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Kreyer Scholar candidates are:

- Persons with a disability
- Members of a United Church of Christ congregation
- Members in discernment of an Association Committee on Ministry
- Hard-working scholars

Please give generously to support this important work.

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Virginia Kreyer

In Virginia Kreyer, the United Church of Christ had the blessing of a “saint” in disabilities ministries.

Virginia, who had cerebral palsy, was an ordained American Baptist Minister and later joined the United Church of Christ. The New York Metropolitan Association Committee on Ministry encouraged her to start a committee focusing on disability issues. She did.

The committee grew into a movement within the association, and developed a resolution on Disabilities Ministries. When the resolution was brought before Metropolitan Association delegates, a missionary from Japan said, “I’ve been around, all over these United States, and have not seen a person with a disability” — meaning that there was no sense in passing such a resolution. At that point, Virginia walked to the podium.

In 1977, the resolution passed and Disabilities Ministries officially began. Virginia served as Consultant to Persons with Disabilities across the country, teaching the “how” and “why” of welcoming persons with disabilities. She served as UCC delegate to the World Council of Churches of Christ (WCCC) and was the recipient of the Antoinette Brown Award, the Tappan Award, and the UCCDM Virginia Kreyer Award.

About the Scholarship

Your donation will greatly improve the life of seminarians with disabilities.

This scholarship fund will help defray the cost of:

- assistive devices
- specialized software
- hardware
- specialized services
- specialized assistants
- transportation
- adapted vehicles

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The UCCDM

UCCDM is an inclusion ministry of the United Church of Christ. Its emphases are:

To be a church where everyone is welcome.

To encourage local churches to be open, inclusive, affirming and accessible in all aspects of their lives, including buildings, worship, education, fellowship and service.

To advocate with and for persons with disabilities, especially people who have been marginalized and alienated.

To advocate for and collaborate with caregiving ministries with and for persons with disabilities.

To develop and support the leadership of laity and clergy with disabilities at all levels within the entire United Church of Christ.

To encourage all UCC settings of the United Church of Christ to consciously use language inclusive of and sensitive to accessibility and disabilities issues.

To offer a forum of communication and networking.

“Let us give thanks for our individual uniqueness and for Christ who binds Christians together as different pieces of cloth are brought together to make a quilt.”

— The Rev. Virginia Kreyer