



The Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
of Greater Kansas City
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Dear Colleagues in Christ,

We ask your help to report on your standing with our Region annually. You provide us with contact information updates and news about where and how you are serving as well as your continuing education adventures and we appreciate that.

Thanks to your diligence and care we are able to learn from you about trends in ministry and mission which, in turn, help us to become even more supportive of your service. We know that all have gifts, talents, experience, wisdom and passion for certain forms of service. You can help us connect ministers with special strengths with ministry contexts calling for help in those areas. In this way we honor Paul's admonition in Ephesians 4:12 to build up the Body of Christ for the mission entrusted to us in this time.

I have heard it said by many that completing standing forms is just another hoop—a diversion from “real” ministry, but, isn't part of sharing information about our ministries also “standing with” our Region and the wider Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)? Aren't we the inheritors of nearly two thousand years of sacrifices and labors given by those who went before us in the hopes of the Gospel reaching and transforming new generations of disciples into perpetuity? Is it not a privilege to be called to serve in one of the most exciting and challenging times in the history of the Church? The Church stands with us. We stand with the whole Church. Together we make significant moves toward fulfilling the prayer of Jesus “that they may all be one” (John 17:21) United we offer hope in an age rampant with anxiety and uncertainty.

You will notice that you can now go on-line and complete a survey form of the annual standing report. Nothing to download, print or mail. If you prefer to use paper, there are fillable and downloadable forms that will be available on our Regional website on October 6. Choose the format that works best for you. If you choose the on-line survey, be prepared to start and complete the survey in one sitting! (The program will not allow you to start and stop over several days.) We ask that the survey form be completed by November 1.

Thank you for setting aside time to do this. Thanks, too, for who you are and all that you do in the cause of Christ. Word on the street is that GKC Disciples clergy are helping to make and equip strong disciples of Jesus Christ.

Sincerely,

Bill Rose-Heim

Regional Minister and President