



Quarterly Regional Board Update 12-20-21

1st Quarter Goals	
• Continue Church Planters cohort • Host Innovation Circles and Explore other options for Creating a Culture of Innovation in the Region • Schedule Innovation Lecture Series or Innovation Pitch Fest for Young Adults for Spring/Fall • Record 2 Innovation/Transformation Grant Spotlight Interviews • Podcast-like Episodes on Transformation Process/Innovation/Design Thinking • Consider outlining grant guidelines for 2022 • Finalize 2022 Calendar	The Commission for Ministry Innovation ends the year in gratitude for the opportunity to lead the region in raising questions of innovation. I am glad to report that we were able to give a Transformation grant of \$5000 to Independence Boulevard Christian Church and participate in the initial vision team meeting for their community ministry. In this final quarter, I continued to lead the second church planters cohort. We discussed their commitments to the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in October and in November, they each submitted and presented proposals for their vision of a new church. We also had a guest church planter, Rev. Sarah Pickrell to come and share as well as entertain a question and answer period about their church planting venture here in Kansas City. In November, the commission sponsored the group registration and lunch for the churches of MOKAN Fellowship to attend the virtual Future Church Convocation: Energizing Mission through the Lens of the Black Church. The Future Church Convocation brought together leaders,

	thinkers and practitioners to praise God for what he has done and to dream about the destiny that lies ahead. It was hosted at New Vision Christian Church. We met Friday evening for worship and Saturday for multiple workshops. Another highlight of this quarter was the opportunity that I had to speak at one of our denominational colleges, Culver Stockton College. I had met with the VP of Marketing and Development earlier this year and she connected the College Chaplain and me. I traveled there to speak at an Arts and Culture Education Night. My topic: Who is my neighbor?: Design Thinking as a Strategy for Personal and Social Transformation – We live in a world that is ever evolving around us and unfortunately the evolution can often be halted by our heart's posture despite our intellect. If we are going to position ourselves to change the world, we must begin with the person in the mirror reconsidering and expanding their definition of neighbor. I was given the opportunity to assist in a few of the administrative operation functions of the region during Pastor Bill's sabbatical – primarily reviewing documents and signing checks. I also was able to be a part of the South Summit final steps towards the sale of the property. Again, primarily reviewing documents and signing contracts on behalf of the region to prepare and then to actually close the sale of the property. Lastly, I continue to remain open to building relationships with other denominational leaders around innovation. I had the opportunity to be apart of an innovation consulting team that met in Michigan for a weekend
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	retreat with United Methodist Church innovators. These young adults were preparing to pitch their ideas for support in a variety of ways. I was excited to attend and share insights with my team as well as the young adults who attended.
GREATER KANSAS CITY REGION	Met with Local Pastors – Bill Kerns, Tabatha Johnson Meeting with Potential Church Planters Meeting with Park Hill CC – Search and Call [along with Interim RM Paxton Jones] Church Planters Cohort!!! Meeting to consider Obra Hispana initiatives for 2022 Guest Soloist for Annual More2 Transformation Banquet Attended Virtual Future Church Convocation
GENERAL MINISTRY of CCDOC	Christian Board of Publication – Quarterly Meeting, Secretary Led Communion during National Convocation Monthly prayer call SENT Cohort Participant SENT Cohort – Crowdfunding Webinar CCDOC Disciples Virtual Gathering Completed Disciples Interim Pastor Training [8 weeks] Innovation Workshop– New Church Ministry – Rocky Mountain Region Keynote Speaker for Arts and Culture in Education Event – Culver Stockton College, Disciples College Meeting with Bethany Ecumenical Fellows

ADDITIONAL UPDATES	Center for Youth Ministry – Faith Formation Leader 2021-22 Consultant with Ministry Incubators – Completed Innovation Consultant Training Part of /innovation Consulting Team – met with MI United Methodist Church young adult innovators – “Sprout-a-thon” Doctoral Committee for Rev. Dionne Boyce – Central Baptist Theological Seminary Bishop Kennebrew Retirement Celebration Planning Team
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