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Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Greater Kansas City

Regional Minister Report to the Regional Board - January 2019

BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS

On-Site Connections

Countryside Christian Church
Foxwood Springs Community
Powershift Worship Center
Blue Ridge Blvd. Christian Church
Longview Chapel
Hillside Christian Church
Multi-Nation Christian Church
La Gloria de Dios
St. Andrew Christian Church

Continuing one-one pastoral and lay leader consultations/writing clergy references/clergy funerals

COMMISSIONS/COMMITTEES/ CONSTITUENCY GROUPS

Ordination and Standing
Executive Committee
Camp and Conference Search Committee
Boundary Training Learning Objectives Working Group
Missouri Interfaith Disaster Response Organization
Phillips Theological Seminary
Ministry Training Council



Rev. Dr. Casey Sigmon describes what the New and Transforming Church Commission is doing with our General Minister and President, Rev. Terri Hord Owens. Terri enjoyed the opportunity to get to know GKC Disciples. Rev. Mark Willis recorded the worship which featured the interview with Terri. You can see that here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0j28S2zBiuk> The interview starts at 27 minutes and 52 seconds into the video.



Several Regional and congregational events were postponed or cancelled due to snow, ice, and cold temperatures. 184,000 people lost power—some for as many as 5 days. What is your emergency plan?



GENERAL CHURCH

General Board

Governance Committee

Task Force – Contextual Analysis

College of Regional Ministers

Task Force—Anti-Racism

Pastoral Commission—Obra

The General Commission on the Ministry was pleased to learn about the initiative taken by GKC Disciples to draft Learning Objectives for required Boundaries/Pastoral Ethics continuing education. A proposal will be made to the College of Regional Ministers and to GCOM by January, 2020.

SEARCH AND CALL

Bonner Springs FCC—Pastor

Woods Memorial—Janet Weiblin serving as interim minister

St. Andrew Christian Church—Interim minister



Love wins! The land on which on which Hillside Christian Church and Multi-Nation Christian Church worship today was a slave-holding plantation before it was donated to start a church.

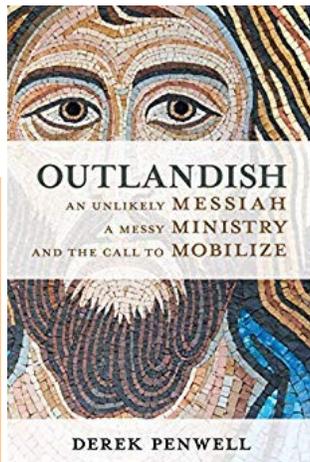
COMING UP

- [Regional Report for General Board](#)
- Clergy Standing and Tax Letters are on their way
- Jessica and Delesslyn are going to be in St. Louis for the Executive Leadership Training by leaders of General Units—January 28-29
- Still need to form the Anti-Racism Team, and, we have 5 indicating a desire to participate in the February [Analysis of Racism](#) workshops at Tall Oaks
- Assist with Tall Oaks Board
- Assist with support of new staff
- February 10-14 General Board and College or Regional Ministers—Indianapolis
- Developing a list of non-responding congregations to bring to the Board for removal from the 2019 Yearbook

DID YOU KNOW?

- Regional Minister write references for:
 - All chaplains serving in their Region? (annually)
 - All clergy in search and call
 - All clergy seeking scholarships with Disciples Home Missions
 And, when serving on GCOM, will review 130 applications for renewal of standing annually

Recommended Reading



Updates and Notices

- We have learned that donations to the Empowerment Fund were given for the purpose of assisting Tall Oaks cash flow and thus cannot be used to help fund the part-time Camp and Conference Coordinator position. **This means we must use Operational Reserves and we will likely exhaust these by the end of the year. It may be time to bring in a professional fund raiser to organize a Regional fundraising campaign to begin in April, 2019. (Longview Chapel is holding a fund raising workshop to help with funding the new position.)** This campaign will require a Regional Board priority wish list. Items to consider:
 - Tall Oaks
 - Aid to Transforming Churches (a HOPE Partnership Initiative to train facilitators to work with 12 GKC congregations
 - Communications Specialist
 - Camp and Conference Scholarship Endowment
- Due to a change in the Registered Agent for the Missouri corporation of the Christian Church (DOC) of Greater Kansas City, the annual report was not made in time and a notice of dissolution was issued. Attorney (and pastor of Gracemore Christian Church) is filing the re-instatement paperwork in collaboration with Disciples Treasury Services and the issue should be resolved within two weeks.
- With General Assembly this summer in Des Moines—a 3.5 hour drive, would we like to charter a bus or two to provide transportation for more GKC Disciples to participate?
- The lawsuit brought against Tall Oaks by members of the Elijah Rock Church was settled out of court with our Insurance Board handling the case.
- The initial engineering report on the condition of the Alta Vista (*now La Gloria de Dios*) campus on Cesar Chavez Blvd. in Kansas City, MO is complete. It is inconclusive due to questions about the foundation and the ground beneath it. It will require a geological engineering study costing an estimated \$5,000 to determine viability and estimate repair costs. The congregation cannot afford the fee and future fundraising depends on solid information. The location is critical for a multi-church campus in a developing neighborhood
- Disciples Men will want to know about [Mens Rite of Passage](#)—a retreat in Minnesota June 19-23. I plan to go and take a van load of men who are learners and elders with me. Please help me to get the word out. It is past time that our Region offered opportunities for Disciples Men to grow spiritually and become better mentors to our sons and grandsons.
- South Summit Christian Church is in need of extra support. Disciples Church Extension Fund is suspending their mortgage payments for six months but the church needs help to expand its capacity to serve. This is an opportunity for contiguous are churches to work collaboratively in support.
- Our Region is leading efforts to identify Learning Objectives upon which our whole Church can agree for required clergy continuing education
- Rev. Dr. George Flanagan will be teaching the 8-week Pastoral Ethics class for the Phillips Theological Seminary Ministry Training Program.
- Christian Ministry Scholarship Committee approved a \$25/\$25/\$25 cost share plan for Commissioned Ministers in online MTP classes through Phillips Theological Seminary