Mission Offering for Annual Meeting 2021

The past year and a half has been a struggle in several ways for many of us. Covid and the Delta Variant, social isolation, and fear and anxiety over how to deal with the pandemic have hit us all, although perhaps in different ways. No matter what statistics you look at, the prevalence of mental health issues has increased, suicidal ideation has increased, there is still an unmet need for mental health treatment, people need mental health services, and there aren’t enough mental health providers. These issues know no boundaries when it comes to lay or clergy.

This year’s Annual Meeting offering will be going to the ISC Clergy Assistance Fund where funds will be used to aid and assist clergy. In 2021, this fund has been used heavily as clergy have needed counseling and spiritual direction services for themselves and their families.

The use of these funds is granted and approved by the Conference Minister. The assistance provided to the clergy of ISC not only assists the clergy, but also provides a healthier church as our leaders get the care and support they need to care for their members.

- **Prior to Annual Meeting, ask your Church Council** to seek contributions from your congregation in support of the ISC Clergy Assistance Fund.
- **Write a check** payable to Illinois South Conference.
- **In the memo line** acknowledge Annual Meeting Offering or ISC Clergy Assistance Fund
- **Send the check** to Illinois South Conference, 1312 Broadway, Highland, IL 62249.