REGIONAL MINISTER REPORT TO THE REGIONAL BOARD

Summary

Work with the Lilly Endowment Thriving in Ministry proposal revealed significant information about what our clergy need and affirmed the unique capacities of our Region to meet them. Several helped with crafting the proposal which was sent in June 1 along with another to the Oreon E. Scott Foundation.

The search for a Regional Minister for New and Transforming Church has concluded the interview phase. A special Regional Board meeting may need to be called to consider the Search Team’s recommendation. They have done excellent work and the process has clarified even further the path ahead for our Region.

Other significant changes are in the works—the transition of Tall Oaks to a wholly owned subsidiary, planning a Regional Assembly, major initiatives around new and transforming churches and an Annual Fund Campaign.

The overall mood of the Region seems to be more hopeful of late. Small wonder when faith is strong.

BUILDING RELATIONSHIP

Contacts

Woods Memorial CC
Multi-Nation CC
Hillside CC
Bonner Springs
Osawatomie CC
North Kansas City FCC
Powershift
Bonner Springs
South Summit CC—Exciting prospective mission!
Continuing one-one pastoral consultations

Leadership Academy focused on Trauma Informed Pastoral Care. In June the theme is Congregational Safety and Security at Blue Springs First Christian Church.

Osawatomie Christian Church is typical of the growing number of rural congregations that continue to serve despite decreasing membership.

Rev. Dr. Rodney Williams (above) at a fundraiser for the Poor Peoples Campaign. Below, Heartland Disciples Regional Ministers participated in a rally at the state capitol in Little Rock during their May retreat.
COMMISSIONS/COMMITTEES/CONSTITUENCY GROUPS

Leadership Academy—Blue Springs FCC
Stewardship and Development – Gift Acceptance Policy
Tall Oaks Commission
Gala Planning Committee
Commissioned Ministers Commission
Structural Oversight

GENERAL CHURCH

General Board
  Governance Committee
  Task Force – Contextual Analysis
College of Regional Ministers
  Anti-Racism Committee
  Nominee: 2d VP working with Regional Moderators event
HOSTING HEARTLAND REGIONAL MINISTERS AT TALL OAKS IN 2019

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Rodolfo Acosta/Ramon Robles at Lexington Theological Seminary
  Planning for Marriage Enrichment event in August with Greg Hunt

SEARCH AND CALL

Working with
  Blue Ridge Boulevard Christian Church
  Country Club Christian Church
  Good Shepherd – Virginia Pych Called as Interim Minister
Liberty
Longview – Called Donna Rose-Heim as Pastor
Louisburg
Olathe – Called Sherry McGlaughlin as Pastor
Woods Memorial

Rev. Dr. Mike Graves (above) has retired from teaching at St. Paul School of Theology and serves as Scholar in Residence at Country Club Christian Church. Below our two newest ordained Disciples ministers: Rev. Kaitlin Koehler and Rev. Sarju Jackson

Pentecost at Hillside Christian Church and Multi-Nation Christian Church was a spirited blend of Euro and Haitian American worship styles.