The purpose of the OCWM Covenanted Ministry: The Covenanted Ministry for Interpretation and Promotion Of OCWM will encourage the financial support of Our Churches Wider Mission - Basic Support in addition to participation in the four special offerings of the UCC by local churches of the Missouri Mid-South Conference.

The key activities for the OCWM Covenanted Ministry in 2015 were the Friends of the Conference 2015 Challenge, the acknowledgement of gifts to the Conference from individuals, and increasing the readership of the e-Courier.

The OCWM Covenanted Ministry solicited congregations and individuals for contributions to the Friends of the Conference 2015 Challenge. Contributions from over 35 contributors totaled $14,509.

Another opportunity to contribute to the Friends of the Conference Challenge exists for 2016. These gifts are used by the Conference Council to support creative initiatives generated by Churches, Associations, and Conference Council during the program year. These opportunities develop as ministries take shape (the Holy Spirit moving among us) during the program year.

- Launched a campaign to encourage individuals of local congregations to link in to e-Courier for updates on ministries in Missouri communities and national and international settings.
- Developed a list of contact information for communication with individuals, current and recent, who participate in the conference – Conference Council members, active pastors, leaders of the three associations. This list was inaugurated in the communications for the Friends of the Conference 2015 Challenge.

One key emphasis of the OCWM Covenanted Ministry is increasing connections to the church-wide institutions. Our church-wide institutions carry on ministries we cannot do by ourselves. The wider church helps us reach out to the whole world while concurrently informing and helping us participate outside the footprint of our faith communities. Through these connections, our ministry is bigger than when we work by ourselves. We become part of the Body of Christ. We connect to each other in a wonderful process that informs and changes us as our ministry serves the vulnerable and disadvantaged in our generation.

We welcome the Communications Covenanted Ministry and its role in updating and expanding communication activities and tools in local congregations.

We will continue to work on gathering and sharing the amazing work that local congregations carry out in their communities.

Faithfully,
The Members of the 2015 OCWM Covenanted Ministry

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