



**Regional Minister for Ministry Innovation
Quarterly Regional Board Update 9-27-21**

4th 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 for Spring
- Finalize last stages of Affiliation Process for Broadway Church
- Consider outlining grant guidelines for 2022
- Prepare 2022 Calendar and Budget

It has been an exciting quarter for the Commission for Ministry Innovation! We have launched the monthly Innovation Circles that have explored various topics via articles and videos that sparked conversation around innovation in the church. We prepared a Transformation and Innovation grant video for the regional churches so that they can be informed of the funds available to assist them in these processes. We are glad to share that we have given out two Innovation grants to Merriam Christian Church and Woods Memorial Christian Church. We anticipate issuing out more to the churches in this region. Additionally, I have also been invited to preach on the topic of Innovation. I preached for the opening Fall Convocation at Saint Paul Seminary and the closing commissioning service for the New Church Ministry Leadership Academy.

We are also ecstatic to announce that the 2021 Church Planters/new community cohort has launched! After multiple emails promoting the cohort, hosting a Q&A session to explain the cohort purpose and process, and creating a video for recruitment purposes, we have received applications from pioneers from 5 different regions including Greater Kansas City, Arizona, Kansas, North Carolina, Illinois-Wisconsin. We now have a total of 10 members of the cohort, which more than doubles the participation of our first cohort!

Lastly, Broadway Church has submitted their letter to affiliate with the region which will be submitted this quarter. The next step is for the board to accept Broadway as an affiliating congregation and become a congregation in formation with the region. We are grateful to continue walk with Broadway through this process.

<p>GREATER KANSAS CITY REGION</p>	<p>Met with Local Pastors –Casey T. Sigmon, Neil Engle, Kent Deubner, Kevin Snow, Mindy Fugarino, Lois Kelley</p> <p>GKC Regional Board Retreat</p> <p>Meeting with Potential Church Planters</p> <p>Ordination Service Preparation with Madison Peterson</p> <p>Meeting with Blue Valley Pastor and Board members – Transformation Possibilities</p> <p>Guest Preacher – Overland Park CC</p> <p>Guest Preacher – Lee Summit CC</p> <p>Guest Preacher – New Vision CC, August and September</p> <p>Guest Preacher – Saint Andrew CC, Pastoral Installation</p> <p>Guest Preacher – First Christian Church, Odessa</p> <p>Church Planters Cohort!!!</p>
<p>GENERAL MINISTRY of CCDOC</p>	<p>Christian Board of Publication – Attend Online board Retreat</p> <p>SENT Cohort Participant</p> <p>SENT Cohort – Crowdfunding Webinar</p> <p>CCDOC Disciples Virtual Gathering</p> <p>Disciples Interim Pastor Training [8 weeks]</p> <p>Guest Preacher - New Church Ministry – Leadership Academy – Closing Commissioning Service</p> <p>Innovation Workshop Preparation – New Church Ministry – Rocky Mountain Region</p> <p>National Convocation Prayer Call</p> <p>Meeting with Leslie Payne – Culver Stockton, Disciples College</p>
<p>ADDITIONAL UPDATES</p>	<p>Lunch meeting with Regional Minister of Great River Region – Dr. Nadine Burton</p> <p>Foster Care Family Conference and other additional training</p> <p>Pension Fund – Saving for your Future with rev. Aaron Smith</p>

Discerning Missional Leadership Assessment Training regarding LGBTQIA+ for the Presbyterian Church USA

Webinar – The Black Church Now: A Candid Conversation on the Unique Opportunities in a Post Pandemic World

Guest Preacher – Healing and Liberation Series – The Open Table KC, at Second Presbyterian PCUSA

Guest Preacher – First Christian Church, Honolulu, Hawaii

Guest preacher – GA Region – GA Disciples Women's Fall Retreat

Meeting with Pastor Gabby Cudjoe Wilks– Church Planter, 3 years, New York

Meeting with Thomas James, Metropolitan Missionary Baptist church

Women In Ministry Conference – Rev. Dr. Cynthia Hale

Center for Youth Ministry – Faith Formation Leader 2021-22

Vision Meeting – Consultant Invitation – Potential Netflix Documentary

Guest Speaker – From Blogging to Books - American Fiction Writers of Memphis

Meeting with Gamaliel National Religious Leaders Caucus

Consultant with Ministry Architects and Ministry Incubators – Innovation Consultant Training

Professional Music – Atlanta Praise performances in Sacramento, CA for Memorial Concert for families impacted by gun violence

Doctoral Committee for Rev. Dionne Boyice – Central Baptist Theological Seminary

Bishop Kennebrew Retirement Celebration Planning Team