

## Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Virginia



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Dear Colleagues,

Your Region is currently engaged in a prayerful discernment process that will lead to the call of our next Regional Minister. I am part of that wonderful team. We have saturated ourselves in prayer and our ears are open daily to the whispers of God concerning the person who will partner with us as our next Regional Minister.

I have had the privilege to serve in all three expressions of our church, local congregational pastor for thirty-nine (39) years, Interim Regional Minister, and Moderator of the Christian Church in the United States and Canada. Regional ministry in my opinion is the ministry that connects the General Church to the congregations and the congregations to the General Church. Regional ministry is the connector for local congregations to participate in the life of the wider church.

I write this missive mindful that each of you are critical to this discernment process. We need your prayers and your participation to aid in this important search and call. We are hosting three (3) meetings in conjunction with the Bylaws Committee to hear from you and your congregation.

The meetings will be from 10:00-12:30 in the following locations:

February 24—Blacksburg Christian Church, 240 Watson Ave., Blacksburg
March 10—Lynchburg College, 1501 Lakeside Dr., Lynchburg
March 17—Bon Air Christian Church, 2017 Buford Rd., Richmond

I personally look forward to seeing you and your congregation at one of these meetings. Please pray for us and share the invitation to join us in one of the meetings. May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Bill Lee Regional Search and Call Committee