The Council for Health and Human Service Ministries (CHHSM) member organizations located in the Missouri MidSouth and Illinois South Conferences meet on a regular basis in order to share information, plan joint activities, and support one another in our important ministries on behalf of the United Church of Christ. We embody the Mission Imperatives of “Cultivating and Nurturing Covenantal Relationships” and “Advancing a Mission of Peace and Justice” in our work collectively and as individual health and human service organizations.

In 2016, we:

* Held an Affinity Groups gathering on January 21 at Every Child’s Hope. Staff met together in the affinity groups of finance, fund development, human resources, program, and spiritual care, in order to share best practices and provide resources to one another.

* Attended the CHHSM Annual Meeting “Sustainability through Stewardship and Social Action,” March 3-5 in Houston, TX.

* Met on June 27 at Emmaus Homes.

* Met on October 3 at Cape Albeon. At this meeting, we welcomed Joint Neighborhood Ministries to our regional CHHSM gatherings.

Rev. Ginny Brown Daniel, Missouri MidSouth Conference Minister, regularly attends our regional meetings, as does Rev. Shana Johnson, Illinois South Conference Minister. Our Missouri MidSouth CHHSM organizations who participate in our gatherings are: Cape Albeon; Deaconess Foundation; Deaconess Nurse Ministry; Emmaus Homes; Every Child’s Hope; Joint Neighborhood Ministries; Lydia’s House; Neighborhood Houses; St. Andrew’s Resources for Seniors System; St. Catherine Retirement Community of Retirement Housing Foundation.

Peace,

Rev. Cindy Bumb, Vice President of Spiritual Care, Emmaus Homes, Inc.

Convener, Missouri MidSouth/Illinois South CHHSM Group