

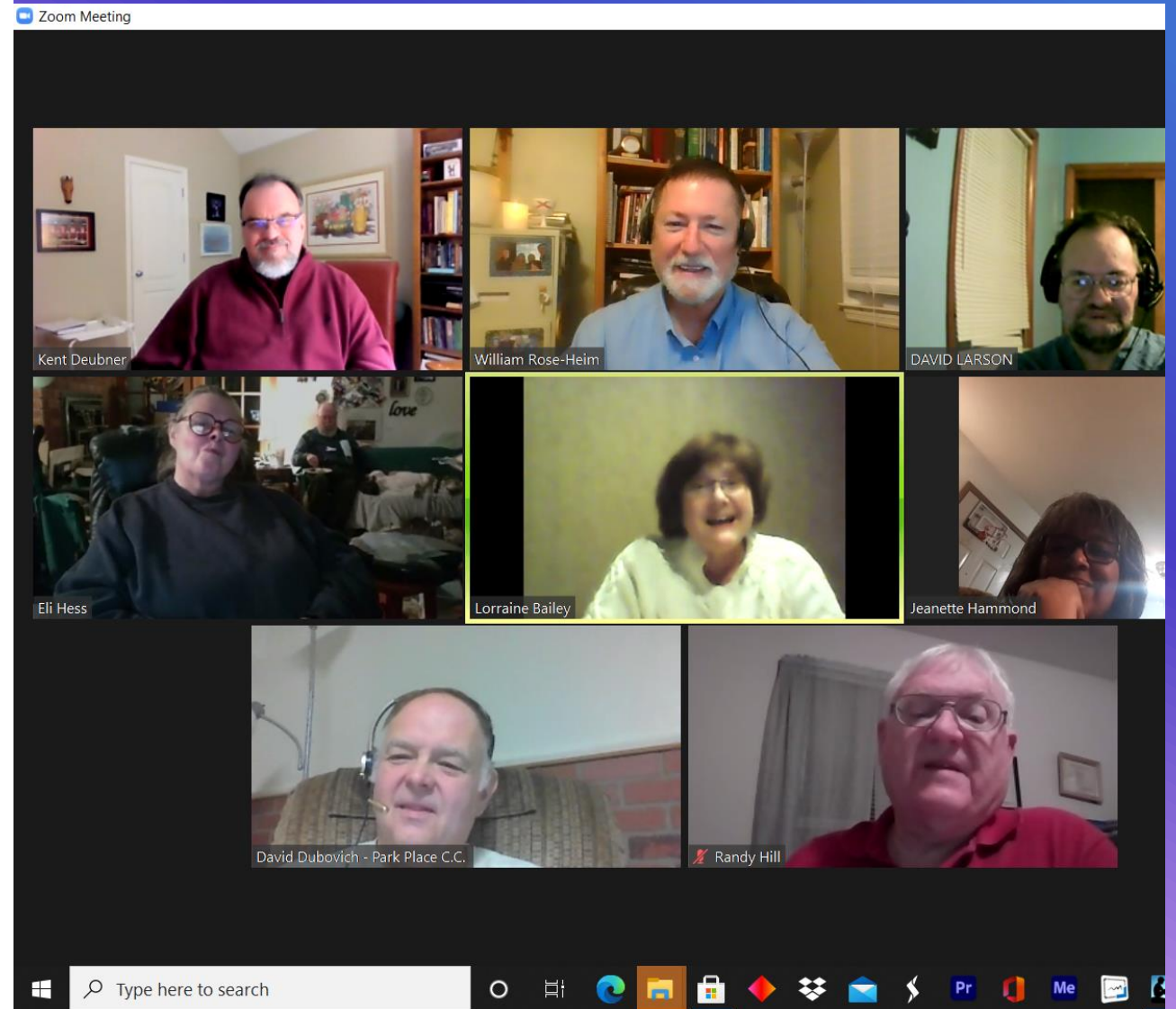


GOOD NEWS

REGIONAL MINISTER Updates

EXPANDING OUR ANTI-RACISM EDUCATION OPTIONS

- + We have hosted a series based on AMERICA'S UNHOLY GHOSTS by Joel Goza
- + Participants from Kansas and GKC Regions



LETTER FROM A BIRMINGHAM JAIL

A SERIES OF REFLECTIONS ON DR. KING JR'S
RESPONSE TO THE SILENCE OF THE WHITE
CHURCH

Rev. Dr. Bob Hill helped to organize
Rev. Terry Hord Owens was a featured speaker

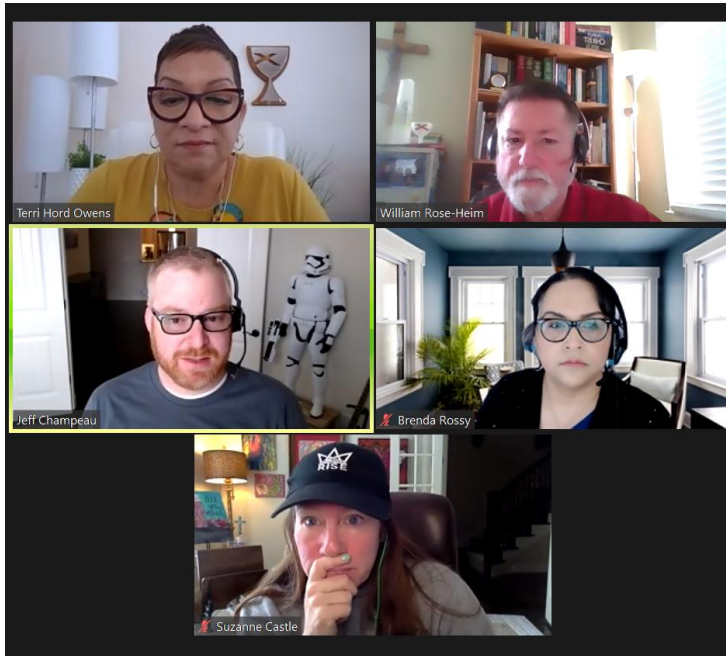
 Bob Hill	 William Rose-Heim	 Linda Houston	 Bill Tammeus	 Doug Alpert	 DARRON EDWARDS
 Larry Cork	 Jonathan Rudnick	 Colby Kinser	 Chris Wilson	 Jim	 Clay Marcusen
 Mindy Fugarino	 Liatris Studer	 Kendyl Gibbons	 Kathy Borgman	 Raymond Hankins	 Keith Hobly
 Sharon Hannah	 Grace & Stan Troeh	 Josephine Njoroge	 Michael	 Candace Chertem	 Gwendolyn Blue (...)
 Wendy Barth	 Barbara Brock-Da...	 Brent Schondelmeyer	 Rime Center	 Lora McDonald	 Rodney Williams

INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD CHRISTIAN CHURCH ON THE MOVE

- + Alternative High School starts this fall
- + Medical clinics Monday and Saturday
- + MICAH is 20 years old in April!
- + Upgrades to facilities



DISCIPLES TECH TEAM FORMING



- + Disciples in Professional IT & Marketing
- + Skilled volunteers
- + Knowledge base
- + Workshops

A FILIPINO DISCIPLES CONGREGATION IN OUR FUTURE

- + Harold Ballares being recommended for Commissioned Minister by Fairview Christina Church, Gladstone, MO. Along with Harold is Tom Salisbury, Board Chair and Rev. Dr. Stephen Regas, Transitional Minister. Steve was the first Timothy of Fairview.



New Calling



The Gatekeeper

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Eastgate Welcomes Rev. Rhonda Hetzel as our Senior Minister

The Search and Call Committee is excited to announce that we have called Rev. Rhonda Hetzel as our new Senior Minister. Here is a little bit about Pastor Rhonda in her own words:

Greetings Eastgate!

I'm excited, honored, and humbled to be in ministry with you — *Seeking God, Sharing Christ, and Serving Others*. I'm looking forward to meeting you if I haven't already, and I trust that we will find a way to build the foundation of a healthy relationship, always keeping safety in mind.

The near future will be a time of transition for all of us. We will begin the process of connecting while simultaneously dealing with the challenge of

experiencing by sharing with you the hope I have of our future together. I believe God has called us together intentionally so that we each grow in unique ways.

So that you have a sense of what to expect of me, I have identified a couple of priorities that will be my focus initially in addition to preaching and pastoral care. These are getting acquainted with the congregation to grasp where God is already working — and finding safe ways to meet thru differing options that best serve the need. I

enjoy people: all people. In fact, investing in relationships is a priority in my life and ministry. I pray that you are as excited as I am for this new journey!

As we grow together in ministry.



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- + Rhonda Hetzel called to Eastgate Christian Church
- + 2nd year in seminary

MINISTERS UNDER CARE OF OUR ORDINATION COMMISSION

- + Madison Peterson -
(pictured at right)
- + Karen Palmer
- + Allison Bright
- + Rhonda Hetzel
- + Jeff Stegner
- + Patrick Landau-
application pending
approval



COMMISSIONED MINISTERS



Commissioned Ministers

RESOURCES

(Items in light green are links. Click on them to visit websites or join a Zoom gathering.)

Commissioned Ministers Online Gathering

- Sunday, May 2, 7pm <https://zoom.us/j/94857396770?pwd=ZitCeTJzUmFLNohoOVJhZkJKcXNnUTog>
 - or 346 248 7799 or 669 900 6833
- **CERTIFICATE IN PASTORAL MINISTRY PROGRAM** is a great way to continue your education - Phillips Theological Seminary offers short courses online designed for busy pastors.
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Have a suggestion or question? Let us know in the space below.

** Indicates required field*

- + Have their own web page
- + Are being contacted by Commission Members

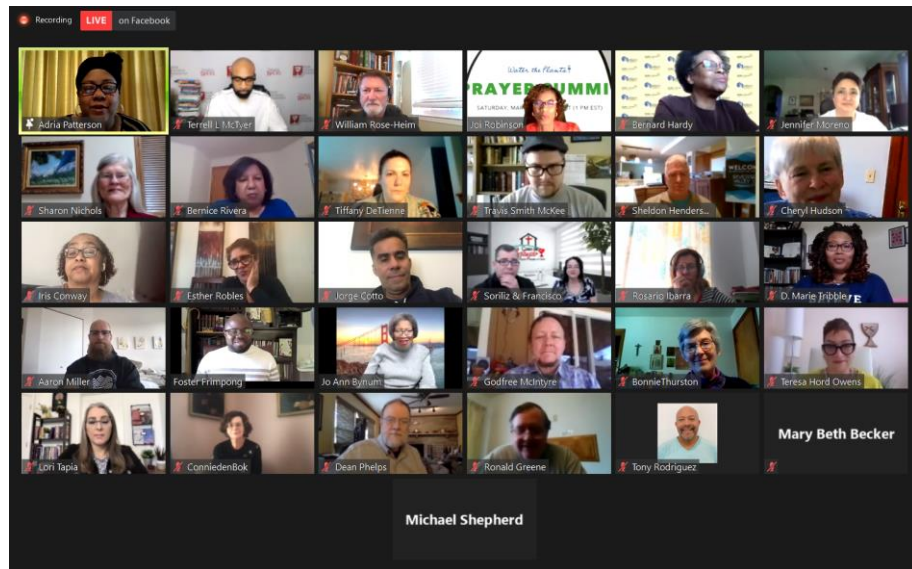
BECOMING BELOVED COMMUNITY

- + Johnson County Action and Advocacy Group formed
- + Plans for 2021 include another Antiracism workshop



NEW CHURCH PRAYER MINISTRY

“WATER THE PLANTS”

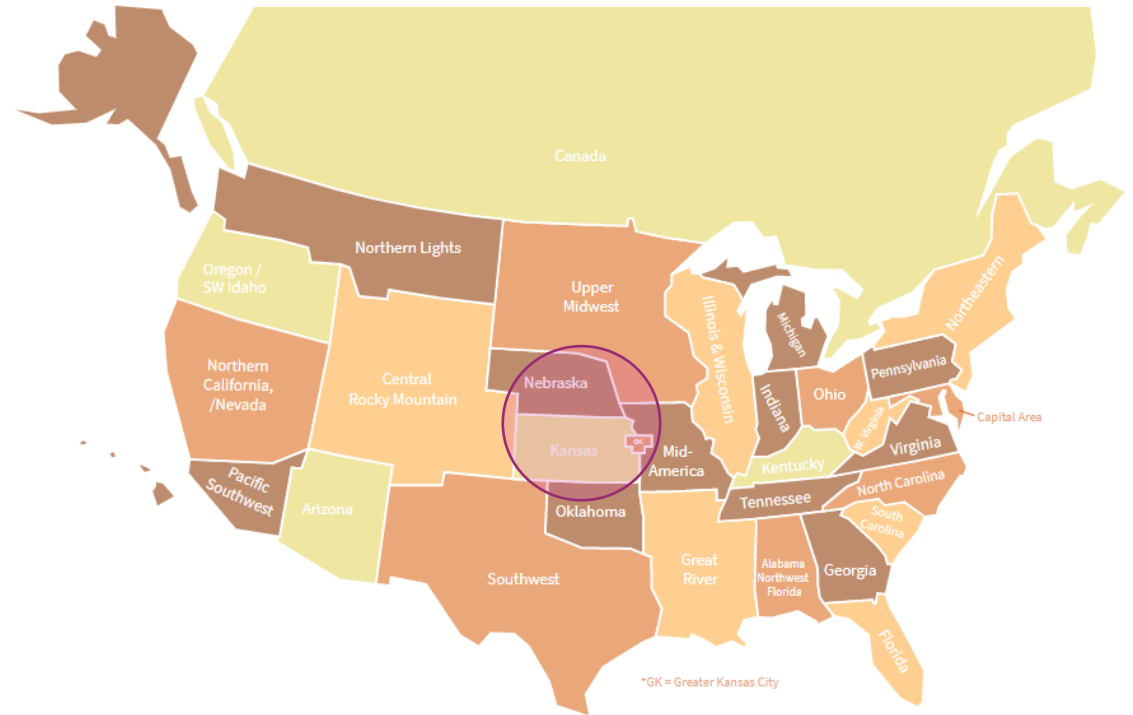


- + Ms. Adria Patterson participated
- + All are invited to pray for more new churches:
<https://newchurchministry.org/>

TRI-REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP

- + Meets monthly
- + Developing a way to engage with congregations to inform regional ministry

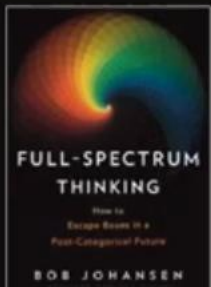
Regional Ministries



The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has 31 regional churches in the United States



Full-Spectrum Thinking Applied to...



COLLEGE OF REGIONAL MINISTERS LOOKING AT THE FUTURE OF CHURCH

“Futuring” will be one of the most important activities of the Church

COMING UP

- + Developing Communications Strategy
- + July Board Retreat and Sabbatical planning
- + Congregational Board Officer Forums Online
- + Transformative Community Conferencing
- + Covenant Education

COMMUNICATION GRID						
Message	Donor Stories	Impact Stories	Growing the Church	Mission and Vision	Financial Benefits	Biblical Context
Communication Tools						
Church Bulletins	✓	✓	✓			
Sermons				✓		✓
Newsletters	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Workshops					✓	
Church Talks	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Recognition Events	✓	✓		✓		✓
Personal Letters	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Brochure			✓	✓	✓	✓
Charitable Intent Interviews				✓		
Endowment Annual Report	✓	✓		✓		