

Greetings Regional Board,

As you might imagine, what we normally consider in a Regional Board meeting is being influenced by recent changes brought about by the pandemic and those responsible for minimizing risk.

Tonight we will open with prayer and a brief update from our Regional Minister

We will ask for a motion for a consent agenda to include all posted reports. That means that we will be invited to receive all reports except those requiring immediate action by this Board. (Please check the posting on our Regional Board page this afternoon for any new reports.) Unless there is something pressing to report, we will not hear from those who furnished the reports and we thank them for preparing them.

We have several high priority items that will need attention. We may decide that there is enough reliable information to take action this evening. We suspect, however that there may be a need to call our Regional Board back into special session in the near term to gather additional information needed to fully exercise our fiduciary and spiritual responsibilities in making decisions with long-term impact.

Here are the items for consideration:

- Appointment of a special task group to meet soon and develop strategies for our Region to effectively assist congregations and pastoral staff being the Church in novel ways during the pandemic. We would like to ask for recommendations for up to 7 people with expertise in the following areas:
  - Communication
  - Stewardship and Financial Administration regarding funds we hold in trust
  - Asset Mapping for Mutual Aid
  - Worship and Prayer
  - Pastoral Care
  - Organizational Resilience
  
- Guidance regarding operations and staffing at Tall Oaks as events continue to be cancelled or rescheduled, and, as questions about a pending agreement with United Camps, Conferences, and Retreats continue to be considered before proposing entering into an agreement
  
- Guidance regarding the \$301,000 proceeds from the sale of the South Summit Christian Church Campus to another church. This money is now with Disciples Treasury Services.

- Guidance regarding emerging and emergency needs of some of the members and pastors of our congregations who are reasonably concerned about employment and declining or sudden cessation of income. Those most vulnerable are undocumented and recently arrived refugee Disciples and those among us who are part of communities that have already lived with financial inequity resulting from systemic racism. (Is this a time to offer some technical assistance grants to congregations from the Bowen Fund?)

Thank you for your patience and your willingness to serve and lead in such a time as this.

Mary Lou Kegler  
Regional Moderator

Thank you!