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Reconciliation Ministry



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Contact the Regional Office for more information on how "YOU" can help make a difference

Racism is a spiritual and theological dilemma as well as a social evil

Reconciliation Offerings Sept. 25 and Oct. 2

Reconciliation Ministry is our shared ministry and currently has numerous expressions in the life of our church. Your Region sponsors camps and conferences for adults and youth to learn from each other's cultural and historical experiences. Attend or sponsor a youth to attend camp. At the Regional level we also have Transformation Teams that focus on unraveling the effects of racism and separation in their programs and committees. Consider joining a team or inviting team members to your church. You can also participate in a training event sponsored by the Reconciliation Ministry or your Region. We encourage you to explore the many ways you can become an active participant in this church-wide commitment.

Teams

One of the most effective ways to work for change is joining a Transformation Team. Teams are developed and trained to organize for change within their institution. Team members attend twelve days of training where they are introduced to a socio-historical analysis of racism in the United States, learn to use education as a tool of organizing, are introduced to organizing skills and develop a strategy to effect change in their organization.

The first step to joining a team is contacting its members. Have a conversation with them about the work of the team, their goals for the region, and their plans to expand the team. Ask them which kind of commitment is expected of members: length of commitment, number of meetings a year, hours of work a month. Attend one of the workshops offered by the team. Ask for a reading list. Attend an Introduction to the Analysis Training. Gather as much information as you can about the team and their ministry before choosing to join.

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Rev. Dr. Teresa Dulyea-Parker

Regional Minister's Moment

Our mission; *To connect and empower Disciples congregations for life-changing and life-giving ministries in our evolving world.*

Dear Church,
I know we have different opinions on many things. I also know enough about us/ Disciples to know that we love children and young people. Demographically, we have been a church with lots of teachers and educators. As Jesus' followers we are called to love not just some, but all of God's children. Remember we are God's beloved children, welcomed at the Table . . .

So, hear these words from this place of remembering . . .

From a social media post by **Rev. Dr. William Crowder**, Park Manor Christian Church, Chicago:

"Mass Shooting Parkway Gardens…
5 Shot (God's children)
(We have a beloved church there---Parkway Gardens Christian Church, Pastors Ed Morris, June Shorter, Ciearria Price-Haynes, Brandon Price.)

Mass Shooting in Highland Park…
4th of July Parade… 24 Shot and 7 Dead (God's children)

4th of July Gun Violence… in Chicago
Over 60 Shot… 15 Dead (God's children)
Sadly, weekend isn't over… this count will grow higher.
We Need Prayers… Plus… Public Policy"

Then there was the revelation that **Jayland Walker's** body was hit by 60 bullets. 90 shots fired. And, the Highland Park shooter who heinously planned an attack to indiscrimantly kill was arrested without harm. According to the Washington Post, Black suspects are twice as likely to be shot by police than white suspects. (All God's children.)
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Finally, this scripture keeps coming up for me: Luke 13:1-5----"Do you think they were worse sinners than other Galileans or Jerusalemites or (Highland Parkers or Chicagoans) because of what happened to them? No, I tell you. But unless you repent, you will perish just as they did."

Jesus, leads us to deep repentance---
not soundbite blaming or pretentious posturing or clinging to idols.
Take us down to our knees,
to hear, see, understand what is at stake if we do not change our ways.
Lead us into your Kin-dom.
Deliver us from evil.
Even when that evil is part of our cultural upbringing---part of us.
Jesus, move us to action as a sign of your LOVE.
May it be so . . .

A few resources from the General Church: https://www.discipleshomemissions.org/missions-advocacy/gun-violence/

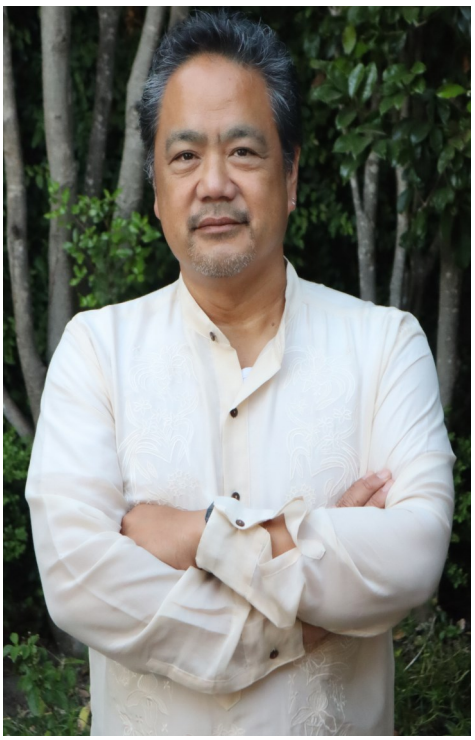
From the Wisconsin Council of Churches: https://www.wichurches.org/2020/01/addressing-gun-violence/

And, please remember our Reconciliation Offering in September/October.

Joint Michigan and IL/WI Regional Assembly
October 14-15, 2022
CCIW & CCRM Regional Assembly

"In Defense of Kindness" is the theme of our joint and hybrid Regional Assembly, Oct. 14-15, 2022. We will be virtual with a few gathering spots. The keynote will be delivered by the Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow on Friday evening.

Bruce Reyes-Chow is an author, speaker, parent, consultant, coach, podcaster, and pastor. He speaks and writes on issues of faith, technology, race, parenting, and church culture. Over the past 25 years, he has pastored five churches in the San Francisco Bay Area serving as a head of staff, transitional, and founding pastor. He is currently a Senior Consultant and Leadership Coach with The Convergence Network and is a Gallup-Certified Clifton Strengths Coach. Bruce hosts the podcast, BRC & Friends and is the author of five books.



His latest is, "In Defense of Kindness" (Chalice Press, 2021) and he is currently working on his next book, "Everything I Believe about God" (2023) He and his spouse currently live in San Jose, CA and can be found on most social networks via @breyeschow.

He also currently sits on the Board of Directors of More Light Presbyterians and is active in supporting hybrid worship and technology efforts across denominations.

Regional Assembly Details:

The Regional Assembly will take place in three parts:

Friday worship, 7-8:30 p.m. EST/ 6-7:30 p.m. CST. Shared on our YouTube Channels.

Joint Michigan and IL/WI Regional Assembly

Saturday separate business, starting at 10 a.m. in each time zone., in person and by Zoom links. Followed by lunch and mission opportunities for folks who attend in person.

Saturday afternoon workshops, 2-4 p.m. EST/ 1-3 p.m. CST. Separate Zoom links for each workshop will be emailed. Folks in person will gather together for workshops.

Workshops:

Rev. Matt Rosine, Christian Church Foundation

Rev. Dr. Alex Ruth, Elder/Diaconate training

Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow, "Progressive Evangelism"

Jan Aerie, ,MS, Older Adult Ministry

Week of Compassion Representative

Rev. Hannah Fitch, Great Lakes Green Chalice

Rev. Eli Rolon, Youth workshop—"Star Wars" Theme

Online registration is now open at:

https://cciwdisciples.org/events-directory/ cciw-ccmr-regional-assembly/

Deadline for registration is September 15, 2022.

For those attending in-person on Saturday, October 15th the Host Churches for CCIW as follows:

Aurora: Grace Community Christian Church

Macomb: First Christian Church

Decatur: Central Christian Church

A joint book study on "In Defense of Kindness" will take place prior to the Assembly. R ev. Eli Rolón Jeong will be facilitating the conversation. **The discussion will take place at 6:45 pm CST.** The dates for the book study are:

Sept. 13, 2022

Sept. 20, 2022

Sept. 27, 2022

Oct. 4, 2022

Oct.11, 2022

Register online to join the discussion group at:

bit.ly/KindnessBookStudy or https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMvdeGrrDItE937erdz7Pd3yZBiz5of-Fjx

Camp Walter Scott

This summer we returned to Camp Walter Scott in full swing after two years of modified camp activities and programs. As you know very well, the last couple camping seasons were challenging due to COVID and this season was not an exception. Everyone at Camp Walter Scott has worked diligently to deliver an exceptional and meaningful experience for all campers and guests while highly regarding everyone's safety. And despite some challenges, shifts in schedule, and updated safety protocols, guests have been able to fully enjoy our campgrounds and programs in meaningful ways.

We realize that COVID remains a challenge but we are committed to faithfully navigating these challenges in order to continue providing a safe environment at Camp Walter Scott. We are grateful for all campers, volunteers, and staff who have visited Camp Walter Scott this season. We are grateful for staff who continue monitoring the latest trends and adopting best practices. We are grateful for all parents, guardians, and campers who have been patient and understanding as we made necessary last minute adjustments to our programs, schedule, and procedures. And we are certainly grateful for all of you who have kept us in your prayers.

The camping season is not over yet for this summer! Post High Camp takes place August 5-7 and offers an opportunity for young adults (ages 18 to 30) to join in for a weekend of fellowship and spiritual enrichment. Our family camp over Labor Day Weekend (September 2-5) offers a gathering opportunity for families looking to spend a relaxed weekend at Camp Walter Scott. We'll also have some workdays in the fall for those who might be able to lend some help with a few projects around the campgrounds. Visit www.CampWalterScott.org or contact us for registration and other details.

Camp Walter Scott: CYF Director Amy Gillespie

"I've never felt more connected to a group of people in my whole life."

"10/10 would recommend."

"Getting to learn more about God in his beautiful creation with nature was a HUGE eye-opener for me."

"It's so great just being here. I can really just be myself."

Today's teenagers are faced with so many challenges and those challenges often feel like they are coming at a faster and more furious pace. But, for a week in mid-June 2022, twenty of our regional high school youth were able to take a deep breath and reconnect with God, nature and one another at Camp Walter Scott. The quotes above offer just a sampling of the feedback they gave us.

Camp Walter Scott: CYF Director Amy Gillespie

As the director for CYF camp, I often have the benefit of being able to observe what God is doing with these youth. On Wednesday night at our camp, we have a long-standing tradition called “Waves and Shores.” This is always a powerful time of giving and receiving love and allowing it to wash over us. After this year’s experience, many of the campers expressed they had never before felt such unconditional love and acceptance. On Thursdays at CYF camp, we have another tradition of a foot washing and affirmation ceremony. Again, I had the opportunity to talk with the campers after this experience and many told me that no one in their lives has ever spoken to their hearts like they were spoken to during that foot washing. Moments like this make you feel that all the distractions of the world are pulled aside and for a time His grace, love and peace deeply permeates everything.

Of course, camp is about those meaningful moments that can truly live in hearts for a lifetime. But it is also about fun and fellowship. Camp is also watching teenagers sing karaoke together and cheer on the other singers. It is learning how to paddle a stand-up paddleboard and not worrying how silly you might look in the process. It is a group game called “Junk in Your Bunk” that leaves half the camp bent over laughing until their sides hurt. It is campers following each other on social media and meeting up throughout the year.

While at camp this year, I was trying to count how many weeks of high school camp I have experienced from my own high school years until now. While I know it is over 20, I lost track. What I will never lose track of are the hundreds of people I have met during this time, the love I have received - and which I feel every time I set foot on the grounds, and the memories that flood back and fill my heart when I look around at what God has created at Camp Walter Scott.

For many campers, Camp Walter Scott is the highlight of their year. All of us involved with camp hope that it can touch more and more people each and every year for decades to come.



Camp Walter Scott—A message from our camp host, Clayton Summers





Greetings from Camp Walter Scott!

Summer has come and there has been joy in this place, from campers to critters to creation. This summer we held a family camp over Memorial Day weekend, had a work week in June, then held five other CCIW summer youth camps spanning June and July. We still have our post-high camp, Labor Day weekend family camp and many other events and retreats coming this fall, but what has already occurred has been a relearning of our place within the world.

With our new garden at Walter Scott, our campers had the experience of taking care of a garden, from weeding to watering to planting to harvesting. They helped carry our compost bin from the dining hall to the garden so our food waste could go back to the earth and then the reverse happened as they ate some of the peppers they together helped grow. A refurbished campfire ring on the North side of the grounds provided a place to be in God's Creation during campfires and worship services while a repaired dock launched kayaks, paddleboards, pedal boats, rowboats, and more into a different habitat than we normally exist. These and many other small and large changes around the grounds provide a place for everyone who comes here to experience the divine flowing around and through them in both serious moments and in full bellied laughter.

As we look to the seasons and years ahead, we will continue to honor our common past, but simultaneously explore the future together as we care for Creation. This is a commitment that will take the shape of our bell tower replacement and restoration this fall while a native prairie restoration project happens on the front of our property. Similarly there will be our normal fall workdays but also a bird watching event and several new retreats to our facility. There will be roof and siding repairs while new orchards spring up and Wifi reaches all of our buildings. Our 2023 camps will be the same camps we have loved while offering new camps for all ages, such as an eco-justice experience. We will plant our feet firmly in the rich soil of the past so that we may have the nutrients, connected networks, and energy to grow from what we have been given. Come grow with us.

Peace on the Journey,
Clayton Summers
Minister and Camp Host, Walter Scott

CCIW Disciples Women



CCIW DISCIPLES WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT
Mothers and Others
September 24 and 25, 2022

As we emerged from a year of social distancing the attendance for the 2021 CCIW FALL WOMEN'S RETREAT was down. However, the spirit was high and everyone agreed that our keynote speaker, Vicky Woolridge, Decatur, IL, was outstanding. In fact she was so inspiring that she has been invited back for the **2022 CCIW Women's Retreat** to address the theme **Mothers and Others.**

As has been the tradition this event provides a flexibility of scheduling that allows the participants to decide what works best for them. The leadership team gathers on Friday to begin set up and preparation to receive others. If it best suits your travel arrangement, you may also arrive after 6 PM to enjoy the beauty and the serenity of the Camp Walter Scott and spend the night. The cost for Friday night accommodations is $20.00. On Friday, there will be no scheduled activities and dinner is on your own.

On Saturday, activities of the retreat will begin with a continental breakfast and registration at 9:00 AM. Throughout the day, we will explore our theme **MOTHERS AND OTHERS** with our keynote speaker Vicky Woolridge and others leaders as we explore scriptures, make crafts, pray for and with one another and more. The evening will conclude with dinner and the evening program that will focus on the strength of women and the Divine Feminine. Some will leave after vespers and others will stay as we conclude our time together with worship and a meal on Sunday morning. We will be taking a special offering for the ministries at Camp Walter Scott.

Length of participation is not the only choice available for participants. When you register you will be asked to select your accommodations. You may stay in a cabin, in the retreat house, in a yurt or hogan, or you may choose to commute from your home or an area motel room that you have booked on your own. Accommodations are available in Effingham and Watson.

With COVID still a societal issue, we want to be sensitive to health concerns related to COVID 19 and the desire to provide a safe environment for all participants. Those who have been vaccinated have the option to choose if they will wear a mask for the event. Those who have not been vaccinated are encouraged to wear a mask at all times except when actively eating or drinking. Everyone will be asked to wear a mask when we cannot maintain social distance. Everyone will be asked to provide a negative Covid test within 48 hours of the event. Testing can be done with a home test kit. Every home is eligible for free home tests by contacting https://www.covid.gov/tests. Please note that it will take several weeks for these free tests to arrive, so order now ! We will have a small supply of rapid Covid tests. However, we recommend that you self test before coming to facilitate registration and to assure you will be able to participate. Overnight accommodations will be arranged by travel groups and you are requested to identify your desired roommates when registering. Social distancing will be encouraged as appropriate. Finally, individuals who feel ill on the day of the event are asked to request a refund and plan to attend future events.

We are very excited for the return of our keynote speaker will be Vicky Woolridge. Vicky Woolridge is a life-long Disciple. She was nurtured in the faith by her family, including her Uncle Neil Sallee, who

was the organizing minister of Crestview Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Decatur, and her Aunt Dot (Dorothy Sallee) who modeled what it means to live a life of faithful witness.

She has been married to Scott for 43 years. They were college sweethearts and continue to delight in their life together. They are blessed by their family of two grown daughters, a son-in-law and a grandson and granddaughter. Vicky cherishes family time and is grateful to spend regular time with her loved ones.

Vicky has spent her career as a teacher of young children, from infants to elementary age children. She has taught preschool, first and second grades, worked for Early Head Start, and served as an Educational Coach at Head Start. Vicky's passion is to support families as they develop a faith foundation for their children.
Vicky is a recent graduate of CCIW School for Ministry. She is answering God's call as she ministers at Central Christian Church in Decatur.

Vicky's hobbies include reading , spending time with friends (in person or virtually), reading books with her grandchildren, and baking .

Registration information will be mailed to those who have attended previous retreats and will be available to download the registration form on the CCIW website. COVID procedures will be included on website. Registration deadline is September 16, 2022.

Disciples Women Mission Opportunity Update



Thanks to the generosity of both churches and individuals the DWM raised $1530.00 to be sent to Union Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Franklin, Indiana to provide shoes to Afghan refugees who are currently located at Camp Atterbury.

Disciples Women thanks each of you and reminds you that it is "never too late" to donate. If you or your church is interested in supporting this mission you may send a check to the Regional Office. Please mark the check as "Shoes for Refugees" .

2022 Ethics Trainings

Healthy Boundaries 101
August 13
Location: Zoom Meeting
Cost: $30.00
Time: 8:30 p.m. —3:30 p.m.

Healthy Boundaries 201
November 12th
Location: First Christian Church, Galesburg, IL
Cost: $30.00
Time: 8:30 p.m. —3:30 p.m.

Register online at: https://cciwdisciples.org/events/

STANDING WITH WOMEN
CCIW Disciples Women's Coffee Connection
October 22, 2022, 10 AM – 11:30 AM



It is estimated that every year more than 10 million women and men are subjected to domestic violence. More that 36 % of women and 29 % of men will experience sexual violence, physical assault, and/or psychological aggression. Domestic violence crimes account for 15% of all violent crime. 1 in 15 children have been exposed to domestic violence in their homes. On a typical day in the United States, more than 20,000 phone calls are placed to domestic violence hotlines nationwide. In the time it takes to read this article between 20 – 40 individuals will have been abused by their intimate partners. .
While, these statistics seem shocking, what is more alarming is that many acts of domestic violence go unreported.

During the pandemic, the occurrence of domestic violence incidents rose. Risk factors for intimate partner violence include family crisis or stress, including financial stress, unemployment, or poverty. Other risk factors include societal or family isolation and alcohol, drugs, or other substance abuse. Risk factors that were not caused by but exacerbated by the global pandemic.

While women ages 18 – 35 generally experience the highest rates of domestic violence, intimate partner violence impacts all genders, people of all sexual orientation, all economic and social circles. Its impact can be felt far and wide including personal and familial costs including a wide range of physical and psychological health concerns and societal costs including loss of productivity from paid work and criminal justice costs.

For much of history, the church at best has been silent regarding domestic violence, at the worst it has been complacent reinforcing sexual stereotypes and the submission of women while carrying forward the myth that men are not the victims of domestic violence. Fortunately, that silence is being broken and individuals and congregations are recognizing the call to stand in solidarity with people who are fleeing domestic violence as they advocate for societal change. Promoting healthy, respectful and nonviolent relationships can reduce the incidence of domestic violence. Advocating for social changes including an increase in programs that strengthen household financial security and work-family supports, victim-centered services, housing programs, to name a few, can help reduce rates of domestic violence.

Domestic violence is preventable. But to prevent the problem we must first understand and address the factors that put people at risk for or protect them from violence. To better understand the problem and to learn how you can help, please join us during National Domestic Violence Awareness Month for a Coffee Connection on Saturday, October 22 from 10 – 11: 30 AM. Registration is free and is available online at https://cciwdisciples.org/events/. Deadline for registration is Wednesday, October 19, 2022.

Transformation: Rev. Dr. Alex Ruth

Following Your Focus

Have you ever been driving when something alongside the road caught your eye? Maybe it was a fruit stand, a particularly majestic deer, or a catchy roadside sign. Whatever it was, if you put your focus there for an extended period of time, you probably noticed your car start to veer in that direction. I found a similar phenomenon when I was actively riding my bike some years ago. As I pedaled along the streets and backroads, I would periodically come across something in the road. It could have been a pothole, a tool that had fallen off a vehicle, or a storm grate (if I was in town.)

While it was important to notice the obstacle, I quickly learned not to focus on it. You see, the more I looked at the danger in my path, the more likely I was to hit it. All because my body was trained to guide the bike where my eyes were focused. A fellow cyclist told me the trick to avoiding the obstacle was to focus on the clear pavement next to it, to pay attention to where I wanted my tires to go.

There is no denying that there are obstacles and challenges for our communities of faith. But if we focus on those challenges, we are actually more likely to end up metaphorically running over them. Where we put our attention matters. If we fix our eyes upon Jesus, as the song goes, we are more and more likely to end up discovering God's unique call on our lives.

The CCIW Transformation Team and I stand by ready to help you focus on the road and not on the obstacles. If you, or the congregation you serve, could use some help discerning where to go next, reach out to me , Alex Ruth, at alex@cciwdisciples.org and we will help you develop a strategy specifically designed for you and your community. The Transformation Team is also making plans for an inspiring learning event in the fall of 2023, so be on the lookout for more information!

Association of Interim Ministers

Association of Interim Ministers (AIM) is a support group for anyone doing interim ministry in CCIW and the UCC folk in Illinois. Currently we are meeting six times a year by Zoom. Our meetings scheduled for the rest of this year are: August 25; October 27 and December 28. We also sponsor an annual Educational Event to which we invite any clergy or lay leaders to attend. In the past they have been held at Starved Rock State Park and been a two day event. This year we are doing a one day event by Zoom. It is scheduled for October 5. Resource leader is The Reverend Dan Hotchkiss on the general theme of "Discerning The Future of Your Congregation." Watch for registration information in mailings from CCIW. Dan is part of the group of "Alban Consultants at Duke".

FOR CLARIFICATION: Several of us involved in AIM are also involved in a new training program for interim ministry. It is called Disciples Interims and offers training via Zoom. Rebecca Kirby serves as the Administrator for the program. Those from our region on the Executive Committee are: Rebecca Kirby, Scott Woolridge, Hank Anderson and Terry Foland. While we have a common interest regarding interim ministry, we are two separate organizations. Disciples Interims is not a program of CCIW. It is getting traction as a program of Homeland Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

I will be glad to talk with anyone regarding AIM and it's Interim Ministry Support efforts.
Telephone 309-333-0748 or email address of terryfoland@aol.com
Terry Foland, Manager/Coordinator of AIM

Covenant Project

The future of the church is more connected. The future of the church is in deeper conversation. The future of the church is a future with deeper covenant. The Covenant Project is the work of changing structures to be more just and relationships across the church to be more connected.



The Covenant Project began more than three years ago as part of the work of Governance Committee of the General Board of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada. When the Governance Committee met in retreat in the fall of 2019, they committed to the work of aligning the Design of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) with God's design for the church and to claim the power and potential of covenant. To that end, the committee took two important steps: the first was the development of the *Covenant Curriculum*, a small group resource for congregations to explore their identity as covenantal partners in the wider church. The second was a process of a review of the Design, with an aim to explore how the church's structures and practices might shift to better serve the church, with two main areas of focus. The first area of evaluation and recommendations is the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) which refers to not just a gathering but the structure of how congregations relate to and engage with the larger church to provide feedback, prioritize vision and lead. The second area of evaluations and recommendations is centered around the General Board.

The Covenant Project is an initiative of the Governance Committee at the direction of the General Board of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) to change how we gather and how we make decisions as church so that more people are included in shaping the priorities of the church. Over the course of summer and early fall of 2022 the church-congregational pastors, chaplains, elders, church boards, regional boards and congregation members-are invited participate in digital town hall meetings.

The Covenant Project town halls aim to provide education around proposed changes, foster conversation and create opportunities for feedback. Select a date below visual town hall to attend.

Register to Attend

Once you have registered https://disciples.org/covenant-project/covenant-project-town-halls/ Zoom will provide a link for you to attend.

The dates and times for the digital town hall meetings are listed below.

August 2: Noon CST
August 9: 7:00 pm CST
August 24: 7:00 pm CST
September 11: 6:00 pm CST
September 15: Noon CST
September 22: Noon CST
September 28: 2 pm CST

Gifts to CCIW—2022 - Your Gift Changes



The following churches and individuals have contributed to the 2022 mission of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) through the Annual Fund, Designated and Undesignated gifts to the Regional, Camp Walter Scott and other ministries.

Whether you are a first time giver or the region is part of your ministry budget the region gives thanks not only for the financial support but the support provided through prayers and volunteer hours that allows ministry for children and youth, leadership development, congregational consultation, ministerial search & call, and shared mission activities to occur.

Thank You!

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Villa Park Christian Church
Gibson City First Christian Church
Sullivan First Christian Church
Central Christian Church
Lomax Christian Church
Community CC of Lincolnshire
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Jackson Sturgeon

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Lincolnshire Community Christian Church

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United Christian Church Disciple Women, Country Club Hills
Cynthia Webber
Martha Shine

Shoes for Refugees
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Ally, granddaughter; Brenda, daughter –in law; Bryan, son, of of Revs. Terry and Frieda Foland

Rev. Dr. James Holiman

Blair Hull

Kay Dupree

Deaths:
Step-mother of David Hays, Pastor at Lynnville CC

Maria Magdalene, Aunt of Rev. Eli Rolón Jeong

Abigail Herrin, granddaughter of Martha and the Late Rev. Dr. Burley Herrin

Rev. Donald Moseley

Rev. Charles Allen

Edward Pershey, father-in-law of Rev. Katherine Pershey

Pastoral Changes:
Rev. David James to Glen Oak Christian Church

Marsha Funneman to Parkway Christian Church

Linda Mowrer to Christian Church of Abingdon

Dennis Metsker to Davis Memorial Christian Church

Rev. David Massey-Brown to First Christian Church, Gibson City

Retirements:
Rev. Max and Rob Rixman

Celebrations:
Mission trips to Rippling Hope, Detroit, MI

Rev. Dr. Jose Morales and Daphne Gascot Arias welcomed a daughter Yael Marie

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