Conference Ambassador Position Description:

Purpose:

The Missouri Mid-South Conference Ambassador Program is fundamental to the development of a system that is based on relationship between the congregations and individuals. These Ambassadors are not staff in the normal sense of the word, but are lay and clergy leaders chosen to serve because of their spiritual, emotional and ecclesial maturity and who will serve as “connectors” within the body. Conference Ambassadors are more informal than formal, that is that they have no constitutional powers but become effective as they develop trust and express care and concern for those of the body.

Expectations:

- Approximately three congregations will be assigned to each Ambassador.
- Each Ambassador will be asked to visit each of their congregations for Sunday morning worship 2 times a year.
- During these visits the Ambassadors will share greetings and news from the Conference.
- In addition to bringing greetings Ambassadors will express the appreciation and thanks of the conference and wider church for the congregational support of OCWM.
- Conference Ambassadors may be asked to present OCWM certificates during one of their visits.
- Be available for celebrations of significant days and events in the life of the congregation.
- During visits, seek out congregational leadership that may be willing to serve the Conference in various capacities.
- Be the information link between the Conference staff and the needs, concerns, joys and celebrations of our local churches.

Gifts and skills:

Ambassadors will be people who have:

- Been transformed by the Gospel.
- Demonstrated love for and participation in the life of the United Church of Christ beyond the congregation.
- Modeled a lifestyle of integrity.
- Exhibited appropriate relationship skills
- Practiced the spiritual disciplines including stewardship.

Accountability and Support:

Ambassadors will be accountable to the Leadership Development Committee and the Conference Minister.

Annual training and updates will be offered to support the role of the Conference Ambassadors.