



# Rock Spring Congregational United Church of Christ

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December 27, 2012

Rev. Jan Aerie  
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Dear Jan,

As we informed you in an earlier e-mail exchange, at a Congregational Meeting in October 2012, Rock Spring Congregational UCC adopted the identity of a Global Mission Congregation. The enclosed Covenant Statement confirms this, and I regret the delay in getting this to you.

Meanwhile, we have been actively pursuing this new dimension of our congregational life with Rev Peter Makari, who is helping to open doors to a potential partnership with a congregation in the Middle East. With his help, we are beginning a conversation with the Church of Redeemer in Jerusalem, of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Jordan and the Holy Land.

We are also pleased to say that Peter has accepted an invitation to visit Rock Spring, to preach and engage in other activities on Sunday April 14, a day on which Rock Spring could be commissioned as a Global Mission Congregation. We are deeply grateful for the assistance that Peter has been providing to us.

We are greatly looking forward to this new chapter in our congregational life, and anticipate that we will look to Global Ministries for continued guidance and support. Thank you for all you do.

Yours sincerely and in peace

Michael Bell  
Chair, Global Mission Committee

cc: Rev. Dr. Kathy Dwyer, Senior Pastor;  
Rev. Dr. Janet Parker, Pastor for Parish Life

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# Disciples and UCC Be a Global Mission Church Covenant Statement

Congratulations! Your congregation has accepted the challenge to *Be a Global Mission Church*. Global Ministries would like to accompany you on the journey. Please complete the following Covenant Statement:

Church Name: Rock Spring Congregational United Church of Christ Date: Nov 30, 2012

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Our congregation commits to *Being a Global Mission Church*. We have prayerfully discerned how God would have us engage in God's mission beyond our national boundaries in covenantal partnership with Global Ministries. And we have created an action plan based upon the following commitments to implement over the next three years:

1. **PRAY** regularly for partners, missionaries and the world.
2. **EDUCATE** our members about global issues from preschool age to adult.
3. **SEEKS JUSTICE** for the "least of these" in the international community.
4. **RECEIVE** the gifts of the global church.
5. **GIVE** to the work of global mission.
6. **SENDS** our members into the world to share the Good News of Jesus.
7. **GROW** in sharing the story of God's mission with others.

We have empowered the appropriate people in our congregation to lead us in carrying out each aspect of our action plan. We will maintain communication with Global Ministries as we live out our commitment to *Be a Global Mission Church*.

Janet Parker Kathryn Dwyer 12/6/12  
Pastor/Minister Date

[Signature]  
Mission Chair/Board Chair

Global Ministries staff commits to walking with your congregation as it seeks to *Be a Global Mission Church*. Each staff contact will be responsive to your inquiries to help your congregation take the necessary steps to engage in a particular program area. The work of Global Ministries' five area offices will also facilitate connections with international partner churches and organizations. Upon completion of this covenant statement, Global Ministries will recognize your church with a certificate. Your congregation will also be listed on the Global Ministries website. We pledge our on-going support in your global mission efforts.

David Vargas or Cally Rogers-Witte  
Co-executives, Global Ministries

Date

Jan Aerie or Bob Shebeck  
Executives, Mission Interpretation

**DISCIPLES** send a copy of the completed form to:

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