The purpose of the Interim Ministry Working Group is to:

- Share resources about interim ministry with current and potential interim ministers as well as United Church of Christ and Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) denominational staff and volunteer authorization committees;
- Provide training for those interested in interim ministry (An Interim Ministry 3-day Training is usually offered in Fall);
- Provide continuing education opportunities for those currently engaged in interim ministry (Spring and Fall workshops);
- Administer the Rezash Fund, which supports interim ministers by providing continuing education, and, for participating members, funding for sabbaticals and subsidies during periods of unemployment;
- Create and encourage networking for those involved in Interim Ministry;
- Create and maintain a list of those in the Heartland Conference and Region involved in Interim Ministry;
- Encourage churches in transition to consider a period of time for Interim Ministry.

For more information about support and resources for interim ministry in the Heartland Conference, please contact Ralph Wearstler at revralphw@sbcglobal.net.