



SERVICE & OUTREACH

As part of MLCC's commitment to **Connect, Grow, and Serve**, we invite you to support the international ministry of **Week of Compassion**, the relief, refugee, and development mission fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Through this offering, we join with congregations across the church to bring hope and help to neighbors around the world facing disasters, hunger, displacement, and poverty.

Your monetary gifts support emergency response as well as long-term recovery and sustainable development efforts, providing care for communities when they need it most. By giving, we live out Christ's call to love our neighbors near and far, sharing compassion in practical and meaningful ways.

Please prayerfully consider making a donation to support this important ministry. Together, we can extend MLCC's spirit of service beyond our walls and into the world.

Earth Day Cleanup: Care for God's Creation

Please join us this Earth Day as we do our part to care for God's creation.

Sunday, April 26 at Noon in the chapel. A light lunch will be provided. Volunteers will receive bags, gloves and vests and head out to clean up litter on our adopted section of Cochran Road. Thanks for doing your part to care for this beautiful world.

Lord, grant us the wisdom to care for the earth and till it.

Help us to act now for the good of future generations and all your creatures.

Help us to become instruments of a new creation,

Founded on the covenant of your love.

- The Cry of the Earth

Helping Future DOC (Disciples of Christ) Leaders

Since its inception in January 1984, the Schnars Memorial Scholarship Fund—established by Dr. Clarence H. Schnars, the inaugural pastor of Mt. Lebanon Christian Church (MLCC), and his wife, Alliene—has served as a testament to the church’s dedication to nurturing those preparing for ministry within the Disciples of Christ (DOC) tradition. Carefully managed by the Church’s Trustees, this fund has grown considerably over time, enabling MLCC to make a substantial impact on aspiring DOC ministers and leaders.

Recognizing the potential to further invest in the next generation of church leaders, MLCC has partnered with Higher Education & Leadership Ministries (HELM), an organization committed to theological education and leadership development within the DOC community. In celebration of Dr. Clarence and Alliene Schnars, as well as the congregation of MLCC, HELM will now oversee the new *Mt. Lebanon Christian Church / Schnars Graduate Scholarship*, with the first award scheduled for Fall 2027.

While the specifics of the scholarship program are being finalized, MLCC's Trustees and Board have approved a \$10,000 distribution from the Schnars Memorial Fund this year to support HELM’s Global Theological Fellows program. This initiative is designed to help seminary students broaden their perspectives by connecting them with a cohort grounded in theology and oriented toward global issues. The funds are being used to directly assist these students as they approach the final stages of their spring studies. Additionally, HELM will also allocate a portion of these resources to strengthen scholarship offerings for students embarking on PhD and DMin programs this fall.

Through these efforts, MLCC is expanding its outreach and reinforcing its role as a catalyst for positive change—both within the church and beyond its walls—by empowering future leaders to serve with compassion and vision.