comma."

-Ron Buford