

REGIONAL COUNCIL REPORT

10/28/2017

Since our March 25th Regional Council Meeting I have been extremely busy. Here are some of the activities that has occupied my time in each of my capacities:

1. **REGIONAL ASSOCIATE PASTOR:** I immediately began to put dates that had been on the Regional Ministers calendar and added them to my own as availability allowed. I visited 36 congregations since our last meeting which includes Sunday worship, Search and Call, and elder/board meetings. I have also attended as many District Meeting as time would allow. I was involved in the planning and participation in State Youth Convention, 3 day Interim Ministry Training, Ohio Disciples Men's Retreat (Spring and Fall), Commission on the Ministry work, Regional Elders, youth commissions (Chi Rho, CYF and Jr. Camps) and Disciples Fellowship Retreat (Spring and Fall)
2. **DIRECTOR OF CAMP CHRISTIAN:** Preparing for the Camp Christian Summer season begins before the beginning of the year and continues until camp begins. ACA requires a report to be filled out each with any changes that may be taking place in the program. We had a change with Ribbit Camp that required me to write and get acceptance from the Camp Christian Committee of a Travel Policy and Procedure. There were Ministry Associate that needed to be interviewed and hired as well as making sure volunteers are lined up for the summer season. Also, I made sure there was appropriate training for counselors and Ministry Associates required by ACA. The Camp Christian Summer program happened mostly without issues thanks to our volunteer camp directors and counselors. During the summer I lived at Camp Christian and worked from there. Most recently I helped prepare for and attended the Camp Christian Town Hall.
3. **GENERAL CONFERENCE OF DISCIPLES MEN MINISTER:** I attended the General Assembly representing both the Christian Church in Ohio and the General Conference of Disciples' Men. I continued to work with the GCDM with planning for the Regional Assembly and our monthly meetings.

The following are events that are coming up for which I continue to plan:

Spiritual Life Silent Retreat – Nov. 13-17, 2017

Ministers/Spouse Retreat in Feb. 6-8, 2017– Phillip Gulley will be the Keynote speaker.

Women's Advent Retreat – Dec. 3, 2017 with Rev. Margot Connor

Interim Ministry Training – Nov. 7-9, 2017

Anti-Racism/Boundary Trainings – Nov. 1-2, 2017

CYF Commission and Planning – Nov. 3, 2017

Advance Conference Winter Retreat – Dec. 29-31.

Respectfully Submitted,

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