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Week of Compassion – February 20 – 27, 2022

“And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.” - 1 Corinthians 13:13 (NIV)

As the relief, refugee, and development mission fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Week of Compassion works with partners to alleviate suffering throughout the world. This year's theme for Week of Compassion is “Love Remains.”

Love is shelter. Love is a listening ear. Love is community. Love is a hopeful future. Love is a path forward. When all else seems lost, love remains.

When you give to Week of Compassion, you help rebuild communities recovering from disaster. You also empower farmers to grow new kinds of crops in a changing climate; you support refugees; you empower youth through education, and empower women through vocational opportunities. In so many different ways, your gifts of love have the power to transform lives.

Our congregation will receive the Week of Compassion special offering on Sunday, February 20, 2022 and Sunday, February 27, 2022.

In thinking about your giving to Week of Compassion, I encourage you to pick a monetary unit – a dime, a quarter, a \$1 bill, a \$5 bill, whatever you can afford – and for the week prior to giving, consider putting aside your chosen monetary unit each day based on the following:

- **Monday** - A record 22 “billion-dollar disasters” occurred in the U.S. in 2020. Give 2 units to support disaster preparedness.
- **Tuesday** - Week of Compassion partners work for equitable access to the COVID-19 vaccine worldwide. Give 2 units if you have been vaccinated.
- **Wednesday** - At least 2 billion people worldwide use contaminated water sources. Give 1 unit for every faucet in your home.
- **Thursday** - Give 1 unit to support the 1 in 6 children who live in poverty worldwide.
- **Friday** - Week of Compassion partners help provide shelter following disasters. Give 1 unit if there is a roof over your head right now.
- **Saturday** - Human trafficking affects more than 40 million people worldwide--75% of whom are women and girls. Give 2 units to support livelihood opportunities for survivors.
- **Sunday** - “And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.” Give 1 unit for faith, 1 unit for hope; and 1 unit for love!

Then on February 20 or February 27, 2022 (or both if you want), give the accumulated units to the Week of Compassion offering.

**“The sun comes up, and seasons change
Hope lives on,
And Love Remains”**

From the song “Love Remains,” written by Jim Daddario and Tom Douglas

Kristen