



July, 29, 2022

TO: Greater Kansas City Disciples Clergy

FROM: Regional Minister and President Bill Rose-Heim

REGARDING: Clergy standing renewal

Thank you for your witness and service as a minister this year! Whether in parish, chaplaincy, or other forms of ministry, whether active or retired, you reflect to many the presence and love of Christ.

The season for clergy standing renewal for 2023 is upon us! In accordance with Theological Foundations and Policies and Criteria for the Ordering of the Ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) – a.k.a. TFPCOM - Regions must certify standing for all clergy residing and/or serving in our Region.

We have made this process easier for those with access to their online Regional clergy profile which you can update at any time to:

- Change contact, status, and/or work information
- Record most recent anti-racism and healthy boundaries continuing education
- Signify that you have re-read and agree to abide by the Ministerial Code of Ethics
- Apply for standing renewal in 2023
- Share other information at your discretion

For most ministers this will take all of five minutes. If you have forgotten the password to your online Regional ministerial profile, you may contact Jessica at 913.432.1414 or send an email to office@kcdisciples.org.

For those with limited access to the internet, you will find a paper application for renewal of standing in this packet, along with a self-addressed envelope to mail by October 15, 2022.

Also in this packet is a listing of available workshops and online courses to fulfill continuing education courses, information about standing from TFPCOM, a list of those ministers who are exempt from applying for standing renewal, criteria and application for exemption for ministers who are or will soon be retired-inactive, and opportunities for clergy self-care this fall

Application for renewal of standing in 2023 is due October 15, 2022.

All Anti-Racism & Healthy Boundaries continuing education must have been taken after January 1, 2020 to be considered current.

If you are a commissioned minister, you will need to have a letter from the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) congregation where you are currently serving that reaffirms ministry and a letter from your ministry mentor stating that you have met with them during the previous year. If you do not have a ministry mentor, please contact the chair of the Commission on Commissioned Ministry and one will be assigned to and this requirement will be waived for renewal of your commission for 2023.

*Regional Commission on Ministry Commission: Dr. Rev. Roger Beason
Countryside Christian Church (DOC): 913-262.1000 Email Contact: revbeason@gmail.com*

As of this date, registration opportunities for the following events are being formulated and will be available On August 7. See <https://www.kcdisciples.org/2022-arpr--boundaries.html>

The following opportunities for fulfilling continuing education requirements are now available:

Healthy Boundaries 101 – an introduction to protecting leaders and those they serve

Faith Trust Institute - <https://www.faithtrustinstitute.org/healthy-boundaries>

- In-Person
 - Who: up to 40 participants – clergy, lay leaders in congregations
 - Where: Merriam Christian Church, 9401 Johnson Drive, Merriam, KS
 - When: 9 am – 3 pm September 24, 2022
 - What: An interactive introduction to Healthy Boundaries 101 that will include video presentations, conversation, role plays*
 - Cost: \$25 per person includes a box lunch and PDF workbook.
 - ADVANTAGES TO IN PERSON:
 - More time for processing questions and challenges from your context
 - Introduction to materials to teach this in your congregation
 - Creating networks of supporters and accountability partners in this work
 - Register: <https://www.kcdisciples.org/2022-arpr--boundaries.html>
- Online
 - Who: up to 25 participants – clergy, lay leaders in congregations
 - Where: Zoom
 - When: 7-9 pm August 30 and September 1, 2022
 - What: An interactive introduction to Healthy Boundaries 101 that will include video presentations, conversation, role plays*
 - Cost: \$15 per person includes a PDF workbook.
 - Register: <https://www.kcdisciples.org/2022-arpr--boundaries.html>

Healthy Boundaries 201 – Beyond the Basics

Faith Trust Institute - <https://www.faithtrustinstitute.org/healthy-boundaries>

- Online
 - Who: up to 25 participants – clergy, lay leaders in congregations
 - Where: Zoom

- When: 7-9 pm September 13-15, 2022
- What: An interactive brief review of Healthy Boundaries 101 with a focus on Self Care, Finance, and Domestic Violence. This will include video presentations, conversation, and role plays*
- Cost: \$15 per person includes a PDF workbook.
- Register: <https://www.kcdisciples.org/2022-arpr--boundaries.html>

Other vendors offering qualifying continuing education opportunities for Healthy Boundaries:

- Lewis Center: <https://www.lewisonlinelearning.org/Default>
- Congregation U: <https://congregationu.com/>

Anti-Racism

- New this year! GREATER CIVIL RIGHTS AND JUSTICE HISTORY TOUR*
 - Who: up to 55 Disciples clergy and lay leaders
 - Where: Sites in KC, KS and KC MO
 - When: 9 am – 3:30 pm, September 6, 2022
 - What: a chartered bus tour facilitated by historian Erik Stafford will take participants to places where systemic racism was evident, confronted, and still active in the church's front yard. The tour includes a visit to Central High School and conversation with school officials. Part of what will make this tour more than a learning experience will be dialogue that encourages action. A box lunch will be provided.
 - Cost: \$25/pp (for those with limited incomes, scholarships are available)
 - Recommended Reading prior to the tour:
 - G.S. Griffin, *RACISM IN KANSAS CITY: a short history*
 - Registration Link:
<https://docgeneralassembly.regfox.com/gkccivilrightsjusticehistorytourinperson>
 - **GKC Disciples clergy participants who have previously participated in the Reconciliation Ministry anti-racism workshop, take part in the tour, and turn in a reflection and action plan following the tour will have fulfilled the requirement for anti-racism continuing education for three years*
- Reconciliation Ministry Introduction to Anti-Racism 101 Workshop*
 - Who: Clergy and lay leaders
 - When:
 - 9 am – 3 pm, August 29, in-person, Merriam Christian Church
 - Cost: \$25
 - Registration Link:
<https://docgeneralassembly.regfox.com/gkcinperson101recommenantiracismwrkshp>
 - **GKC Disciples clergy participants who take part in the workshop, and turn in a reflection and action plan will have fulfilled the requirement for anti-racism continuing education for three years*

- Anti-Racism 201 workshop*
 - What: building upon a brief review of Disciples work in anti-racism to date, this workshop will introduce participants to new information, resources, and exercises designed to help them engage more faithfully and effectively in the work of dismantling systemic racism in the local church, Region, and community
 - Who: Clergy and lay leaders
 - When:
 - 7-9 pm, September 20 and 22 online
 - 9 am – 3 pm, September 17, in-person, Merriam Christian Church
 - Pre-Requisite: Reconciliation Ministry Introduction to Anti-Racism 101 Workshop
 - Recommended Prior Reading:
 - Robin DiAngelo, *WHITE FRAGILITY: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism*.
 - Resmaa Menakem, *MY GRANDMOTHER'S HANDS: Racialized Trauma and the Pathway to Mending Our Hearts and Our Bodies*
 - Heather McGhee. *THE SUM OF US: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together*
 - Online Cost: \$15
 - In-Person Cost: \$25
 - Register: <https://www.kcdisciples.org/2022-arpr--boundaries.html>
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○ ***Anti-Racism Prior Recommended Reading***

- ***ANTI-RACISM 4 REALS, Sheila M. Beckford & E. Michelle Ledder***
- ***BUILDING A MOVEMENT TO END THE NEW JIM CROW, Daniel Hunter, forward by Rev. James Lawson***

Opportunities for going deeper into the work of anti-racism can be found here:

<https://www.kcdisciples.org/2022-arpr--boundaries.html>. We will update this page as we become aware of new offerings. Clergy self-care and spiritual growth offerings are posted on the KC Disciples Clergy Support Team Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/183524369940719>.

We always appreciate recommendations for improving our support of your ministry. Thank you for your witness and leadership among us!

Gratefully,



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