

**Christian Church (DOC) Michigan Region
Annual Regional Assembly
Saturday, May 4, 2013
Unity Christian Church, Swartz Creek, MI**

(Please note that page numbers referenced in this report correspond to the handout at the meeting entitled **One Witness in the World.**)

Annual Regional Assembly called to order at 10:01 a.m. At call to order, 18 congregations were represented which exceeds requirements for quorum as identified by our credentialing committee of Pam Dykhuizen, Diana Payton and Glen McIntyre.

Attendance:

Board Members

Doug Morgan (Lansing, CCC) – Moderator
Arnold Lakes, Sr. (Flushing, NCCC) – Vice Moderator
Kingery Clingenpeel (Battle Creek, FCC) – Secretary
Ray Cross (Troy, CWCC) – Stewardship and Finance
Barbara Dykhuizen (Grand Rapids, Cascade) – Crystal
Shirley Martinson (Ann Arbor, JOF) – Church Growth and Vitality
Robert Cornwall (Troy, CWCC) – Ecumenism
Rosalie Karunas (Ann Arbor, JOF) – East District
Darwin Collins – General Ministry Partner
Brenda Etheridge (Swartz Creek, Unity) – Regional Rep to the General Board
Isaac Etheridge (Swartz Creek, Unity) – Member at Large
John Martek (Cadillac, Clay Hill) – Member at Large
Glen McIntyre (Burt Lake) – Member at Large
James Wright, II (Muskegon, Harvest Time) – Member at Large

Congregations

Ann Arbor, Journey of Faith

Robert Brite

Jerolynn Johnson

Rosalie Karunas

Jon Lacey

Diane Smith

Bennie Walls

Linda White

Coral, Cowden Lake

Julie Drews

Detroit, Bethany CC

Carole Enwright

Nora Shumake

Detroit, United CC

Florine Bostic

Crystal Bryant

Greg Bryant

Emma Collins

Dan Smith

Shirley Smith

Lynnett Young

Flint, True Foundation

Viola Greene

Flint, Vermont CC

Mae Green

Victor Green

Alice Pearson-Evans

Andre Powell

Flushing, New Covenant

Clarence Courts, Jr.

Rochell Courts

Chantell Dickerson

Janet Jones
Angelete Lakes
Arnold Lakes, Jr.
Celeste Morris
Sonia Walker
Fremont Christian Church
David Dickinson
Grand Rapids, Cascade
Pam Dykhuizen
Debbie Jones
Carl Moushon
Ionia, FCC
Bonnie Klingbeil
Kalamazoo, CC
Barbara Hemphill
Lansing, FCC
Rick Boyd
Janet Hoyt
Pam Morgan

Luther, Church of Christ
Lisa Martek
Muskegon, Harvest Time
James Starr
Saginaw, FCC-West
Irv Burt
Deloris DeVinney
Marilyn Eurick
James Mills
Jean O'Brien
Barbara Pratt
Swartz Creek, Unity
Tony Erwin
Leroy Etheridge
Richard Harmon
Troy, Central Woodward CC
Flo Cross
Rick Green
Anne McCauslin
John McCauslin
Diana Payton

Guests

Don Scherer
Charlotte Scherer
Karen Horsman

Staff

Eugene James
Beverly Peeler
Geraldine Moore

Worship was led by Jean O'Brien. Dr. Donald Scherer was the Keynote Speaker.
Pages 5 & 6.

Minutes of the May 12, 2012, Regional Assembly were approved. Pages 8 & 9.

The following Reports were submitted:

Moderator's Report – Douglas Morgan. Page 11.

Regional Minister's Report – Rev. Eugene James. Pages 11-13.

COMISSIONS

Church Growth and Vitality – Shirley Martinson. Page 14.

Crystal – Barbara Dykhuizen. Page 14.

Ecumenism – Robert Cornwall. Pages 14 & 15.

STEM – Anne McCauslin. Pages 15 – 17.

Ministry – Page 17.

Izabella Hutzler of Memorial Christian Church (now Journey of Faith Christian Church) was added to the Ministry report. Izabella was ordained May 6, 2012.

Regional Elders – Rosalie Karunas. Page 18.

Personnel – No report.

Stewardship and Finance – Ray Cross. Pages 19 – 21.

CONSTITUENCY GROUPS

Disciples Women’s Ministry – Brenda Etheridge. Page 22.

Women’s Ministries – Sarah Beth Simonds. Page 22.

Men’s Ministry – No report.

YACF – No report.

Reconciliation – John Harvey. Page 22.

DISTRICTS

East – Verbal report from Rosalie Karunas.

West – No report.

North – No report.

Special Committee Report on the CCMR Website – Neil Topliffe. Pages 23 & 24.

REPRESENTATIVES AND PARTNERS

General Board Representative – Brenda Etheridge. Page 25.

General Ministry Partner – W. Darwin Collins, VP of CCF. Pages 25 & 26.

Special Report – Christian Theological Seminary – Karen Horsman – Verbal Report.

ELECTIONS

Nominations Report – Rosalie Karunas, Chairperson. Page 27.

- Vice Moderator - Jerrolynn Johnson
- Treasurer - Ray Cross
- Members-at-large - Randall Bertrand
Isaac Etheridge
Russ Tiller
- Chairs of Standing Commissions –
 - Crystal - Barb Dykhuizen
 - Church Growth and Vitality - Shirley Martinson
 - Ministry - Jon Lacey

Nominations of all candidates for all positions – approved by voice vote.

PERMANENT FUND POLICY FOR THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DOC) MICHIGAN REGION

Pages 28 – 30.

- Discussion and clarification of policy items.
- A motion was made and duly seconded to adopt the policy as presented. A voice vote was not decisive. A show of hands revealed a majority disapproved and the motion failed.
- Discussion and clarification of Roman numeral V.
- A motion was made and duly seconded to adopt the policy with Roman numeral V amended to read: “The policy may be amended by a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority vote at the Regional Assembly either regularly scheduled or specially called.” Delegates were asked to vote by standing. The vote was 45 yes, 0 no – motion carried.

Christian Church (DOC) Michigan Region 2013 Budget. Page 31.

Upcoming Events. Page 32.

The business meeting was adjourned at 1:11 p.m.

Lunch was provided at the church. Various workshops were held in the afternoon. The Assembly concluded with worship and communion.

Respectfully submitted,
Kingery Clingenpeel, Secretary

ONE WITNESS IN THE WORLD



"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

John 13:34 & 35 (NIV)

ANNUAL REGIONAL ASSEMBLY 2013

CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) MICHIGAN REGION

Saturday, May 4, 2013 ~ 10:00 AM—4:00 PM
Unity Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
5255 Linden Road, Swartz Creek, Michigan

Dr. Donald Scherer—Keynote Speaker

GREETINGS EVERYONE



I extend a warm and cordial welcome to all of you to the 2013 Regional Assembly. We have come together to worship, fellowship, do business, and be informed. The assembly will be a success because of your participation. As indicated in the program booklet, the Regional Assembly has ultimate responsibility for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Michigan, which is evidence of the importance of this gathering.

We look forward to what Dr. Donald Scherer will share with us, as well as being informed by participation in the various workshops that are being offered. Thanks to all of the presenters for the work they have done preparing for the workshops and the effort put forth in offering the subject matter.

We are grateful for the work of Pastor Arnold Lakes and the Planning Committee in preparation for the assembly. We render special appreciation to Pastor Etheridge and the Unity Christian Church family for opening the doors of their facility to us and being our hosts. To God be the glory.

Peace and blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eugene James". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Eugene James, Regional Minister

The planning committee for the 2013 Regional Assembly has been very busy completing the task assigned. We have chosen as our theme, "**One Witness in the World**", with the scripture base of John 13:34 and 35, which reads, *A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.*

We are grateful for our keynote speaker, Dr. Donald Scherer for coming to share with us at this time to assist in REFRESHING, RENEWING and REVITALIZING our congregations and the Michigan Region at large, to fulfill the Great Commission as written in Matthew 28:19-20.

Arnold Lakes, Chairperson

Rev. Robert Cornwall

Rev. John Harvey

Rev. Shirley Martinson

Rev. Jean O'Brien

DR. DONALD SCHERER



When people are trying to do what's right, when they worship the same God and acknowledge the same Lord, Jesus Christ, why do they sometimes find themselves at odds? Dr. Donald Scherer, a life-long Christian, has focused his career as a professor of ethics on what caring means and how people can support the quality of each other's lives.

For Don, this has never been a merely academic question. As the Apostle Paul was familiar with conflict in the churches he visited, so Don has studied how conflict often erupts among people who are each trying to do the right thing.

In 1999-2000 he visited at Santa Clara University, assisting the faculty in their Environmental Studies in becoming instruments of the sustainability of the San Francisco Bay region. In the early days of renewable energy, he facilitated partnerships among Bowling Green State University, a local utility, the Ohio Department of Development and the Electric Vehicle Institute that resulted in installation of solar cells to power the University's ice arena as well as creation of energy education materials for students and the community. As president of Green Energy Ohio, he consulted with business throughout the state about energy conservation and the use of renewables. In 2007, he was one of two ethicists who advised NOAA on the ethical questions surrounding remediation of oil spills. Repeatedly he has worked with people trying to do their best and who were therefore frustrated when their search for allies uncovered other equally well-meaning people as frustrated with them for not seeing things their way!

Adversaries in church conflicts often have such feelings. The prayer of Jesus, that we church members should be one, even as Jesus and his Father are one, sustains its relevance in today's world. To Don Scherer, the study of ethics has been a life-long journey that has brought him to a vision of how we can realize Jesus' prayer of unity in our hearts, in our lives and in Christian witness through our churches.

ONE WITNESS IN THE WORLD



A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another. (John 13:34-35 NIV)

OPENING WORSHIP SERVICE

LET US SING!

“This Is the Day”

#286 Chalice Hymnal

“Awesome God”

(See Insert)

“Majesty”

(See Insert)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Sisters and Brothers, we are called:

All: Called to follow Jesus. What a challenge! What an opportunity!

One: Called to move, as he did, among the people; to feel with them; to care for them; to touch them and to be touched by them. This is love.

All: Called to name, as he did, the oppressions that destroy our world: those of which we are already aware, and those injustices we have not yet learned to recognize or to name. This is love.

One: Called to discern those gifts of life that God has hidden deep within each one of us. This is love.

All: Called to discover and to share those gifts of our hearts, our hands, our whole selves. This is love.

One: Called to place our gifts in God’s hands: the holy hands from which

*Indicates standing if able
Bold print indicates that all participate

they came. Called to follow Jesus...

All: and yes, we can answer; we can follow because we have been called first to love.

One: Called to be God's children.

All: Called by name. This is love.

“Change My Heart, O God”

(See Insert)

“This Little Light”

***This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine (3x)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!***

***Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine (3x)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!***

***Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine (3x)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!***

THE WORD OF GOD

Unison Reading: “I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” (John 13: 34-35)

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

(See Insert)

Opening Prayer

Invitation to receive our Morning Message from Dr. Don Scherer

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Bold print indicates that all participate

ONE WITNESS IN THE WORLD BUSINESS MEETING

Roll Call of Churches—Rev. Kingery Clingenpeel
Business Meeting

Review and approval of May 2012 Assembly Minutes

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Regional Minister's Report

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Questions & Answers



CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DOC) MICHIGAN REGION
REGIONAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, LANSING—MAY 12, 2012

(The minutes of this meeting reference the prepared "Critical Presence" mailing/emailing/ provided hard copy at meeting and/or sent to churches and individuals at page numbers listed in the document. The meeting began at 10:00 a.m. and concluded at 3:15 p.m.)

Attendance:

Ann Arbor Memorial – Diane Smith, Lynn Johnson, Melba Lacey, Jon Lacey, Shirley Martinson, Rosalie Karunas
Cadillac Clay Hill – John Martek, Lisa Martek
Coral Cowden Lake – Julie Drews, Robert Oliveira
Detroit Northwestern – Carolyn McDonald, Valerie Adams, Verna Adams
Detroit United – Rhonda Moore-Lewis, Rufus Lewis
Dowagiac FCC – Jon DenHouter, Heather DenHouter
Flint Triumphant Temple – Nancy McGowan-Miller, Yvonne Bowe-Gilliard, Frank Gilliard
Flint Vermont – Millie Nash, Edna Green Perry, Victor Green
Flushing New Covenant – Dexter Thomas, Angelete Lakes, Sonia Walker, Arnold Lakes
Grand Rapids Cascade – Tim Murtaugh
Grand Rapids Central – Neil Topliffe, Ron Osgood, Kevin Knepper
Kalamazoo – Suzanne Coleman, Barbara Hemphill, Kingery Clingenpeel
Lansing FCC – Rick Boyd, Doug Morgan
Saginaw FCC – Barbara Pratt
Swartz Creek Unity – Brenda Etheridge, Leroy Etheridge
Traverse City – Nancy Zerban
Troy Central Woodward – John McCauslin, Anne McCauslin, Bob Cornwall, Rick Green, Ray Cross, Flo Cross

Timothy James, Joyce James, Bob Shebeck, David Vargas, Margie Vargas

Registration

Gathering in song – Rev. Jean O'Brien
Reading of Scripture – Rev. Nancy Zerban
Opening Prayer – Pastor Bob Oliveira
Roll call of the churches – Kingery Clingenpeel – Quorum exceeded
Eleven regional board members present
Four recognized groups present
Twenty churches present

Business Meeting:

Minutes of the Special April 28 Assembly read. Approved. Pages 5 & 6

Reports:

- Moderator's report presented – special thanks expressed for the fine work of Nancy Zerban. Page 7
- Regional Ministers reports presented. Pages 7 & 8

Commissions:

- Church Growth and Vitality report presented. A request was made for additional members to this commission. Pages 8 & 9
- Crystal report presented. Page 9
 1. Due to frozen pipes, water damage and resulting mold found in Cedar Lodge. Assessment and repair is in progress.
 2. Reforestation plan being implemented due to loss of a large number of mature trees.
- Ecumenism report presented. Page 10
 1. Additional information on summer work Saturdays in Detroit provided by Eugene James.
 2. STEM report presented. Pages 10 & 11
 3. Ministry report presented.
 4. A reminder was given about upcoming “boundary training” requirements – course to be offered on August 22. Page 12
 5. Announcement that decision has been made affecting pension fund. Pension fund beneficiaries will be determined by person(s) paying into the fund.
 6. Personnel report presented. Page 13
- Stewardship and Finance report presented. Pages 14-18

Constituencies:

- Women’s Ministry report presented. Page 19
- Men’s Ministry – no report
- YACF – no report
- Reconciliation – no report

Districts:

- East – no report
- West – no report
- North – no report

Representatives and Partners

- General Board – verbal report presented
- General Ministry Partner – no report
- Global Mission – verbal report

Addendum:

- Report of Regional Elders. Included, no page number
- Website update and worksheet handouts from Neil Topliffe. No page numbers

Elections:

- Proposed Priorities 2012-2014. Discussion. Passed. Page 20
- Nominations for Officers 2012-2014. Discussion. Passed. Page 20

Worship and Installation of Regional Minister Eugene James, Jr. and Closing Communion service. Pages 21-24.

Respectfully submitted,
Kingery Clingenpeel, Secretary

MODERATOR'S REPORT DOUGLAS MORGAN

During the current biennium:

- August 22-24, 2012, I attended the Forum for Regional Moderators in Indianapolis, Indiana.
- September 7-8, 2012, was the Executive Committee meeting at Crystal.
- October 13 was the Regional Office Spruce Up day.

Based upon the presentation by Darwin Collins, our General Ministry partner, on Large Gifting Policy at the October 2012 Regional Board Meeting, Ray Cross has been appointed to chair a Permanent Fund Committee to draft a policy for managing unrestricted donated funds.

I am most concerned about getting more individuals aware of and involved in the ministries of the Michigan Region.

I look forward to seeing you and others at the Regional Office Spruce Up Day on August 24.

REGIONAL MINISTER'S REPORT REV. EUGENE JAMES

One fact has become abundantly clear to me. The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Michigan Region is blessed with very dedicated and committed volunteers. I thank God for those who consistently and unselfishly demonstrate their love for Christ and the Church by the work they do that benefits the Region in so many ways. From clergy that are among those who help care for the Crystal Conference center to the laypersons that regularly assist at the Regional Office, and all who work so diligently on any and everything needed to sustain the ministry to which God has called us. I am especially appreciative of the work of the Regional Elders, a volunteer group that is a blessing to me as well as the congregations of the Region. I also want to recognize that Super Volunteer, Captain Dick Murphy, who does so much to benefit the ministry at the Crystal Conference center, working from the mother of all "Honey Do" lists.

There are individuals that are truly gifted in many ways and it is an abundant blessing to have one of them in our midst. The Michigan Region has been so graced in the person of the Rev. Neil Topliffe. From providing invaluable assistance in the restructure of the Regional website to taking the initiative to revive fellowship among clergy on the west side of the Region, he has proven his commitment to his call to ministry even in "retirement".

The second "Ministry of the Eldership" workshop conducted by the Regional Elders

took place on March 2, 2013 at Triumphant Temple of Praise Christian Church, Flint. It was well attended including several pastors. We express our gratitude to Pastor Gilliard and the saints at TTOP for the very excellent work they performed as hosts for the event.

Plans are moving forward for The Gospel in Action – Detroit 2013. We are encouraging as many congregations as possible to participate in the Regional Kick Off for this ministry on Saturday, May 18, 2013 by sending/bringing volunteers. The Gospel in Action is an ecumenical mission outreach ministry of the Michigan Region, under the auspices of the Ecumenism Commission. It is an outgrowth of collaborations developed among Disciples Peace Week, initiated by Central Woodward Christian Church, the outreach partnership between Northwestern Christian Church and the Northwest Community Block Club Association, Rippling Hope, and Motown Mission, a ministry of the United Methodist Church, that began in the summer of 2011. The state representative for the district that encompasses Northwestern joined the collaboration in 2012, which expanded the number of households that qualified for services. There were 497 volunteers, representing 43 volunteer groups. States represented included Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Kansas, Iowa, Missouri, Indiana, Georgia, Illinois, South Dakota, and the province of Ontario. Faith traditions represented were Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), United Methodist, United Church of Christ, Anglican Church of Canada, Presbyterian, and Non-Denominational. There were 643 projects completed at 281 homes. Also, 22 vacant lots were cleaned up, 13 yards mowed, and 18 vacant houses were boarded up. A highlight for 2012 was the September Interfaith Work Day done in conjunction with observances of 9-11. Muslims and Christians worked together to be a blessing to people in the city of Detroit.

We are pleased to announce that the Regional Commission on the Ministry, in partnership with Christian Theological Seminary, will offer a five session Disciples History and Polity course again this summer. The classes will meet June 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29. Professor Scott Seay will be the instructor. To register for the course, please contact the Regional office.

The Region has renewed the partnership with the Kinshasa District of the Community of Disciples of Christ in the Democratic Republic of Congo. **“The partnership is being established based on criteria that recognize our common desire to act out our call to mission together. The purposes of this partnership are to expand on ecumenical and missionary horizons of our local churches in Michigan and Kinshasa, to assume responsibilities for each other, and to learn reciprocally from each other’s faith.”** The formal agreement was signed by Rev. Mathieu Mulumba, District Minister of the Kinshasa District, Rev. Eliko Bonanga, President and Legal Representative, 10th Community of the Disciples of Christ in the Congo, Rev. Sandra Gourdet, Executive, Africa Office, and the Regional Minister as a part of the Worship service celebrating the partnership August 17, 2012, at the Lemba Church in Kinshasa. The Regional Minister was there with a group from other parts of the United States with interests in the Congo that also visited congregations in Mbandaka and Brazzaville.

The Women's Ministry will be establishing lines of communication with the Women's Ministry in Kinshasa, our partner District in the Democratic Republic of Congo. The women in Kinshasa are anxious and excited to make contact with the women of the Michigan Region. The Women's Ministry will be sponsoring the president of Women's Ministries in the Kinshasa District to attend the 2014 Quadrennial Assembly.

We are grateful for your financial support of the Region, particularly those congregations that have included contributions to the Region in their budget. We would urge those congregations not doing so now to prayerfully consider making that commitment. The Annual Fund giving is a blessing and the anticipation is for an even greater blessing in 2013.

On May 6, 2012, Rev. Izabella Hutzler was ordained at Memorial Christian Church, Ann Arbor. We thank God for the unique gifts she brings to ministry. On October 21, 2012, Rev. Jill Forton was ordained and installed as Senior Pastor at Cascade Christian Church, Grand Rapids. She is the congregation's first female Senior Pastor, to God be the glory. On December 2, 2012, Rev. Gregory Bryant was installed as Senior Pastor at United Christian Church, Detroit. On April 21, 2013, Rev. Susan Wirth was ordained at Cascade Christian Church in a glorious celebration.

During the month of May 2012, Bethany Christian Church celebrated 100 years of ministry in the city of Detroit. During the month of October 2012, First Christian Church, Lansing, celebrated "Following Jesus 100 Years So Far".

The Region maintains a long-term, established relationship with the United Church of Christ, Michigan Conference. There is reciprocal representation on each Board. We share in leadership training and the provision of resources for commissioned and ordained clergy. We look forward to working closely with the new Conference Minister, Rev. Dr. Campbell Lovett, to revive cooperative programs done in the past and strengthening our partnership.

The camp program at Crystal is in need of a major overhaul to be relevant in the twenty-first century and to reclaim its mission as a ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Michigan Region. We thank God for the insight of Pastor Jill Forton as she works in her role as chair of the Program Committee of the Crystal Commission to spearhead the essential work necessary to accomplish this task.

On Saturday, April 27, 2013, I was present at Burt Lake Christian Church for the dedication of the new addition to the church building. It was a glorious musical service that featured a cross section of talent from the congregation. Congratulations to Pastor Glen McIntyre and the saints at Burt Lake for their dedication, commitment, and hard work to enhance their facility to continue over one hundred years of Disciple witness in the community.

COMMISSIONS

CHURCH GROWTH AND VITALITY—SHIRLEY MARTINSON

Our commission did not meet during this year. In conversation with our Regional Minister, I granted \$500 to help bring Chris Hobgood here in October for a day on anti-racism. In conversation with Arnold Lakes, and Jean O'Brien I committed up to \$1,000 to be used to provide the cost of overnight housing for those who applied who live a long distance away from Swartz Creek.

The new chair should give strong effort in involving lay and racially diverse folk from across the region.

CRYSTAL—BARBARA DYKHUIZEN

The Crystal Commission has had a very hard working Program Committee putting together new and exciting camps for the 2013 camp season. Our Camp Programs are reaching out to more adults and children with a Photography Camp, a Mission and Fishin' Vacation Camp, and a Young Family Camp for Adults and families. For the Children we are introducing the Elementary Camp with grades 2-7 as well as a Day Camp to involve families in the area. With our new updated website on the Michigan Region found on <http://michigandisciples.org> or <http://www.crystalconferencecenter.org/>, you may register some camps online or obtain all forms to signed up for this exciting year. We also have new brochures and some scholarships available. We have something for everyone.

ECUMENISM—ROBERT CORNWALL

The Ecumenism Commission currently is composed of one person – its chair. Although STEM functions under this Commission, the Dean of the Program, Anne McCauslin, will provide a separate report.

We look forward to expanding our ecumenical activities, including restarting our lay education program with the United Church of Christ (formerly called Love of Leadership), along with other activities that we can share together. That will come later – but I would welcome persons to the commission interested in these efforts. In the meantime, we have focused our attention on our outreach/service projects in Detroit. These are as follows:

Peace Week – a week of mission service in Detroit in partnership with Motown Mission and Rippling Hope Ministries (Gospel in Action Detroit). Last year's week of service ran from June 17-23. This was our second year and we had approximately sixty participants, including a group from Cascade Christian Church. This year Peace Week runs from June 16-22. Right now we have only one Disciple group – Cascade, so we're looking for more participants. There are UCC and UMC groups coming. As with the previous two years, we have been as-

signed a Disciples Peace Fellowship Intern. Area Disciple churches took turns providing evening meals, and we expect to do the same this year.

Gospel in Action Detroit/Rippling Hope Ministries. Operating out of Northwestern Christian Church Gospel in Action Detroit is a Region sponsored mission center, with onsite leadership of Carl Zerweck of Rippling Hope Ministries. Mission groups of all ages came to Detroit from mid-May through mid-September, working on over 400 homes in Detroit – in partnership with the Neighborhood block clubs and our Disciples congregations. Rippling Hope worked with Motown Mission throughout the summer, providing work opportunities for its mission teams, along with many other groups. We expect even more work opportunities this summer, and thus need even more volunteers. We have scheduled a number of Saturday regional work opportunities, starting with May 18.

Interfaith Work Day – In September 2012, in partnership with Troy-area Interfaith Group, for which I serve as Convener, Gospel in Action Detroit sponsored its first Interfaith work day. While this first attempt was sparsely attended, we are setting up an Interfaith Work Day with Troy-area Interfaith Group, to be held on August 24th. We would love to have Disciple groups from the region join us for this work day.

Meal Support/Fellowship – Gospel in Action Detroit – As mission teams come into the area throughout the summer to work, we as congregations have the opportunity to bring meals and fellowship with the teams. In conversation with Carl Zerweck, we would love to have at least one congregation provide a meal and engage in fellowship with the teams each week. If you're interested please contact Carl Zerweck at: carl@ripplinghope.org.

Our outreach efforts have blossomed, and for that we give thanks. But, we need to expand our ecumenical vision, so that we can reclaim one of the seminal values of the Disciples tradition. If we do not value ecumenism, then our claim to be heirs of Stone and Campbell loses its cogency.

I have met with Campbell Lovett, the new Conference Minister for the United Church of Christ in Michigan. We would like to re-engage with them in the coming year. Areas that we would like to look at include:

- Relaunch our lay leadership event – formerly called Love of Leadership.
- Provide joint boundary training events
- Consider returning to joint Assemblies

To name a few! Thus, we need people who are passionate about such things to join with me in this effort.

STEM—ANNE McCAUSLIN

STEM continues to provide educational courses for lay leaders through the Licensed/Commissioned Ministry Program (LCMP) and through our [NEW Lay Leadership Development Program](#). The LCMP provides 8 weekend long courses each year. The New

Lay Leadership Development Program will hold 3 Workshops in 2013 designed to strengthen one's connection with God and to expand one's skills for doing God's work beyond the walls of the church. See attached Course Schedules for 2013. These courses support each of the priorities of the Michigan Region. Five students are currently enrolled in LCMP.

We have one concern. Currently I have only 1 student from a Disciples' Church. Clergy continue to support the program by providing instruction for classes, but laity does not seem to be encouraged to join STEM.

STEM humbly asks that each of the Regional Board members take STEM Class Schedules back to their home churches. If you know of a current lay leader who has not attended STEM, encourage them to sign up for one class or the full program and encourage other lay members in your churches to enroll. STEM raises a plea for assistance for financial support and/or assistance relating to grant opportunities.

LCMP CURRICULUM - 2013

Feb. 1 st /2 nd	Old Testament	Rev. Sue Weier
Mar. 8/9	Preaching I	Rev. Shirley Martinson
Mar. 22/23	New Testament	Rev. Jean O'Brien
April 5/6	First Christian Church (DOC), Lansing Faith Development	Rev. Bob Case
April 12/13	First Christian Church (DOC), Lansing Pastoral Care	Rev. Bill Lyons
Sept. TBA	First Christian Church (DOC), Lansing Intro. to UCC/Intro to DOC	TBA
Oct. TBA	Stewardship/Mission	TBA
Nov. TBA	Preaching II	TBA

COSTS

Annual Tuition Fees of \$1,200. Classes taken individually are \$150 each.

NEW LAY LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT- 2013

Lay Leadership Development workshops are designed to address current topics and needs of the lay leadership in our churches. Topics will vary from year to year. Workshops will be offered at different locations throughout the State. Lay leaders will be able to enroll individually for as many workshops as fit their needs.

In 2013, **Lay Leadership Development** is offering 3 workshop opportunities designed to strengthen one's connection with God and to expand one's skills for doing God's work beyond the walls of the church.

June 15, 2013
“Prayer Connecting with Social Action” Led by Rev. Denise Griebler
9am-4pm, Lansing, Michigan

August 9-11, 2013
“Immersion Mission Experience” Team Led
Shrine of the Black Madonna,
Detroit, Michigan

September 21, 2013
“Inclusive Justice/Radical Welcome” Led by Rev. Deborah Kohler
9am-4pm, Lansing, Michigan

COSTS

One day Workshops - \$50, lunch included
Mission Events – determined by needs

STEM BOARD MEMBERS:

Prof. Barbara Hemphill (DOC) Chairperson	Student UCC Rep. vacancy
Rev. Deborah Kohler (UCC)	Rosalie Karunas (DOC)
Rev. Marvin Dunn (UCC)	Jerry McAllister (DOC)
Rev. Shirley Martinson (DOC)	Rev. Herman Haller (UCC)
Student DOC Rep. vacancy	One UCC vacancy

MINISTRY—

The Regional Commission on the Ministry has conducted interviews with persons desiring to come under care of the commission as they seek to discern and answer their call. The commission has counseled with and assisted two persons through the ordination process: Rev. Jill Forton and Rev. Susan Wirth. Work continues with Jerrolynn Johnson as she moves forward toward ordination in June.

The Commission voted to recognize the ordination of Rick Green and grant standing to serve at Central Woodward Christian Church under the direction of Rev. Dr. Robert Cornwall.

Plans are in the initial stage for clergy Boundary Training in late September.

The Disciples History and Polity course taught by Professor Scott Seay of Christian Theological Seminary will be presented again this summer. The dates of the classes are June 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29, 2013. All clergy must have History and Polity. Registration information is available by contacting the Regional Office.

REGIONAL ELDERS—ROSALIE KARUNAS

As Regional Elders, we are called to develop relationships. We continue in our efforts to serve as a resource to ministers within the region and strengthen regional connections with congregations. Currently, there are four Regional Elders; in addition to the chair, they are Shirley Martinson, John McCauslin, and Barbara Pratt.

Among the ways the ministry of the Regional Elders has been expressed during the year since the previous Regional Assembly on May 12, 2012, are the following:

- visiting worship, also attending special events in the life of the congregation
- attending Board or Elders meetings, when invited
- developing contacts with ministers, sometimes taking them to lunch or coffee
- assisting in conflict management
- serving as a communications link to enable congregations' connections with the whole church
- representing the region at ceremonial events in the life of congregations and ministers
- reading newsletters to keep abreast of health climate within congregations
- keeping alert to special needs of ministers and congregations in transition
- updating congregations on regional programs, activities, and plans
- encouraging partnerships and sharing resources among congregations

To carry out their responsibilities, Regional Elders make regular reports on their contacts to the Regional Minister, communicating to him the needs of their congregations and ministers. Elders meet quarterly for education, prayer, and reflection, encouraging one another in spiritual disciplines, and support of the Regional Minister. He regularly gives high praise for the support he receives from Regional Elders.

A request for training from elders of First Christian Church in Dowagiac prompted the Regional Elders to partner with them in hosting a workshop for nearby congregations. Focus was on the eldership in scripture and Disciples tradition, growth in spiritual life, and exploration of elders' roles in teaching, shepherding, overseeing, and celebrating the Lord's Supper. The resulting "Ministry of the Eldership" event in November drew about a dozen elders from three congregations.

A second workshop occurred in March at Triumphant Temple of Praise Christian Church in Flint. About 40 elders from seven congregations attended this session, coming from Lansing and Detroit, as well as the Flint area. Both of these workshops were enthusiastically received. All four Regional Elders and the Regional Minister participated in the two events.

Future projects under consideration: Partnering with congregations in all parts of the region to present "Ministry of Eldership" sessions, as needed

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE—RAY CROSS

Based upon the Priorities of the Michigan Region for 2012-14 our Committee reports:

Continued the development of the CCMR Permanent Fund Policy

Continued constant review of daily operational procedures

The CCMR Permanent Fund Policy was reviewed, edited and approved by the Executive Board. It is on the Assembly's Agenda

<u>Christian Church Foundation Funds</u>	<u>12-31-11 Bal</u>	<u>12-31-12 Bal</u>	<u>03-31-13 YTD</u>
Fuller Camp Scholarship	\$22,134	\$23,866	\$24,766
Congregational Trans & Development	\$180,051	\$194,136	\$201,458
North Oakland Endowment – Crystal	\$546,912	\$567,561	\$572,710
CCMR Fund	\$184,714	\$126,654	\$131,432
Reconciliation	\$11,456	\$12,852	\$14,469
<u>Total Withdrawals from Funds</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>03-31-13 YTD</u>
	\$35,900	\$92,500	\$0
<u>Disciples Mission Fund Giving</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>03-31-13 YTD</u>
	\$63,064	\$25,179	\$16,854

**Monthly Summary
Composite**
Christian Church (DOC) MI Region
2820 Covington Court
Lansing, Michigan 48912
Transaction Date Jan 1 2012 to Dec 31 2012

	01/12	02/12	03/12	04/12	05/12	06/12	07/12	08/12	09/12	10/12	11/12	12/12	Total	Average
Income														
Temporarily Restricted Funds	4,932.81	911.60	75.00	2,579.05	11,170	1,068.19	7,587.74	7,554.92	214.00	1,184.00	475.39	1,539.50	73,203.40	1,893.62
Administrative	-7,532.82	10,976.79	59,474.59	38,423.87	6,046.12	7,788.23	15,517.43	1,517.43	7,882.16	51,019.53	8,201.36	6,023.71	281,696.43	19,303.79
Camp Income	375.00	660.00	5,597.50	977.50	90,197.00	23,991.00	10,040.50	7,553.70	3,687.79	2,976.53	1,540.30	175.00	76,714.59	18,303.00
Women's Ministries/CWF	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,242.00	4,000.00	1,988.95	0.00	504.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,704.95	808.72
STEM/MLP	1,381.72	0.00	1,105.25	3.00	625.00	2,883.54	0.00	1,530.00	950.00	1,075.00	1,025.30	255.00	10,778.91	894.16
Total Income*	24,171.76	12,560.29	63,262.71	42,636.42	32,806.32	39,559.48	30,163.72	18,168.96	12,637.96	56,202.16	11,242.36	8,639.21	352,023.38	28,336.28
Expenditures														
Fixed Assets	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	212.89	127.95	587.00	229.82	298.82	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,458.68	121.56
Short Term Liabilities	1,854.00	1,625.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,479.48	289.96
Temporarily Restricted Funds	0.00	0.00	296.38	0.00	432.45	1,000.00	420.88	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,119.71	176.65
Investment Mark-Downs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Administrative	2,998.89	9,315.53	5,727.92	2,951.81	10,837.45	32,879.48	14,027.98	5,207.63	4,900.10	40,027.63	6,620.33	43,391.88	390,607.53	7,550.03
Women's Ministries/CWF	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,807.13	824.78	5,167.00	5,167.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,596.92	633.24
Crystal Expenses	1,044.51	1,826.29	3,049.81	1,443.08	10,527.80	29,854.03	18,528.58	19,080.00	5,397.08	9,112.84	11,756.79	3,992.11	113,386.28	9,448.89
STEM/MLP	1,067.50	937.50	1,507.70	1,537.70	1,745.55	1,389.57	937.50	329.90	1,573.58	1,169.75	1,303.47	1,269.57	44,271.70	1,189.31
Personnel	8,424.88	8,424.88	8,324.88	8,474.88	8,937.25	8,968.84	9,576.12	8,925.95	8,290.48	8,772.48	8,889.48	1,712.44	97,091.37	8,090.95
Total Expenditures	16,964.68	19,129.45	19,501.09	13,297.07	32,608.79	11,230.36	46,502.36	39,632.38	20,469.57	66,702.67	28,169.77	70,663.58	350,211.63	29,184.30
Over/Under	8,197.17	(6,579.16)	43,761.62	29,348.35	186.53	60,889.42	(16,338.63)	(21,968.94)	(7,832.02)	(600.42)	(16,927.42)	(82,027.76)	1,811.75	150.98

**Monthly Summary
Composite**

Christian Church (DOC) MI Region
2820 Covington Court
Lansing, Michigan 48912
Transaction Date Jan 1 2013 to Jun 30 2013

	Jan 2013	Feb 2013	Mar 2013	Apr 2013	May 2013	Jun 2013	Total	Average
Income								
Temporarily Restricted Funds								
Administrative	3,987.60	630.98	237.50	3,902.74	0.00	0.00	8,138.82	1,356.47
Camp Income	21,690.66	20,329.61	13,771.08	29,428.03	0.00	0.00	85,409.38	14,234.90
Women's Ministries/CWF	1,240.00	200.00	3,630.00	2,690.00	0.00	0.00	7,760.00	1,283.33
STEM/LMP	0.00	0.00	9.41	0.00	0.00	0.00	9.41	1.57
	3,884.25	1,121.50	1,325.00	525.00	0.00	0.00	6,855.75	1,142.63
Total Income	30,572.51	22,282.09	18,972.99	36,545.77	0.00	0.00	108,173.36	18,028.89
Expenditures								
Fixed Assets	0.00	14.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	14.00	2.33
Administrative	9,919.02	7,584.43	6,047.46	4,919.19	228.28	0.00	28,698.38	4,783.06
Crystal Expenses	1,824.28	1,867.42	4,817.83	754.84	0.00	0.00	9,464.38	1,577.40
STEM/LMP	1,211.50	1,546.31	1,753.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,510.91	751.82
Personnel	8,572.48	8,527.48	8,620.59	1,003.64	0.00	0.00	26,724.19	4,454.03
Total Expenditures	21,527.28	19,639.64	21,388.98	6,677.67	228.28	0.00	69,411.85	11,569.64
Over/Under	9,045.22	2,642.45	(2,366.99)	29,868.10	(228.28)	0.00	38,761.50	6,460.25

CONSTITUENCY GROUPS

DISCIPLES WOMEN'S MINISTRIES —BRENDA ETHERIDGE

This consultant reports the following activities, programs and meetings:

Staff support was given to the work of the Disciples Women's Ministries Commission. Their work is the report from that Commission and is presented by their President, Sarah Beth Simonds.

This consultant attended the Staff Women Staff Fellowship meeting in Indianapolis, January 23 – 27, 2013, to learn what women's ministries were taking place in other regions and learn about available resources for Bible study, missions, and social justice issues for the women of Michigan. Disciples Women continue to work toward ridding the United States and others countries of human trafficking. Information was also shared about immigration laws in the USA.

Our concern at this time is making sure that our sister from the Democratic Republic of the Congo is able to attend the Quadrennial Assembly and visit the Michigan Region next summer.

Women from all our congregations are encouraged to attend the Women's Retreat at Crystal, June 21 – 23, 2013 where Rev. Sandya Jha, pastor of First Christian and director of the Oakland Peace Center, will be our facilitator as we share our stories. The date for Women's Institute for Higher Living is tentatively set for September 14th at one of the Grand Rapids area churches. We plan to have a bus of 50 women attending the Quadrennial Assembly for Women, June 25 – 29, 2014. We plan to support the Women's Ministries president from Kinshasa to be our international sister and have her visit Michigan congregations before or after the Quadrennial Assembly.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES—SARAH BETH SIMONDS

The Women's Ministry Commission met on Saturday March 19th at the Regional Office. We discussed our activities for the year and agreed to fund a representative from the Congo to attend Quadrennial Assembly in Atlanta next summer.

The committee planning the retreat at Crystal is busy!

RECONCILIATION—JOHN HARVEY

On Saturday, October 12th, 2013, the Reconciliation Committee will be hosting the former interim General Minister and President, Rev. Dr. Chris Hobgood and the pastor of Shepherd Park Christian Church in Washington D. C., Rev. Marcus Leathers, to present a dynamic workshop on racial reconciliation. This workshop will be insightful and packed with applicable information. It will be held in Lansing at First Christian Church. It is important that all clergy and lay leaders in the region take advantage of this very special event.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

CCMR WEBSITE—NEIL TOPLIFFE

- Completed upgrading and installing of increased security options for the www.michigandisciples.org and www.crystalconferencecenter.org web sites.
- Adding 75 plus news items and calendar events to the web site in 2012 which were sent in “Updates from Michigandisciples.org” emails to 122 email addresses of our Michigan Disciples ministers and congregational contact email addresses
- Michigandisciples.org -- Supporting 500-1200 visitors to the web on a monthly basis, seeing “Find a Church” the most frequent location on web site visited, beyond the home page; with regular visits to “Minister Resources”, “Congregational Resources”, and “For Visitors” sections; Eugene James initiated the web site Blog feature with occasional “Reflections” which have had a very good readership.
- News and updates have been picked up regularly by the General Office of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and included in the Disciples News email sent to several thousand church leaders across our congregations in the United States and Canada
- Crystalconferencecenter.org – A rebuild of the site in January does not give us accurate visitor traffic for the past year; we have had 496 different visitors since February - but there has been noticeable increase of traffic in the past two months with the addition of new 2013 camp information and registration options; Google and other search engines have been directing traffic to the site; most used pages are “Summer Camps” and “Schedules and Forms” pages
- Launch in 2012 of Online Giving for Regional Support, Camp Scholarships and Christmas Offering; and Online Registrations for Women’s and Men’s Retreats, Regional Assemblies
- Launch in 2013 of Online registration for children, middle school and youth Crystal Camps
- Launch in April 2013 of two new sections to Crystalconferencecenter.org site: “Get Involved” and “Donate to Crystal” – check them out.

- We have only 40% of the 122 ministers and congregational contacts who receive our regional “Updates” emails who are opening the emails. This is not an encouraging result since this is the only source of regional news and events communication going to our church leaders. Somehow we need to increase that open/reading rate to at least 75% in the coming year.
- Are you receiving the email “UPDATES”? If so please open and read them..If not, send email to info@michigandisciples.org to be added to the regional eNEWS email list.
- Website will need some updating and maintenance in the coming year and there is no budget allocated for this.
- Michigan Disciples does not have a social media strategy which should be addressed in the coming year.

Future projects under consideration:

- Updating content of the website resources for Congregations, Ministers and Visitors
- Increasing use of website by congregations, ministers and members of churches
- Increasing participation by congregations to signup and update regularly their profile on the regional website – the most actively accessed feature by visitors to our web site is searching for local church information!
- Exploring the launch of a Michigan Regional Facebook page and/or use of other social media.

REPRESENTATIVES AND PARTNERS

GENERAL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE—BRENDA ETHERIDGE

This representative reports the following activities, programs and meetings:

I have the privilege of serving on the Administrative committee which met on October 25—27, 2012. At that meeting we served as the advisory committee to the Office of the General Minister and President. The Administrative committee of the General Board hears reports of General Units, Regions, and discusses resolutions that will come. I have been asked to serve a two-year term on the Hispanic Pastoral Commission which met on December 7—8, 2012. This commission gives advice and counsel to the National Hispanic Pastor.

It is always a concern that congregations and individuals attending the General Assembly have a fair opportunity to receive information to be informed about the work that the General Minister and President, General Units, and Regions do so faithfully all year, and not just hear reports and resolutions at the Assembly. It is also of concern that we vote on resolutions at General Assembly without the opportunity to listen to each other as brothers and sisters that have differences of opinions and not make resolutions tests of faith with winners and losers. However there are newsletters available from the general church and Disciples Home Mission that can keep us informed, and give balanced voices to different opinions.

There are no actions or recommendations at this time. However, all who are able are encouraged to attend the General Assembly in Orlando, July 13 – 17, 2013.

If any congregation has questions about issues that will come before the General Assembly, those may be directed to me or Rev. Eugene W. James, our regional minister, as we will both attend the General Board meeting.

GENERAL MINISTRY PARTNER— W. DARWIN COLLINS, VP OF CCF

I am blessed to share in the ministry of this great Region as your General Ministry Partner and as your development officer and partner with the Christian Church Foundation.

First and foremost, the General Church looks forward to gathering with Disciples from across the width and breadth of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the US and Canada in General Assembly in just a couple of months on July 13-17 in Orlando, Florida. It should be a dynamic gathering with some great concentration in five learning opportunities of spirituality, missional transformation sacred conversations, media and arts in worship and stewardship. I do hope to see many of you in Orlando!

The great challenge for our beloved church continues to be in the area of funding for ministry and mission. Disciples Mission Fund continued its decade of decline in 2012. The challenge remains as how to encourage the church at all its expressions, congre-

gational, regional and general to seek God's great vision and missional future and then to encourage God's people to support and sustain that ministry.

The Christian Church Foundation has sought to fulfill our mission to support and extend the ability of all Disciples ministries to worship, witness and serve. Through encouraging planned giving and assisting Disciples ministries to be good stewards through sound policies and prudent investment services. In the service of the whole church CCF had a very good year in 2012. Our prudent and disciplined investment practices brought a total distribution to the whole church of over \$7.2 million from permanent funds, donor-advised funds and endowments.

In addition, our total assets under management at the end of 2012 totaled more than \$501.7 million. Among those funds were investments valued at slightly more than \$940,000 from the Michigan Region. Our returns to the Common Fund, where your Region's funds are invested, were 12.89% in 2012. In the first quarter of 2013 the Common Fund has seen growth of 4.8%. I am delighted to be able to announce those results to support and extend your ministries, but your Board's action to develop a Permanent Fund policy and to initiate a plan to promote bequest gifts to that fund are even more encouraging to me.

I look forward to working with your Regional Pastor, Eugene, and your Regional Treasurer, Ray, to share the good news of how individuals who love this Region may leave a Legacy gift from their estate to continue this Region's witness for many years to come. I welcome any questions as to how you can participate in this new Permanent Fund.

You may contact me at:

Email: dcollins@ccf.disciples.org

Phone: 1 (800) 668-8016 or cell (412) 337-4293

NOMINATIONS REPORT

The Nominating Committee presents the following slate of nominees for regional offices, chairpersons of standing commissions, and members-at-large of the Regional Board.

Vice Moderator Jerrolynn Johnson

Treasurer Ray Cross

Members-at-large Randall Bertrand
Isaac Etheridge
Russ Tiller

Chairs of Standing Commissions

Crystal Barb Dykhuizen

Church Growth & Vitality Shirley Martinson

Ministry Jon Lacey

For information, persons who currently serve as regional officers, chairpersons of standing committees, and members-at-large of the Regional Board are listed below. These persons are not candidates for election today. Their terms expire at the conclusion of the Regional Assembly in 2014. They are as follows:

Moderator Doug Morgan

Secretary Kingery Clingenpeel

Chairs of Standing Commissions
Personnel Bob Oliveira

Ecumenism Bob Cornwall

Members-at-Large Stephanie Jones
John Martek
Ron Osgood

Respectfully Submitted,
Kingery Clingenpeel
Rosalie Karunas
Kevin Knepper

PERMANENT FUND POLICY FOR THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DOC) MICHIGAN REGION

Reviewed and approved by the Regional Board on March 16, 2013

I. PURPOSE

The primary purpose of the Permanent Fund of CCMR is to expand the witness and mission of Jesus Christ in the world, serving human needs in our Region and around the world. It is not intended to compete with the regular annual giving of members to their congregations, to Disciples Mission Fund or to diminish the opportunities for responsible stewardship by present or future members.

II. TYPES OF GIFT

Unless otherwise specified by the donor, all unrestricted end-of-life gifts received by the Region will be added to the Region's Permanent Fund and be governed by this Policy. Such gifts may come in the form of bequests, the residual value of charitable trusts and charitable gift annuities, life insurance and other such end-of-life gift instruments.

All unrestricted assets received by the Permanent Fund shall be considered permanent. Donor-restricted gifts will be held and accounted for separately from regionally governed permanent funds.

For purposes of definition, restricted gifts are: When the donor specifies (1) the purpose for which a gift should be used or (2) that the gift should be held to generate income, that gift should be recorded as restricted by the Region. The Region is legally bound to use or to hold restricted gifts in accordance with the donor's instructions. Unrestricted gifts are received with no donor requirements on how they must be used.

Gifts to the Permanent Fund may come in a variety of forms, including stocks, bonds, real estate, tangible property and cash. All unrestricted bequests and gifts received in any form other than cash will be converted to cash at its fair market value as soon as practical. On some rare occasions, the Region may want to refuse a gift or bequest to its Permanent Fund. This should be done by the Regional Board upon the recommendation of the Permanent Fund Development Committee.

All gifts designated for the Permanent Fund shall be considered permanent and therefore cannot be spent. It is only the Permanent Fund income which can be spent for

ministry. Permanent funds do not generally include memorial funds, reserve funds or capital funds. Separate policies govern these gifts.

III. PERMANENT FUND TRUSTEES

The Permanent Fund of the CCMR shall be managed by at least three and no more than seven Development Committee members, elected by the Regional Board.

Terms of office shall be for three years. They may be re-elected one time, but cannot serve for more than six consecutive years. The Regional Minister and Moderator of the Region will be ex-officio members without vote.

The responsibilities of the Permanent Fund Development Committee will be to:

- A. Meet at least quarterly. They shall elect officers each year (President, Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer) from the Committee members as needed.
- B. Receive, document and preserve the original gift language of each gift.
- C. Ensure that adequate record-keeping is maintained for donor-restricted gifts and that all donor restrictions are honored.
- D. Publicize the Permanent Fund to the Region, sponsor planned giving seminars, contact prospective donors and promote other opportunities which will bring growth in the Permanent Fund.
- E. Recognize donors and honor those faithful stewards, if they so wish, who have included the Region in their end-of-life estate plans.
- F. Review the activity and performance of the Permanent Fund and any donor-restricted gifts and provide a written annual report to the Regional Board. Such report shall include a list of new gifts received, investment transactions, amount spent for ministry, and total value of the Permanent Fund at year end.
- G. Distribute Permanent Fund income annually per the fund's spending policy as outlined in Item IV below. The spending policy has been set by the Region as part of this Permanent Fund policy.
- H. Invest the Permanent Fund, subject to confirmation of the Regional Board, and the donor-restricted endowment fund(s) in accordance with any donor restrictions. It is recommended that the Christian Church Foundation, Inc. be considered to manage all or part of the Region's Permanent Fund and donor-restricted fund(s).
- I. Faithfully consider making provisions in their own financial planning to pro-

vide a gift to the Permanent Fund of the CCMR.

IV. ANNUAL SPENDING FOR MINISTRY

Each year the income from the Permanent Fund will be spent for ministry. Income is defined as a fixed percentage of the total market value of the Permanent Fund. Typically, this percentage is in the 3-5% range. The annual spending percentage is the income percentage established each year by the Christian Church Foundation that allows for continued growth of the Fund.

Gifts that have a purpose restriction will be spent according to the donor's instructions. Gifts that have no donor-specified purpose restriction will be distributed as follows:

1. 10% will be spent according to the recommendation of the Stewardship and Finance Committee with the confirmation of the Regional Board. However, support to the operational budget may never represent an amount greater than 20% of the total operational budget.
2. 30% will be designated for ministries of the Region as established by the Stewardship and Finance Committee and approved by the Regional Board.
3. 40% will be designated for retirement of debt on Regional properties. If the Region has no debt, then this 40% will be directed to a reserve fund to meet future capital needs. The use of these funds will be determined by the Regional Board.
4. 20% will be given to the support of the ministry of Camp Crystal. The use of these funds will be determined by the Crystal Camp Commission with approval of the Regional Board.

V. AMENDING PROCEDURES

The policy may be amended by a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority vote of the Regional Board at two consecutive meetings.

VI. TERMINATION

In the event that the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Michigan should terminate its ministry or cease to be affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), the assets of the Permanent Fund shall be transferred to the Christian Church Foundation, Inc., of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) with instructions concerning the Fund's future spending.

**CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)
MICHIGAN REGION 2013 BUDGET
REGIONAL ASSEMBLY, MAY 4, 2013**

2013 Income Budget

Temporarily Restricted Funds	\$ 23,350
Administrative	118,950
Camp Income	70,900
Women's Ministries / CWF	8,100
STEM / LMP	<u>14,080</u>
	\$ 235,380

2013 Expense Budget

Temporarily Restricted Funds	\$ 8,150
Administrative	84,000
Camp Income	117,325
Women's Ministries / CWF	8,300
STEM / LMP	14,000
Personnel	<u>97,400</u>
	\$ 329,175

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 7 – 10, 2013 Annual NIRF Event**
May 18, June 1, 8, August 17, 24 & September 7
The Gospel In Action—Detroit
- May 19 Ordination Council for Jerrolyn Johnson at Journey of Faith Christian Church (formerly Memorial Christian Church)
- May 24—26 Camp Opening at Crystal
- June 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Disciples History and Polity Class at Regional Office
- June 16—21 Elementary Camp at Crystal
- June 21—23 Women’s Ministry Retreat at Crystal
- June 23—29 CYF Camp at Crystal
- July 3—6 Photography Camp at Crystal
- July 4, 2013 Independence Day – Office Closed
- July 8—11 Elementary Day Camp at Crystal
- July 12—14 YACF Retreat at Crystal
- July 13-17 General Assembly, Orlando, Florida**
- July 14—20 Chi-Rho Camp at Crystal
- July 21—27 July Family of God Camp at Crystal
- July 28—August 3 Mission and Fishin’ Camp at Crystal
- August 8—11 Young Families Retreat at Crystal
- August 24 Regional Office Spruce Up Day**
- September 4 Executive Committee of the Regional Board**
- October 12, 2013 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM – Anti Racism Workshop at Lansing FCC
- October 16, 2013 Boundary Training at the United Church of Christ—must be registered by October 1
- October 19, 2013 Regional Board meeting**
- April 27—30 Clergy Retreat at DeWitt Center, Bethany House
- June 25-29, 2014 Quadrennial, Atlanta, Georgia**

ONE WITNESS IN THE WORLD



A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another. (John 13:34-35 NIV)

CLOSING WORSHIP SERVICE

WE GATHER

*Gathering Hymn: "In This Very Room" #295

WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP

*Call to Worship:

One: Let us praise God for the mighty deeds wrought through Jesus Christ!

All: Praise God for loosing the chains of sin!

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!

All: Praise God for breaking the bonds of death!

One: Christ is risen and the Lord is here!

All: Alleluia! Praise God for releasing the forces of love! Let us join with God's people everywhere and praise God's work in and through Jesus the Christ!

*Opening Hymn: "Gather Us In" #284

*Opening Prayer:

*Response: "Let It Breathe on Me" #260

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Leviticus 19: 18

I Corinthians 13: 4-7

Romans 12: 9-21

Colossians 3: 12-15

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WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*Invitation Hymn:

"Just as I Am"

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Prayers of God's People:

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and **Lord's Prayer:** *(Please use the version that is most meaningful to you, or say...)* "Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation; deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen."

STEM Graduation

Anne McCauslin, Dean

Cindy Redman, Graduate

Installation

Eugene James

Offering:

(If you are so moved, please offer your gifts to the Michigan Region in the plate that is provided.)

Service of Communion:

Invitation

Words of Institution and Elders' Prayers

Communion Hymn: "Let Us Break Bread Together" #425

Sharing of the Bread and Cup:

(As we sing the hymn, please come forward to take a piece of bread, then dip it into the cup.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

WE DEPART TO LIVE GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Dedication and Departure:

"We Call Ourselves Disciples"

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*Benediction

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ONE WITNESS IN THE WORLD

SCHEDULE

9:15-10:00 AM	Registration
10:00-11:15 AM	Opening Worship Service and Presentation by Dr. Scherer
11:15 AM-12:30 PM	Roll Call of Churches—Rev. Kingery Clingenpeel Business Meeting Review and approval of May 2012 Assembly Minutes Reports Moderator's Report Regional Minister's Report Commissions Church Growth and Vitality Crystal Ecumenism Ministry Personnel Stewardship and Finance Constituencies Women's ministry Reconciliation CCMR Website Representatives and Partners General Board General Ministry Partner Elections Permanent Fund Policy Questions & Answers
12:30—1:30 PM	Lunch
1:30—3:00 PM	Workshops
3:00 PM	Worship with STEM Graduation and Officer Installation