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1011 North Main Street
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Our regional church in IL & WI is committed to high quality partnership with local congregations, providing ministry services not available elsewhere—helping congregations in times of crisis, providing camps for our children and youth, helping congregations call their next pastor, joining in global ministry together. We invite you to support the Annual Fund and join as partners in life-changing Regional church ministry.

One way to show support in the Christian Church (disciples of Christ) in IL & WI's Mission is through a donation to our Annual Fund. Gifts to the Annual Fund enable us to grow Disciples congregations for healthy, vital ministry!

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Growing Disciples congregations for healthy, vital ministry.

☐ Yes! I believe in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in IL & WI's Mission and I want to help!

☐ Enclosed is my gift to the Annual Fund ☐ $100 ☐ $250 ☐ $500 ☐ Other

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Reconciliation Offering

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has a history dating from the 1960s of sharing our resources to address the racism of our society and the racism within our own church. We have called this process the Reconciliation Ministry.

We receive this offering in the fall and use the funds throughout the year to give grants to the pro-reconciliation/anti-racism initiative to organize to dismantle systems and structures that perpetuate this sin of division within the Church.

The 2020 Vision adopted by our church names this work as one of the four priorities of our mission together as a whole church. This voluntary annual offering is the only source of funding for this ministry.

The form of this ministry may be changing, but the need for addressing racism has never been more obvious.

As the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) lives into its identity as a "movement for wholeness in a fragmented world" contributions to this offering facilitate camp and conference and leadership development opportunities as well as programs for dialogue across difference that promotes life-giving community within our beloved church and among the whole family of God.

History of the Reconciliation Ministry

Reconciliation Ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) was born out of the civil unrest that ensued following the martyrdom of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on April 4, 1968. His murder brought to fore in the life of our church the dis-ease of our living in two separate societies – one which benefits one group of people and one which systemically marginalizes the poor and powerless. Beginning with Resolution 29 of the International Convention of the Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) in 1968, our Church has persistently pursued ways to address the sin of racism through resolutions and direct action in our congregations, Regions, General Ministries and Recognized Ministry partnerships.





REGIONAL MINISTER'S MOMENT

Rev. Dr. Teresa Dulyea-Parker

Sabbatical: Pilgrimage along the Camino de Santiago de Campostella

For over a year, I have been preparing for a long walk. Actually, for over 20 years I have been getting ready to take a Walk In a Relaxed Manner (book by Joyce Rupp) along the Camino de Santiago.

On September 1, my brother Joel and I will be flying to Paris, where we will rendezvous with friend Rev. Dr. Carol Vaccariello, and a CCIW retired colleague/ Spiritual Director Rev. Dennis Pendleton to begin this long spiritual journey. We will take a train to southern France to a small town called St. Jean Pied de Port, and there begin our walk over the Pyrenees into Spain.

Each of us is walking for our own reasons. Mine have to do with coming back to life again after great loss. It has to do with completing an outwardly arduous journey, which matches the inward journey. There is something holy in walking where other pilgrims have been walking for centuries, and the possibility of completing this work calls to me. Our group intends to go all the way to Finis Terre, which literally means the ends of the earth. It is on the coast of northwest Spain. In the end, we will walk over 500 miles. Please hold us in your prayers. The journey will be completed sometime in mid-October.

In the meantime, the work of the region continues. Rev. Dr. Christal Williams and Rev. Scott Woolridge will be assuming my responsibilities. Christal will work with the Ministry Committee and Regional Church Council, PRAR. Scott will take on the Administrative tasks for Finances, and Search and Call for the congregations I specifically serve, and other stuff as needed!

And, we are preparing to jump into a New Day in 2016---a congregational transformation process rooted in deep spiritual practice. And, we are hosting PRAR events in Carbondale and Chicago for folks from around the country who are renewing their commitment to overcoming racism. And, with the Quad Cities churches we are hosting the XPLOR program for young adult leaders. And, the New Church Establishment Committee is considering with our Regional Church Council what it might mean to create an "incubator" for new ministries to emerge.

I know how blessed I am to be part of the ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Illinois and Wisconsin. Thank you for the opportunity to be renewed in body, mind, heart, soul, and spirit.

Buen Camino, Teresa



2016 Regional Assembly
October 21-22, 2016
Springfield, IL

Prayer Concerns

Health Concerns: Rev. Lindsay Churchman; Gretchen Barron

Deaths: Karen Merkle, mother of Rev. Nina Merkle Nestlerode; Velma Taylor, mother of Rev. Ed Taylor; Rev. Howard Ditrick; Rev. Bob Rueter; father of Rev. Dr. John D. Roh; Rev. Paul Isom; Ellen Smith, wife of Rev. Clyde Curry Smith; Janet Bushey, mother of Rev. Robert Bushey;Rev. Edwin Jacobs;

Recovering from Surgery: Rev. Mary Belew, Rev. Donald Graham,



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MOMs" – Mothers on a Mission Give Thanks

Greeting you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The family of Parkway Garden Christian Church has been truly blessed by your donation to the Parkway Garden Church Youth Summer Camp Program 2015. For this we wish to extend our heartfelt thank you.

This year's summer program is entitled "MOMs" – Mothers on a Mission. Parkway Garden Christian Church has come together with mothers of the community to provide a safe haven for the community children daily from 3PM to 6 PM. Activities occur within the church and on the parking lot grounds. There are other programs earlier in the day thru-out the community, but there are no programs scheduled during these critical hours.

MOM provides fun activities for approximately 50-60 children each day that will allow the children to focus on fun and the enjoyment of childhood. Such activities include: putting on plays, arts/crafts, outdoor sports activities, indoor board game activities, making fun desserts, computer learning, field trips, and library visits….. just to name a few.

To the Executive Committee of CCIW and the Urban Metro Area, we wish to take this opportunity to thank you for your donation. Your contribution was quite generous and very much appreciated. Our hearts were touched and filled by your act of kindness. The Christian love and support you demonstrate for the community touches so many lives. Again, from Parkway Garden Christian Church and the community: We thank you.

Ephesians 1:16: I cease not to give thanks for you.

Thank you.
Yours By His Grace,
Rev. Dr. Edward J. Morris Sr., Pastor
Parkway Garden Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Pastor Changes: Rev. and Major General Daniel Krumrei retired (see picture);; Jason Butterick to Decatur Prairie Avenue; Laura Evans Mahn to Princeton; James ChangHun Han to Chicago Christian Church; Tina Parnell-Miller to Associate at Decatur Central; Mary Alice Suter to Interim at Chandlerville; Max Rixman to Rantoul Bethany Park; Dave Jassman left Mackinaw Christian Church, Justin Ziegler leaving Christian Church of Arlington Heights; David Ballard left Rockford Second Christian Church; Connie Green left Decatur Prairie Avenue for Tennessee; Phil Nevius moved to Tennessee; Linda Trowbridge left Rantoul Bethany Park for Delaware; Thandiwe Dale-Ferguson moved to Central Rocky Mountain Region; Eli Rolon to Pacific Southwest to begin PhD;



Rev. & Major General Daniel Krumrei

New Day 2016

Congregational Transformation in CCIW



New Day 2016 is an offering of the Regional church to help your congregation create an atmosphere open to God's transforming power. Together we pray, we listen to God, we take risks, we experiment with new ideas, and we focus on ministry opportunities outside and inside the congregation. We are on a spiritual journey and God is guiding our path.

Each congregation has its own unique experience of transformation. In this two-year process, there will be training retreats for church leaders to get the process started, monthly coaching calls for the ministers, and follow-up events to hear about progress and offer more resources.

New Day is a new approach to congregational transformation. Driven by deeper spirituality, enriching partnership and ongoing support, churches find their path to a faithful future. This is not a cookie cutter program. Congregations with similar interests and similar callings can work together. The Regional church is making a huge commitment to help with congregational transformation.

What outcomes do we expect? We'll experience spiritual transformation as individuals and as a congregation. We'll be clear about our purpose as a church, our focus will change and we'll share God's love in new ways. We'll be able to tell story after story of lives that have been changed through our ministry together.

What will it cost? The Regional church is willing to cover the costs of programming and leadership for the training retreats and other meetings for New Day 2016 – keynote speakers, trainers, resources, staff, etc. We ask the congregations to pay for their room and board for the events and for the monthly conversations with their transformation coach.

Want to know more? Visit cciwdisciples.org or contact Scott Woolridge – scott@cciwdisciples.org



CCIW Guatemala 2016 People to People Pilgrimage April 10-15, 2016

The CCIW Regional Mission Task Force invites YOU on a journey to Guatemala in 2016. We have spaces for six people to join us on a People to People Pilgrimage to Guatemala City to reconnect with our mission partners at Concejo Ecumenico de Guatemala and the Rev. Dr. Vittalino Simalox, and Nora Coloma. This cross cultural experience will focus on the effects of Immigration and Human Trafficking issues in the United States and Guatemala. We will travel to Guatemala in hopes of working together with the Women of Guatemala towards building valuable relationships, also a solidarity initiative where we can have pastoral accompaniment, advocacy and presence in the United States and Guatemala around these pressing issues. If you are interested in going on this People to People Pilgrimage please check our CCIW Website for application, and approaching deadlines.

For more information please contact, Christal Williams @pastorchristal@cciwdisciples.org or Terri Grove @terri@cciwdisciples.org

CCIW YOUTH Summit 2015

God's Not Dead: Youth Awakening

Important Updates!

www.cciwdisciples.org

Regional Family, there is much excitement in the air about our upcoming Summit biennial Youth Assembly taking place at Lake Williamson Retreat Center, November 19-22 in Carlinville, Illinois. We are looking for youth grades 6-12 to join us for a weekend of Faith, Fellowship, and Fun. This is a quick reminder encouraging Sponsors and Youth to get registered. All of the information is on the CCIW website or you can contact Terri Grove at the Regional Office.

Summit's Got Talent:

This year at Summit we are going to have a wonderful talent show. The Regional Youth Council is seeking out 15 acts to help this talent show be a success. We need Singers, Dancers, Actors, and Musicians seeking to your talent. Please check out the CCIW website for additional information on Summit's Got Talent and other forms for the event.

Summit's Mission Project and Snacks for the Hospitality Room at Summit

At Summit we will be collecting items to support the work of Church World Services. We will be assembling Hygiene Kits. Here is what we need for each kit: One Hand Towel approximately 16"x28" (no fingertip or bath towels), One Washcloth, One wide-tooth comb, One nail clipper, One bar of soap (bath size in wrapper), One toothbrush (in original packaging), Six standard size Band Aids, One one-gallon zip closure plastic bag and $2.00 for processing and shipping costs. Do Not include toothpaste it will be added later before CWS ships them so they have an extended expiration date.

Snacks needed for Summit Hospitality Room are: Individually wrapped snack items such as chips, cookies or candy, trail mixes, granola bars, juice boxes, juice bottles, water and soft drinks. Fresh fruit such as apples, oranges and bananas are also a good and healthy option.

Re-routing The School-to-Prison Pipeline October 2015

10 AM – 3 PM on Saturday, October 10, 2015

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
306 West Monroe Street
Carbondale, IL 62901

Keynote Speaker—Dietra Baker

The Rev. Dr. Dietra Wise Baker is a bi-vocational church planter. She has been the chaplain at Lakeside Residential Center since July 2005 and at St. Louis County Juvenile Detention Center since 2009. Dietra planted Liberation Christian Church (DOC) in April 2009, seeking to create a church that frees lives and communities through the power of Jesus Christ.

Schedule

10 AM Gathering and Introduction of the Pro-Reconciliation and Anti-Racism Team
10: 10 AM Opening Session – Defining the School to Prison Pipeline
11:30 AM Keynote Address by The Reverend Dr. Dietra Baker
11:45 Lunch
12:30 PM Panel Discussion and Questions
2: 30 PM Next Steps

The reality of 2014

Students of color face harsher discipline and are more likely to be pushed out of school than whites. 40 % of students expelled from US Schools each year are black. 70% of students involved in "in-school" arrests are black or Latino. Black students are 3.5 times more likely to be suspended than whites. Black and Latino students are 2 times more likely not to graduate than white students. 68% of all males in prison do not have a high school diploma.

Hosted by the Pro-Reconciliation and Anti-Racism Team
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Illinois and Wisconsin



Recognizing God's Call to Live as A Pro-Reconciling Church: an Anti-Racism Training

When: 5 PM Friday, October 30, 2015 Thru Noon Sunday, November 1, 2015

Location: **Maria House at Techny Towers Conference and Retreat Center**
2001 Waukegan Road
Techny, Illinois 60082
Phone 847 – 272 – 1100

Trainers:

Dwight Bailey – Dwight is the recent Interim Pastor of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Pontiac, IL. He has served on the CCIW Regional PRAR Team since 1998 and currently serves as Co-Chair. He was part of the Regional Ministry Team from 1991 – 1999. Dwight received anti-racism training through the Cross Roads program and the Core Trainers of the CCIW Reconciliation Office. He is currently on the CCIW Regional Council and has served on various Regional Committees. Prior to 1991, Dwight's ministry focused on higher education in Fort Worth and Austin, TX, Lawrence, KS, and Normal, IL. Dwight believes in the healing of God for the church and that church participation in the broken systems needs examination and healing.

Martha Herrin – Martha is a retired teacher and lay church leader residing in Stewardson, Illinois. She received her Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from Oakland City University, Oakland City, Indiana, and her Master of Arts from the University of Missouri in Kansas City. Martha has taught in Indiana, Idaho, Kansas, Kentucky, and Illinois. She is a member of the Anti-Racism Team of the Christian Church in Illinois and Wisconsin and a Core Organizer/Trainer for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Pro-Reconciliation/ Anti-Racism Initiative. Martha is a member of Marshall Avenue Christian Church in Mattoon, IL. She married Burley Herrin, a Disciples minister, in 1965. They have three children and eight grandchildren.

This workshop introduces and explores an analysis of systematic racism with leaders from the Christian Church in Illinois and Wisconsin.

Through deep thought and conversation, participants will look at the socio-historical development of race and racism in the United States. The workshop explores the individual, cultural and institutional racism found in the systems and institutions of the United States, especially the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

The workshop begins to look at some first steps to dismantle racism in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and in society.

Cost: $300.00— includes meals and lodging
$100 scholarship to Residents of Illinois and Wisconsin

Registration Information online at www.cciwdisciples.org

CCIW Youth Midwinter Retreat 2016

"God Thinks…" (Mission, Fellowship, Worship)
Chi-Rho and CYF Retreat
(Grades 6-12)

Dates: January 30-31, 2016
Registration Deadline: January 18, 2016

Location: First Christian Church, Blue Mound, Illinois
Address: 100 S. Lewis Street, Blue Mound, Illinois
Pastor: Rev. Dr. Ellen B. Moma

Cost: $35 per person if Registered by December 18, 2015
Cost: $40 per person December 19-January 18, 2016
Registration forms on the CCIW website

For more information contact
Terri Grove at terri@cciwdisciples.org or
Dr. Christal L. Williams at Pastorchristal@cciwdisciples.org



Thank you to everyone who made this year's summer camping program a success, and for welcoming me with open arms to Camp Walter Scott. My husband, Bob, and I moved to Camp Walter Scott at the beginning of the year, and every day, we are learning something new about the camp and about how special of a place it is. There is a lot to learn, so thank you for all of your support and encouragement!



Laura Williams
Camp Host

Camp Walter Scott Improvements

With the generous donations and support from the Rekindle Foundation, Kloberdanz, and various churches and individuals, we were able to make the following improvements to Camp Walter Scott this year:

- Expanded basketball court
- Renovated infirmary
- New flooring for the cabins
- New tables and chairs for the dining hall
- New printer for the office
- Wall built in the outdoor pavilion to enclose storage area
- And many other small repairs that needed to be taken care of!







2015 Summer Camp—By the Numbers
Total Number of Campers: 260
Total Number of Directors: 18
Total Number of Counselors: 32
Total Camp Offering: $985.82



Meet Our XPLOR Residents
We are so excited to be a part of this opportunity and to make a difference in these young peoples' lives.



Sarah Page Jones (Fairview Christian Church; Lynchburg, VA)

I am beyond excited to be able to work together with a home church, to be able to teach each other new things and bring new ideas to the table. I will be working with Braking Traffik, making sure the public and legislature are educated on human trafficking.



Cristian Marin (Iglesia Cristiana Del Este Whittier; Whittier, CA)

I'm excited to see where this program takes me and who I will become at the end. I also hope to be the best I can be and help where help is needed. Quad City Interfaith which is launching a Community ID campaign in Davenport this fall targeting Scott County. This will allow individuals to obtain identification cards which in turn allows them to access services such as libraries, food pantries and opportunities that require individuals present proof of identification.

Anna Westin (United Christian Parish; Lakeport, CA)



The opportunity to challenge myself in a deep, spiritual way in discerning what it is I want to do with the rest of my life is the most exciting aspect of this program for me personally. I have never lived away from home for this long before, so I am most nervous about figuring out budgets and being a real-life adult. I am hoping to work at St. Joseph the Worker House in Rock Island. I will be the relief manager there (sitting in on the discernment process with the other employees, getting to know the women and children in the house, setting up weekly goals with them, finding resources for the women). I would also be able to attend bimonthly meetings with other agencies, and also with the membership committees there (finance, fundraising, grants, building and grounds, Martha House and Garden) so I can absorb as much as possible and be efficient at my job!



CCIW Disciples Women Cabinet
SAVE THE DATE!!!

The CCIW Disciples Women's Cabinet is asking you to save the date for the upcoming Regional Spring Women's Event. Our event will take place on Saturday, April 2, 2016 at the Chiara Center at Riverton, Illinois. Registration forms can be found on the CCIW website by October 1, 2015
Registration Deadline: March 15, 2016