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Your Compassion At Work. Around the World, Around the Year

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Our hope is rooted and nourished by God's steadfast, abundant, enduring, ever-in-supply and in season compassion. Remembering the compassion of God can ease the pain of what seems like a never-ending news cycle of devastation.

Yet it is because I remember all this
that I have hope.
YHWH's favor is not exhausted,
nor has God's compassion failed.
*They **rise up anew** each morning,*
so great is God's faithfulness.
(Lamentations 3:21-23, The Inclusive Bible)

Singing this promise can give us the strength of heart to **Rise Up Anew** when our hearts are weary from the work of caring about and for all those in need in this beautiful and broken world.

When rains come and waters rise, generosity follows close behind.
When fires rage and destruction looms, support and help are stirred up too.
When war and disease and drought are too close for too long, compassion comes closer, and God's mercies are made known through the gifts of God's people.

Through domestic disaster response in familiar communities; preparedness training for congregations and individuals; refugee response in the aftermath of national conflicts; and ecumenical partnerships that engage international disaster response and support basic human needs for shelter, food, education, and livelihoods Week of Compassion proclaims this truth: God's mercies **Rise Up Anew** each day.

Because of your generosity, Week of Compassion meets people and communities in the midst of grief and lament, in the deepest moments of 'How could this happen?', as the very real presence of God's unfailing compassion.

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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,

We are living in the secular age. Do you know what that means? I ask because, although I've lived my whole life in this age, I have had very little understanding of how it affects everything we are and do? Yes, that's right "I'm clueless, too." And, yet the secular age permeates everything we do, including the church. But, I'm catching on . . .

One aspect of the secular age, according to some very thoughtful people, is that we have been living in a time of functional atheism. (Theologian Andrew Root is my reference on this. See his series of books on Ministry in the Secular Age.) Not just in the world around us, but in the church. It doesn't matter whether we are "liberal or conservative," "progressive or fundamentalist." We function as if our actions or beliefs are what matter most. Often without ever wondering in this moment what God might want; or even stopping long enough to consider that God may have a stake, or a plan; or might even be prepared to enter our broken/driven/striving/ to heal, restore, redeem or save. God might show up. Now.

The secular age denies any Transcendent Presence. I know for myself, that I have wondered "from where will our help come?" And, moved quickly to strategizing about the next right program, person, resource, without expecting God is ready to help.

This secular mindset invites even the most faithful among us to think we have no need of God. Tempts us to believe we can figure it all out on our own. Argues, that eventually we will understand how it all works. Mystery is just not yet understood. In this scenario, God is pushed further and further to the edges of our reality.

In the secular age, there is no need for anything that does not serve my needs. The highest authority is the search for authenticity and self-fulfillment. Religions, denominations, institutions, churches only matter if they serve my needs. Dissociation or buffered selves becomes the norm. "I don't need to be with anyone who challenges my thinking, position, or worldview."

You and I have watched this play out in greater and greater fragmentation, as if this is what God wants. What I have come to understand is that unless we understand the secular age, we will become a perfect reflection of it---claiming to be seek our authentic path.

Knowing where we are, has helped me to see what I most need. That there is Help. Now. I will look to the hills from where my Help comes.

Peace be with you,

Notice in this issue the number of opportunities to listen for God.

2023 CCIW and CCMR Clergy Retreat
April 10 –12
St. Francis Retreat Center
Dewitt, MI

Plan on joining us as we gather to relax and renew as clergy and forge new and renew old friendships, inspire one another, share our stories of who we are as children of God.
Look for more information to come through the newsletter and weekly emails.



Transformation & Innovation
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Transformation

Transformation and change are always scary and difficult. But they are also part of growing and maturing in our faith. We focus on making small changes, discernment, and the context of the person or the congregation as we collaborate to support your growth and transformation in response to God's call.

Innovation

When you think of innovation, do you think of creating, or inventing, something completely new? Does that seem like a daunting task? What if we think about innovation as drawing on the wisdom and experiences of the past as we discern new ways of being and doing that are faithful to our current lived experience? If that idea is exciting, I would love to talk with you about how I can help!

Healthy Congregations

Thinking about the church through the lens of family systems theory can help a congregation get "unstuck" and respond to God's call to serve.

Clergy Coaching

CCMR/CCIW offers professional coaching to help clergy become even more faithful in their ministry. We also offer training in coaching techniques to enhance your ministry

Disciples Men

Ministry to and with men has changed dramatically through the years. If you are looking to start or enhance a men's ministry, we can help

Change or Transformation?

By Rev. Dr. Alex Ruth



In our society constant innovation and change have become the primary, or only, path forward. We see this in the constantly evolving world of technology, where every company seems to release a new phone every year. And, if you're like me, about the time I pay off my new cell phone, it is obsolete. The pace of change in our world has seemed to increase exponentially in my five decades of life. Especially in the three decades of my adult life. It is not a stretch to say that one of the only constants in our world is change.

I imagine we have all heard someone say something like, "The church has to either change, or fade into irrelevance." While there is some truth to that sentiment, I also believe there is a fundamental flaw in that way of thinking. Because the impetus for change comes from within. Instead of thinking about change, we should be thinking about transformation. (And not just because it is part of my job title!)

Andrew Root, in his book *The Congregation in the Secular Age: Keeping Sacred Time Against the Speed of Modern Life*, writes "Being the church is about *transformation* not *change.* Change seeks to catch up and possess time. Transformation is an experience of encountering the fullness of time." To put it another way, Change comes from an internal source, transformation comes from an external source.

I can change the way I behave; in much the same way I can change my clothes. But to me to be truly transformed requires an encounter with the other. That other can be God, but it could also be a person. I would say my views on racism changed when I started to think about my own situatedness in the world. But I have been transformed by relationships with people of color who have helped me understand their experiences on a daily basis.

My faith was changed when I started to read the works of Miroslav Volf, Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza, James Cone, Gustavo Gutiérrez, Eugene Peterson, and Rachel Held Evans. My faith has been, and continues to be, transformed by my relationships with clergy from within our denomination, from other denominations, and even from other faith traditions. Moreover, my very worldview has been transformed as I have continued to nurture and develop a relationship with God; Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

I believe it is impossible to underestimate the power of relationship fuel and guide our transformation into who God calls us (as individuals and as communities of faith) to be. Because of the importance of relationship as the foundation of our transformation, the CCIW Transformation Team, is making plans to hold a gathering for clergy seeking transformation in November. We are still finalizing some details but would encourage you to set aside November 6th through 8th to join with other clergy to pray, reflect, worship, study, and build the relationships that can sustain us in our own transformation, and sustain the churches we serve in their transformation as well.

Leading up to the gathering we will also be holding a book study group to help us prepare the soil of our lives for the work God will do in us during this time of retreat and learning. We will be sharing more information about this event as the details are solidified, but if you would like to receive more information directly from the us, please let me know by emailing me at alex@cciwdisciples.org. May we be open to the transformation of our hearts, minds, and souls as we nurture our relationships with God and one another.

New & Recreated: Midwinter Successfully Returns for the First Time Since Covid

By Pastor Eli Rolón Jeong





The Regional Youth Council of the Christian Church in Illinois & Wisconsin welcomed youth and adult sponsors to our annual Midwinter Youth Retreat. Central Christian Church in Decatur hosted the January 15 & 16, 2023 event, the first Midwinter held in-person since 2020. Our theme this year was *Behold: New & Recreated* based on the keynote address provided by Alex Ruth, Associate Regional Minister for Transformation. We got started with a brief orientation and introduction exercise where youth shared stories about their favorite foods and places. Early in the afternoon, participants helped clean up the grounds around Baby TALK, a non-profit organization in Decatur that provides early childhood care and education opportunities.

Back at Central, Midwinter attendees worshiped with the church's contemporary band. During his keynote, Alex encouraged youth – and adults as well – to reflect on what God is doing in our lives and reminded us of new possibilities, even when the past does not seem to have gone very well. Afterwards, youth and adults engaged in competitive yet fun and friendly games of volleyball and basketball. Youth from six different congregations in our region engaged in thoughtful discussion based on Alex's keynote and had plenty of fun with games and trivia. On Sunday morning, we joined Central's contemporary service before departing home.

Now that Midwinter is over, RYC will begin focusing our attention to our Summit Youth Retreat, planned for November of this year. We encourage high school youth in our region to consider joining the Regional Youth Council to help us plan Summit and other regional youth events. Adults passionate about youth ministries are also encouraged to join the team. For more information, visit www.cciwdisciples.org/ryc or get in touch with me (eli@cciwdisciples.org); we would love to have you in our team!

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Walter Scott Camp & Learning Center Reflection

By Rev. Clayton Summers









I am privileged and beyond thrilled to be entering my second year as the Resident Minister and Caretaker at the Walter Scott Camp and Learning Center. This first year was packed full of blossoming relationships, exciting new projects, and envisioning the future in community. We rebuilt the Bell Tower, started a garden, brought Wi-Fi to all our heated buildings, cleaned and organized MANY spaces, updated the Host House, became a Green Chalice Ministry, gained four pottery wheels, planted a native prairie, were blessed by many generous donations, had over 3500 volunteer hours, and so much more. This place is a glimpse of the Realm of God, where community creates flourishing.

At the same time, we've had our flounders. Our walk-in fridge needed repairs several times this summer, the retreat house AC went out, a section of the lagoon fence blew down, the water line to the North Side is in need of repairs, and on my first day the key to the grounds got stuck in a lock when it was 10°F, leaving me outside longer than was pleasant. We could pretend that only good things happen, but like our own lives, ministry is messy and that's okay. We can find God not only in our accomplishments, but also in our setbacks and failures.

As we look ahead to 2023, we know for certain we'll have several accomplishments. We will be having Solar Panels to provide most of our power to the lodge installed this summer, we will be converting the old directors pavilion into a multi-purpose pole shed, we will be updating our lighting fixtures to LED, starting an orchard, building some memorial benches, getting goats, blazing new trails (literally and figuratively), and these are only the projects we already have funded! At the same time, this year ahead will have setbacks and failures too. In the seasons ahead, we invite you to find God in the accomplishments, failures, and setbacks of your life - we'll be doing the same here.

Peace on the Journey,
Clayton Summers
Resident Minister and Caretaker

Green Chalice Link: https://www.discipleshomemissions.org/missions-advocacy/green-chalice/

"...it is about finding a life of service and caretaking in the garden of God's Creation" p. 21, Cathedral on Fire. Brooks Berndt.

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Walter Scott Camp & Learning Center
CIW Programming Year at a Glance

Camp Workday	Saturday, April 15
Earth Day Celebration*	Saturday, April 22
Camp Preview Days	Friday, April 28 - Saturday, April 29
Camp Workday	Saturday, May 13
Memorial Day Family Camp	Friday May, 26 - Monday, May 29
EcoJustice Camp*	Friday, June 2 - Sunday, June 4
Handyperson Skills Camp	Sunday, June 4 - Saturday, June 10
CYF (9th-12th Grade) Camp	Sunday, June 11 - Saturday, June 17
You & Me (K-5th Grade + Adult) Camp	Sunday, June 18 - Wednesday, June 21
Beginners (K-3rd Grade) Camp	Thursday, June 22 - Saturday, June 24
JYF (3rd-5th Grade) Camp	Sunday June 25 - Saturday, July 1
Chi-Rho (6th-8th Grade) Camp	Sunday, July 2 - Saturday, July 8
Young Adult / Post-High Camp	Friday, July 21 - Sunday, July 23
Labor Day Weekend Family Camp	Friday, September 1 - Monday, September 4
Birding Day*	Saturday, September 9
Camp Workday	Saturday, September 16
CCIW Women's Retreat	Saturday, September 30 - Sunday, October 1
Young Adult Halloween Party*	Friday, October 27 - Saturday, October 28
Camp Workday	Saturday, November 4
* Asterisk indicates event is planned but details are still being finalized & subject to change	

For more information on these events and any changes which might occur check out CampWalterScott.org.
To see full grounds usage visit CampWalterScott.org/Calendar.

Camp Walter Scott Presents

Preview Day

Great for First Time Campers

Friday April 28—5 PM—8 PM



A sneak peak of summer at Camp Walter Scott for CCIW youth groups and families. This is a great opportunity to visit our campgrounds and meet some of our staff!

S'MORES
CAMPFIRE
HOT DOGS
MORE!

Youth must be accompanied by adult chaperone (parent/guardian, youth group leader, etc.) Overnight accommodations available. Donations welcome but not required.

To RSVP, visit us at
www.CampWalterScott.org



Camp Walter Scott - Service Opportunities

June 4—10
Handy Person Skills Camp

April 15, May 13, Sept 16, Nov. 4
Saturday Work Days

Individuals and groups attending a Saturday work day are welcome to arrive on Friday night or Saturday. Those attending the Service Week are welcome to arrive or leave any time during the work week.
Please, let us know of your arrival and departure plan when you RSVP so that we may be ready.
To RSVP, visit us at: www.CampWalterScott.org

Camp Walter Scott

YOUNG ADULT
GLAMPING WEEKEND
JULY 21 –23

Adults ages 18 to 30

GLAMOROUS + CAMPING = GLAMPING

This camp is designed with a typical camp program and activities in mind but elevating them just a notch.

CCIW Young Adults are invited to join us for a weekend of fellowship, worship, and fun! We'll have a Friday night reception with hors d'oeuvres, campfire with gourmet s'mores, brunch worship, and many other opportunities to share stories and engage in fun camp activities together.

Those who have completed high school are welcome, provided they are 18 by July 21

More information will be available soon so stay in touch!
/campwalterscott on Facebook and Instagram

SLAM
What can we do Together?

Service...Learning...Advocacy...Mission

We are serving together on work trips. We are preparing together to help in times of disaster. We are looking to partner on service and learning opportunities across our regions. Will you join us in this work?

SLAM is a ministry of the Christian Church in Il & WI and the Christian Church in MI
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Disciples Women
Celebrate Women's History Month
Share Your Story-Writing Retreat

In 1981, Congress passed Pub. L. 97-28, a bill that authorized and requested that the week beginning March 7, 1982 be named "Women's History Week." From 1981-1986, Congress continued to pass joint resolutions that set aside one week in March as Women's History Week. Then in 1987 at the urging of the National Women's History Project, Congress designated March 1987 as "Women's History Month", Firn 1988 -1994, Congress continue to authorize and request that the President set aside March as Women's History Month. From 1995 until the present, the President have issued annual proclamations establishing March as Women's History Month and naming and celebrating the contributions that women have made to United States history.

The history of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has also been shaped and influenced by the contributions and leadership of women of the church. In 1874, Caroline Neville Peare, established the Christian Women's Board of Mission for the purpose of mission work. In February 1876, Dr. and Mrs. W.H. Williams of Missouri became the first missionaries of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions. In 1887, Mattie Younkin and six other women established the National Benevolent Association. In 1888 Clara Celestia Hale Babcock became the first ordained woman of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Following the footsteps of these early pioneers and leaders women such Sarah Lue Bostick, one of the first African American women to be ordained, Minnie Vautrin, the Goddess of Nanking who protected thousands of women and girls during the 1937 Rape of Nanking in China, Sharon Watkins the first woman General Minister and President and Terri Hord Owens the first African American woman General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) have shaped, influenced and inspired the men, women, boys and girls of our denomination. In
addition to these precedent setting individuals, each of us can name the local Sunday School teachers, pastors, elders, deacons, youth leaders, mothers, grandmothers, and aunties who have influenced, nurtured, and encouraged us in our journeys to become the individuals whom we are today.

And so, you are invited to join us in sharing and celebrating your story and sharing and celebrating the stories of the women in your life. Each Saturday morning in March (March 4, 11, 18 and 25 from 9- 11 AM CST and 10 AM - Noon EST) for a writing retreat. During our time together we will consider how we can tell our stories through poetry and short stories. We will consider journaling, particularly sharing stories, as a spiritual discipline. We will hear the stories of women of the IL/ WI and Ml regions and how these stories have impacted, influenced and inspired others.

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Disciples Women
Share Your Story-Writing Retreat

Our leaders will include Vicki Kirby, Vicky Woolridge and Brenda Ethridge. Vicki Lynn Kirby is the mother of 3 daughters, the youngest is Autistic. Playwright of stage play, Trouble N My Way ,which sold out 3 times in 2008. As Christian Ed. Chair at United CC for 13 yrs. she revived a successful Children's Church program and help developed a Rites of Passage program with a unique writing component that engaged young writers in a "page to stage" initiative. Founder of a new start up, WordsNHarmony coming in 2023 with the vision to help new writers become published authors. Vicki is a 10yr cancer survivor and advocate for Special need adults. "I am passionate about what I read and write." She is a retired UAW member and Wayne State undergrad.

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. With her Aunt Dot, Vicky has led earlier CCIW writing retreats.

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 for Sharing our Shared Stories is available on the CCIW and the CCMR websites.

CCIW: https://cciwdisciples.org/events/
OR
CCMR: https://www.michigandisciples.org/event/sharing-our-shared-stories/

CCIW DISCIPLES WOMEN'S—SPRING GATHERING



In Genesis we are told that God created the heavens and the earth and made humanity in God's image calling them to be partners in the care and oversight of creation. Today, we continue to be called as God's partners to engage in responsible care and use of the planet's resource. In Psalm 24: 1 we read, "The Earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it." All of creation belongs to God and we have been given the privilege of enjoying it diversity and the responsibility of caring for what God has and continues to create. Today, we live in a time of unprecedented climate change. Scientific information suggests that rising global temperatures and melting ice sheets is happening at a rate that has not been seen in 10,000 years. Further, we are witnessing rising sea levels, shrinking glaciers, and global shifts in flower/ plant blooming times. We are experiencing deforestation, the reduction of animal habits, and the threat of extinction of essential pollinators such as bees and butterflies. As women of faith, it is important that we educate ourselves and take action as God's partners and co-creators of creation.

As people of faith, we can provide a moral voice to the climate change crisis. We can engage in sustainable living practices to help minimize our global footprint. We can join with others in advocating and educating ourselves and others on issues of creation care and climate justice. And so, we invite you to take the first step or continue your journey of creation care by joining us for the Spring CCIW Gathering.

Our event will be a phygital event. We will meet Friday evening April 21 from 6:30 – 8:30 PM **by Zoom Meeting only** for Bible study, business meeting, and closing prayer. We will gather on Saturday April 22 at 9:30 AM with the main session beginning at 10 AM. Participants may choose to meet from their homes by Zoom, to travel to Pontiac to participate in person with our keynote speaker, Rev. Hannah Fitch, or join with other women at watch party sites across the state where members of the CCIW Disciples Women Ministry Leadership Team will host groups as they participate through Zoom. Watch party sites will include) First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) 801 63rd St, 2) Downers Grove, IL; Park Manor Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) 600 E. 73rd St., Chicago, IL; 3) Memorial Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) 2507 W. Newman Pkwy, Peoria, IL; 4) First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) 101 North Church St., Virden, IL

Our keynote speaker Rev. Hannah Fitch volunteers as co-leader of Great Lakes Green Chalice, a ministry of CCIW and CC in MI devoted to the care of Creation through our faith communities. Taking cues from Green Chalice, a ministry of Disciples Home Mission, Great Lakes Green Chalice helps churches develop and strengthen their Green Teams, explore Creation Care theologically and ritually, and proactively engage the climate crisis to protect the community of Creation. Hannah will be sharing about Creation Care and Sustainable Living.

The cost of the event is $30.00 per person and will include lunch for those who choose to attend in person at Pontiac, Chicago, Downers Grove, Peoria, or Virden. Zoom registration fee is $25.00 per person.

Registration is available on the CCIW website, a eco-friendly black and white registration form is available for download for those who choose to mail registration. **A Zoom invite will be mailed to registrants along with confirmation of registration.**

For further information please contact Rev. Dr. Beth Rupe, Interim Minister CCIW Disciples Women by email bethr@cciwdisciples.org or bethrupe@me.com, or phone (309) 224- 0538.

News from Disciples Women Leadership Council
Thursdays in Black Campaign



1 in 3 women experience physical and sexual violence by an intimate partner in their life-time. We can help raise awareness of this issue and stand in solidarity with women who experience this by participating in the Thursdays in Black Campaign. More information is available by visiting the following website:
https://www.globalministries,org/thursdays-in-black-campaign/
OR
https:..www.ecumenicalwomenun.org/thursdays-in-black

Domestic Violence Awareness Month October 28, 2023

Coffee Connections for Disciples Women
This will be a follow-up to the 2022 Coffee Connection. We will be talking about advocating and helping women who may be experiencing Partner Violence.

Upcoming CCIW Events

Professional Boundaries and Pro-Reconciliation Anti-Racism Training

Location	Date	Training	Time	Facilitators
Virtual Cost: $25.00	March 18, 2023	Healthy Boundaries 201	10 am—3 pm	Revs. Angee Byrd Tom Yang, Katherine Ball
Peoria, may be hybrid Cost: TBD	June 1, 2023*	HB: Self Care/Spirituality	TBD	Rev. Alex Ruth
Virtual Cost: $25.00	October 14, 2023	Healthy Boundaries 101	10 am—3 pm	Revs. Dee Ann Woods Becky Kirby Eli Rolón Jeong
Virtual Cost: $35.00	June 22, 2023	Clergy and Congregational Financial Ethics		Rev. Bruce Barkhauer with Center for Faith and Giving

*Tentative Date

Registration deadline: two weeks prior to the event.

Communications Ministry

In the last few years, the way we communicate with one other has changed. We now find ourselves sharing the Good News in both physical and digital spaces. The online space has given us immediate access to a larger mission field to share God's word and create community.

If your church needs communications assistance, please contact us. Below are some services provided by The Communications Ministry:



Creative Design
Based on you



Strategic Plans
Develop communication plans
to help create awareness.



Website Design
Layout and build
Websites that
represent your church



Communication
Workshops
Host onsite workshops to share
communication best practices
and recommendations, etc.



Technology Support
Provide tech assistance
For your church

The Communications Ministry is here to help you!
Contact us at communications@cciwdisciples.org

Gifts to CCIW—2023 - We Give Thanks for Your Generosity

The following churches and individuals have contributed to in the last quarter of 2022 and 2023 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.

Your continual prayers, support and generosity to the Region, Camp Walter Scott, New Church Ministries, DW ministry and the special offerings is beyond measure. Who and where do you impact...everyone and everywhere.



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Villa Park Christian Church
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New Church Starts
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Blessing Boxes
Gen Oak Christian Church Women's Fellowship

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Robin Robinson, to Sunnyland Christian Church, Washington

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Ari Colin Douglas to Oregon

Stacey Nichols to Transitional interim , Quincy, First.

Church Closings:
First Christian Church, Janesville, WI

The Annual Fund

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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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