

Covenants, Roles, AND Leadership

# ***HOW DO WE MAKE DECISIONS?***







# COVENANTS

- The Design of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the U.S. and Canada

+ Find this document here:

<https://cdn.disciples.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/06/06162227/TheDesign-1.pdf>

- Bylaws and Rules of Procedure for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Greater Kansas City

• Find this document here:

<https://www.kcdisciples.org/regional-board.html>



## Regions: From the

# Design

- The primary purpose of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in regions is twofold:
- 1) to extend the ministry of Christ in mission, teaching, witness, and service among the people and social structures of the region; and
- 2) to establish, receive, and nurture congregations in the region, providing help, counsel, and pastoral care to members, ministers, and congregations in their mutual relationships, and relating them to the worldwide mission and witness of the whole church.



# ***Mission of Regions***



- *Mission.* In fulfilling the mission of the church, regions are sensitive to the needs of the world about them and lead their members in identifying and serving such human needs. Regions take initiative in developing new forms of ministries in mission, witness, and service, and in dealing creatively with their roles in the whole task of the church. Wherever ecumenical action is possible to fulfill their mission, regions should join with similar geographic units of other religious bodies and with present and emerging ecumenical structures.





# Nuture

- Regions are concerned for the continuing renewal of the life of congregations, members, and ministers, and offer leadership in matters of mutual concern. Within policies developed by the General Assembly, regions provide help, counsel, and pastoral care to ministers and congregations in such matters as standing and credentialing of ministers, ministerial search and call, ordination, licensing, establishment and dissolution of pastoral relationships, and installations of ministers. Regions seek to supply ministry for congregations without full-time pastoral services and to offer counsel and assistance in cases of difficulties between ministers and congregations.





***At all times . . . We are  
in this together!***

- General Ministries
- 30 Regional Ministries
- Congregations
- All clergy with standing
- Ecumenical partners in the historic, present and future Church universal
- Interfaith partners

. . . With GOD!



# ***Regional Board – from the bylaws***



Manage the business and affairs of the Region on behalf of the Members of the Region



Shall have the power and authority to establish smaller deliberative bodies responsible to the Regional Board.



Establish standing committees, commissions, ministries, and cabinets as set forth in the Rules of Procedure of the Region.



# ***Rules of Procedure: Board will . . .***

1. establish policies and programs for the Region and shall give direction and authorization to the Executive Committee to implement such policies and programs;
2. adopt, amend, and repeal Rules of Procedure consistent with the Region's Bylaws; amend or restate the Articles of Incorporation;
3. adopt and implement an annual budget for the Region based on the recommendation of the Executive Committee;
4. recommend the calling of the Regional Minister and President to the Regional Assembly;
5. call Associate Regional Ministers after recommendation from the Executive Committee;
6. call an Interim Regional Minister;
7. dismiss the Regional Minister and President, Interim Regional Minister, or Associate Regional Minister(s) requiring a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote to pass;
8. authorize signing or co-signing any mortgages or notes requiring a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote to pass;
9. call special meetings of the Regional Assembly;
10. Fill vacancies for the remainder of the unexpired terms which arise because of the ineligibility or incapacity of any Officer of the Region; appoint or remove any Officer of the Region;
11. have the authority to take the actions reserved for the Regional Board and not to be exercised by the Executive Committee;
12. adopt a plan of merger or adopt a plan of consolidation with another corporation or other entity requiring a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote to pass;
13. authorize the sale, lease, exchange, or mortgage of all or substantially all of the property and assets of the Region requiring a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote to pass;
14. authorize the voluntary dissolution of the corporation or revoking proceedings thereof, adopt a plan for the distribution of all assets of the Region that shall be carried out by the Regional Board requiring a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote to pass; amend, alter, or repeal any resolution of the Regional Board which by its terms provides that it shall not be amended, altered, or repealed by the Executive Committee.





# ***Executive Committee***

- The Executive Committee shall meet at least monthly between the regularly scheduled meetings of the Regional Board and shall have the authority as granted by the Regional Board to conduct the business of the Region.
- 1. The Executive Committee shall:
  - a. exercise the authority granted to it by the Regional Board in relation to the management and operation of the affairs of the Region between meetings of the Regional Board;
  - b. report to the Regional Board;
  - c. recommend a biennial budget to the Regional Board;
  - d. be responsible for oversight of the day-to-day operations of the Region;
  - e. have authority to authorize financial transactions pertaining to investments, designated funds, and operating funds based within the confines of the approved budget;



# **Motions**

- Motions from committees do not require a second.
- Motions can be made from the floor. They will require a second.
- Discussion on the motion may sometimes result in a motion to amend, table or call for the question in which case the most current motion requires resolution first.
- Votes: Approve, Disapprove, Abstain (or similar language)

