This year the Conference Council put additional emphasis on strengthening relationships between the Council for Health and Human Service Ministries and the Missouri Mid-South Conference.

The 80th annual gathering of CHHSM in St. Louis in March provided a great opportunity to display that commitment. Highlights of the meeting included opening worship at the recently completed Deaconess Center for Child Well-Being and the Rev. Dr. Ginny Brown Daniel’s preaching at the closing service.

CHHSM organizations have sponsored meals at the 2016 and 2017 Conference Annual Gatherings. Additionally this year two of the workshop sessions are led by CHHSM executives.

A significant visual testimony to our partnership is the creation of a ‘landing page’ on the MMS website. From the home page, click on the “Churches and Associations” box and select CHHSM from the dropdown menu. You can instantly link to any of the agencies and the CHHSM home page.

We will be exploring additional ways to promote our alignment in 2018. MMS is home to more CHHSM agencies than any other UCC conference.

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