

**Regional Church Council Meeting
March 30, 2019**

Members: Marybeth Corbett, Tyler Reeve, Dave Stonebraker-Martinez, Matt Every, Cory King, Alecia Hayes, Pamela Barnes-Jackson, Roger McKinney, Frances Dudley, Chad Delaney, Gladys Davis, Faith Solon, Candis Wilson

Guests: Thad Allen, Rick Spleth, Claire Hoover, Amanda Blaine, Willie Barnes Jackson, Jim Rivers, Audrey Connor, Josh Baird, Phil Hunt,

Staff: Wendy Taylor

Call to Order and Devotions

Approval of January minutes

- Question regarding Amy Saviers gift. Will research (October Minutes). Restricted to use for Camp Christian. \$50,000 Designated by RCC for a permanently restricted fund, rest to capital reserves.

Frances Dudley moves, Gladys Davis Second. Motion unanimously carried.

Regional Office Updates

Wendy Taylor, Food Service Director

- Scheduled Work Retreat at the end of April.
 - 40 participants already confirmed.
 - Plan to deep clean, paint and clean craft cabin, landscaping by craft cabin. Names will be preserved on the interior of the craft cabin. Replace windows with screening and doors in craft cabin.
 - Clean Rec hall.
 - Remove Camp Christian sign and replace it on the south entrance of camp. Host a sign design contest to replace old Camp Christian sign.
 - Install a Gaga Ball pit. Old benches will be repurposed for this task. The Gaga ball pit will be next to the pool.
 - Volleyball court to replace the deep pool. Volunteers are needed for this project.
 - Frisbee golf will also go in on that side of camp. A course of about 6 posts would be sufficient. An Amazon wish list has been published for these items, as well as some other fun recreation items.
 - Low ropes course is also in the works.
- Volunteers for this summer camping season will be done via sign-up genius. This will come out in an upcoming email blast that will also include the Amazon wish list.
- Camp staff hiring complete. Seven people have been hired: Colleen McDaniel (Secretary), Kyrstin Allen, John Merkle, Bekkah Schimmel-Doerr, Seth Lawhon (Lifeguard), Abby Slater and Andrew Kapela. They will primarily be on maintenance and contract local help with the kitchen.
- Food cost will be about \$2 per meal per camper. Snacks will be added in at \$.50 per camper. Food cost for the summer will be around \$30,000.

Motion was made that Camp Christian Canteen profits be designated to a Canteen Fund to be spent at the discretion of the Camp Christian Committee.

Gladys Davis moves, Roger McKinney second. Gladys Table. Put back on the table after the following motion passed. Motion carried unanimously.

- Wendy will need to be removed from the Camp Christian Task Force and a new chair to be found. The RCC needs to formally ask the Task Force to take on official responsibility and take an official defined shape.

Establish a Regional Church Council Assigned Committee to Camp Christian to assist camp staff with the operations of camp, and be the body to which the camp task force reports.

Matt Every move, Alecia Hayes second. Motion carried unanimously.

Alicia Hayes and Chad Delaney volunteer to be co-chairs. Amanda Blaine, Klair Hoover and Dave Stonebraker-Martinez volunteered. The remaining positions to be filled from the task force. Committee members to be capped at 9.

- The local school has approached us to install batting nets in the Gym so that the space can then be rented out to the local schools for practice. The school would pay to install the nets and the school would pay to rent the space. The caveat being that the school would have priority over other institutions wishing to rent the space. Contractor to be verified. Liability to be confirmed. Formal agreements to be made. We would own this once it is installed, and be responsible for maintenance. Need to talk to insurance provider. Talk to the North Carolina region, they have a similar situation. Also Maria Stein Ohio for information. Once these questions are answered the Camp Christian Committee has final sign-off.
- A camp tour will occur with Wendy Taylor and Joyce Oyler (Camp Supervisor for UCC).
- Working on marketing and promotion.
- County Tiling and Swale project. This has some cause for concern because we need to repair where they have been working and we also need to pay for our portion of the project \$30,000. In addition, the project has not been completed by the project deadline that was provided by the county.

Jennie Stoddart Bernard, Regional Administrator

Candis read Jennie's Report.

- Health Forms are needed, they are not on the website.

Thad Allan & Rick Spleth

- Thanks to both for their gracious help and fellowship. Assurances on their part that they are working well with the Ohio region.

Treasurer Report, Gladys Davis

- Research the Amy Saviers Policy (October Minutes). Restricted to use for Camp Christian. RCC set aside \$50,000 for a permanently restricted fund, rest to capital reserves
- Finance committee has been meeting and working. Thanks to their hard work.
- Looking at investment policy and bringing it up to date.
- Still doing archival digging to confirm actions of past boards regarding restricted funds.
- Working with Treasury Services in Indianapolis to ensure payments are being made to external parties, e.g., Cleveland Christian Home, as per fund restrictions.
- February financials, available on the CCINOH website.
 - Our investments are still underwater, this will be worked on by our budget surplus.
- DMF will return to normal next year. (40%)

Candis will send a sheet comparing what other regions pay to DMF.

Action Items:

1. Karl Road Christian Church

That the Christian Church in Ohio (Disciples of Christ), as successor in interest to Ohio Disciples Extension Corporation, relinquish its rights of reversion of the real property owned by Karl Road Christian Church, Columbus, Ohio, set forth in the Warranty Deed recorded in Official Record Volume 8034, page C-09, Franklin County, Ohio Recorder's Office, specifying that "in the event Karl Road Christian Church, or any successor in title thereto, shall cease to be a Christian Church or shall cease to be affiliated with the General Manifestation known as the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) through its General Assembly or its successors, or through the Regional Manifestation known as Christian Church in Ohio, or its successors, or shall for a period of one (1) year suspend public worship in the structures which are now or may hereafter be erected on said premises, or shall cease to exist in its corporate capacity, then and in any such case, the title to said premises shall revert to, pass to and vest in Ohio Disciples Extension Corporation".

Move to adopt language in email from Alan Veatch. Alan Veatch is willing to send this documentation at no charge, he is a attorney.

Rodger McKinney moved motion as it is printed, adding that we hope they might consider a gift back to the region in the event of sale. Cory King seconded. Motion carried.

Rick Spleth is to make contact with Karl Road Christian Church and advise them as they move forward in the process.

This action in no way sets a precedent, but each instance of a deed having a reversionary clause will be considered on a case by case basis.

2. Lodge Water Heater

The water heater is broken, to repair it would be \$700 plus labor. A replacement would cost about \$4,000. Discussion regarding a tankless replacement, this still needs researched.

Roger Mckinney moved to authorize staff to move forward with a purchase and/or repair, as they see fit. Matt Every seconded. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

- Regional Elders

Pastor Luncheon was a success, but next time it will be scheduled for the fall to avoid the winter weather.

- Personnel

Still searching for a new Campsite manager. Next project is to work on the Employee handbook. Jennie and Wendy are being compensated additionally to their salaries for their heightened work in the absence of a campsite manager. Visioning around remaking positions at camp to be suited to the applicants.

- Commission on Ministry

Please note trainings offered. Standing cards are in process.

- Regional Transition Team

The results of the listening sessions were shared, see appendix for details. The document shared with a link to responses from listening sessions and there are 60+ pages so far included. These responses included thoughts about

- How the region needs to be more transparent around DMF and finances.
- The importance of search and call.
- The importance of Camp Christian.
- The importance of getting together for fellowship, mission, and uplift.
- The disparity between financial situations of congregations.
- The importance of ecumenical work.
- Reality that churches are shrinking and giving is shrinking.
- There is a diversity of opinions about the importance of the Region, about what to do about it, and on whom to rely.

Committee was not prepared to make a recommendation but believe they will be able to after a lot of conversation and work.

Some conversation was had around the education of DMF for congregations

Business Items from the Floor

None

Small Groups

Important Regional Dates

March 31- Fifth Sunday Songfest

April 1-3- Interim Minister Training

April 6 Anti-Racism Training

April 14 & 21- Easter Offering (Collections will go toward supporting our General Ministries)

April 26-28- Inter-generational Mission Weekend (Wendy highlighted this in her report)

April 27 Ethical Boundaries Training
April 27- Counselor Training
May 7 Ethical Boundaries Training
May 8 Anti-Racism Training
May 11- Regional Assembly
May 24-26- Disciples Fellowship Retreat
June 4 Ordination Interviews
June 6-9- Mission Weekend (CYF and Advance ages)
June 7-8- Grandparents Camp

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Regional Administrator Report to the Regional Church Council
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In addition to my regular tasks, here are a few of the larger projects I have been working on since the last Regional Church Council meeting on January 26th.

Ministerial Standing

- Worked with the Commission on Ministry, specifically Team 3, to review the Ministerial Standing forms. These are online forms that are filled out by Ordained and Commissioned ministers who have Ministerial Standing in Ohio.
- Updated and Reported 321 Ministers currently with Standing in Ohio to the General Office for the Yearbook.
- We continue to struggle with getting 100% of ministerial reporting.
- For Retired Ministers, many are inactive, or have been retired for many years, and the current form is more extensive than required for them. For 2020, I am planning on having a simplified confirmation form for them, many of which need it in a hard copy.
- There are a few active ministers who have still not returned their form. I am planning on mailing a hard copy version of the form to each of these ministers.

Congregational Yearbook Reporting

- Still following up with congregations who have not yet filed their Congregational Year Book report which was due from them on March 15th. The General Office gives Region's a little wiggle room to track down as many late reports as possible.
- The goal that I am given from the General Office is to get 70% or more of the Congregations to file. As of this report being written, I have received 63% of the reports.
- The Regional Elders are helping me to encourage congregations who have not yet reported to do so ASAP.

Summer Camp

- Registration materials both online and in hard copy have gone out to the congregations. They have also gone out electronically to Pastors and Congregational Leaders.
- Promotions through Facebook and Twitter have been done through the CCIO and Camp Christian accounts.
- I have also done targeted mailing to local and Columbus-area Non-Disciples of Christ congregations.
- The Early Bird registration deadline is May 1st. In April, I will do frequent promotions and emailing through our networks and social media accounts to promote summer programming and remind everyone of the Early Bird discount.

Jennie Stoddart Bernard
Regional Administrator

Projection Region 2019

	1/31/2019	2/28/2019	3/31/2019	4/30/2019	5/31/2019	6/30/2019	7/31/2019	8/31/2019	9/30/2019	10/31/2019	11/30/2019	12/31/2019	Totals	Totals
	Actual	Actual	Projection	Budget										
Income														
DMF Distribution	14,699	10,020	13,859	15,282	12,411	16,524	14,031	9,017	11,198	10,963	13,951	36,806	178,760	170,172
Christmas Offerings	12,110	1,446	1,298	200	1,276	630	445	466	1,200		58	20,000	39,129	40,000
OH Leadership Gifts	25	525	4,000	2,500	2,500	3,000	2,500	3,000	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	28,050	30,000
Distrib from non-owned endowments			1,500			5,000			1,500			14,000	22,000	22,000
Undesignated Gifts/Offerings	760	4,089	1,667	1,667	1,667	1,667	1,667	1,667	1,667	1,667	1,667	1,667	21,515	20,000
DMF via CCF	25	25	1,000	25	25	7,000	25	25	1,225	25	25	5,077	14,500	14,500
Commission on Min Events Income						2,000							2,000	2,000
Total Income	27,618	16,104	23,324	19,673	17,878	35,821	18,667	14,175	19,289	15,155	18,201	80,050	305,955	298,672
Expenses														
Partner Regions' Fees	4,806	4,806	4,806	4,806	4,806	4,806	4,806	4,806	4,806	4,806	4,806	4,806	57,670	60,000
Salaries & Benefits	6,022	5,638	5,884	5,884	5,884	5,884	5,884	5,884	5,884	5,884	5,884	5,884	70,500	70,607
Travel	-	200	917	917	917	917	917	917	917	917	917	917	9,367	11,000

Utilities/Liability Insurance	1,822	394	168	1,793	168	168	1,793	168	168	1,793	168	168	8,773	6,500
Office Expenses	1,675	2,429	5,089	2,452	2,452	2,452	2,452	2,452	2,452	3,852	2,452	5,252	35,457	36,711
Board/Event Expenses	-	-	250	-	-	250	-	-	-	-	-	2,000	2,500	2,500
Treasury Services	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	30,000	30,000
Expenses	16,825	15,967	19,613	18,351	16,726	16,976	18,351	16,726	16,726	19,751	16,726	21,526	214,266	217,318
CE Interest Expense	231												231	9,408
Other Expense	231												231	9,408
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	10,562	137	3,711	1,322	1,152	18,844	316	(2,552)	2,563	(4,597)	1,475	58,523	91,458	71,946
													See page 3 of 12/31/18 financials - amounts in operating fund = CE	59,231
													CCF	(191,813)
														amount owed back to Permanently Restricted funds at 12/31/18 (132,582)
														Projected remaining owed at 12/31/19 (41,124)

Regional Elders' Report to the RCC
March 30, 2019

A Pastors' (Spouses welcome) Lunch was held the last Wednesday in January at Northwest Christian Church with the Rev. Teresa Hord Owens, General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) as the speaker. About 95 people were in attendance. This event was sponsored by the Commission on Ministry.

In February, 10 Regional Elders and 2 Regional Ministers had a zoom meeting. I gave a report on the January meeting of the RCC. We were told that Greg Alexander, the General Minister of Kentucky is retiring and on May 1 Dean Phelps will be the Interim General Minister of Kentucky. The ordination of Karen Gebhart at Newark was announced. 18 youth are at the UN Seminar. Anti-Racism training dates were announced. District reports were given. The Bellaire congregation has withdrawn from the region. Districts 9, 13/14 are studying a book "Anxious to Talk About It" in order to fulfill the anti-racism training. Good Shepherd Christian Church in Macedonia is in the search and call process. Districts 12, 2 West, 13/14, 4, 7, 3 had RTT listening events. There is Interim Minister Training, April 1-3 at Camp Christian.

In March, 10 Regional Elders and 3 Regional Ministers met for a zoom meeting. I gave a report on my conversation with Jennie about this she wanted mentioned at our meeting. District reports were given. RTT meetings in district 1, 2, 4, 9, 12 and 13/14. Rick Spleth reported that the new President at CTS is from Shadyside. We talked about the need for a Camp Site Manager. Eugene James RM- Michigan suggested we look into United Camps and Conferences, who would have a booth at General Assembly. They use them in Michigan and is used by Temple Hills (UCC) here in Ohio. We talked about the need for weekend meeting so our bi-vocational pastors can attend. A meeting for April was not scheduled.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Philip H. Hunt
Regional Elder 10/11

While at the Spiritual Life Retreat, I presented framed certificates and regional pins to Al Channell, (Donna Channell also, who was absent) and to Rev. Stephen Bentley for their service to the Region. A certificate and pin was sent to Rev. Tom Stephenson for his service as Regional Church Council Moderator.

"To the leadership and members of the RCC

Dear Friends,

I would like to express my gratitude for the certificate and Ohio Regional Pin that was sent to me recently. I was surprised and am exceedingly grateful for your remembrance of my two years as Moderator of the Christian Church in Ohio. My tenure was challenging as is the ongoing work being done by the Regional Church Council, Regional Elders, Regional Transition Team and our Regional Administrator. My how we love the word "Regional" and rightly so, for we are a regional expression of the body of Christ and I was honored to have worked with so many of you to seek renewal of the body and to praise God for every Disciple in Ohio! May the Lord continue to bless and inspire and empower you in this good work!

With gratitude,

Tom Stephenson"

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT
2/13/2019
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2nd Round of CampSite Manager Interviews

The Personnel Committee will be sifting through resumes and interviews will take place at Northwest Christian Church, Columbus, Ohio during the week of April 1, 2019. Jim Bane will take part in the interviewing process.

We would like to thank the following: Northwest Christian Church, Columbus Oh, Deaconess Wanda M. Anderson (Welcoming interviewees upon their arrival at NCC), Al Channell for sitting in on interviews, Jennie Stoddart Bernard for her assistance, Wendy Taylor for stepping into her position as Food Service Coordinator and stepping up helping in whatever capacity she is needed.

In His Service,

Rev. Dr. Pamela Barnes-Jackson, Chair, Personnel Committee

Tyler Reeve

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Francis Dudley

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Report of the Ohio Commission on Ministry
 March 30, 2019
 Regional Church Council meeting at NWCC, Columbus

Team 3 (Standing) of the COM has completed the annual standing review for clergy and personally notified by email all the clergy who submitted forms through the Regional Church Office. Jennie has prepared the mailing for new standing cards to be sent next week. The next stage in this process is to meet in face-to-face interviews with clergy who are seeking standing but have not yet been approved. This process will continue throughout the year. Next meeting scheduled for Team 3 is Thursday, May 16, at 10:00 am in Northwest Christian Church, Columbus. Dawn Remster is team leader.

2019 Trainings for Standing are as follows:

ANTI-RACISM TRAINING (Anti-Racism Team Members, Trainers)

Saturday, April 6	Heights Christian Church, Cleveland
Wednesday, May 8	Camp Christian (Phase 2- for those who had previous training)
Saturday, August 3	Northwest Christian Church, Columbus
Wednesday, October 30	Heights Christian Church

ETHICAL BOUNDARIES TRAINING (Rev. Margot Connor, Trainer)

Saturday, April 27	First Christian Church, Zanesville
Tuesday, May 7	Camp Christian
Friday, August 2	Northwest Christian Church, Columbus
Saturday, September 21	New Horizons Christian Church, Akron

Training will also be offered at the 2019 General Assembly for those interested. Please consult the GA schedule.

Team 1 (Ordination) approved Allison Wheeler and Karen Gebhart for ordination on December 20, 2018. Allison was ordained at Northwest Christian Church on Epiphany, January 6, 2019, officiated by Rev. Rick Spleth, Indiana Regional Minister. Karen was ordained at Newark Christian Church on February 23, 2019, officiated by Rev. Thad Allen, WV Regional Minister.

Presently, Team 1 is preparing five candidates for their ordination interviews on June 4, 2019. They are Jennifer Berlyoung, Richard Hinkelman, Faith Solon, Lisa Stover and Jack Veatch. Several new candidates for ordination have applied for their "in-care" status with the Ohio COM: Leah Bowen, Gladys Davis, and Lisa Reshad. Letters are also being sent to High School Conferees who in the last year at Camp expressed an interest in ministry.

Future meetings for Team 1 are June 4 (ordination interviews) at Northwest Christian Church, September 12 at NWCC and October 24 at First Christian Church in Wadsworth. Cynthia Klingemier is team leader.

Team 2 (Commissioned) is meeting today at NWCC for the first time in 2019. They are meeting with three new candidates for commissioning. Future meetings for Team 2 are Saturday, June 22, at First Christian Church in Wilmington, Saturday, September 28, at Community Christian Church in North Canton and probably one more yet-to-be-determined. Carol Oetzel is team leader.

Team 4 (Working Group on Ministerial Ethics) met on the afternoon of Saturday, February 9, 2019 at NWCC for a training session on their work. This team will be called into action as needed to investigate and provide support to clergy and congregations when an allegation or complaint of clergy misconduct arises.

The Commission on Ministry also sponsored **the Clergy/Spouse Luncheon** during the polar vortex on Wednesday, January 30, at NWCC. In spite of the challenging weather, 65 ministers and spouses from across Ohio gathered to worship and celebrate our ministry together. Rev. Theresa Hord Owens, GMP, was our guest preacher and delivered an

inspiring message entitled "The Scent of Water" based on Job 14:7-9. Many thanks go to Philip and Yolanda Hunt who helped to initiate this event that we hope can be an annual gathering (in warmer weather!)

Respectfully submitted,
Jeffrey Wheeler, COM Chair
revjeff@northwestchristian.org

Regional Transition Team Report

<u>city it took place</u>	<u>church host</u>	<u>regional elder</u>	<u>church representatives</u>	<u>names of churches</u>	<u>link to listening session report</u> https://docs.google.com/document/d/1uNp_B9ASx1rNR3F62Dik5k0rP4sBnjVProVwGIEHHSs/edit?usp=sharing <u>first reaction to themes that emerged</u>
Cincinnati	Carthage CC, Rev. Alan Dicken	Rev. Nik Donges	6	16 Carthage, First United, Summit, Kemper Road, Anderson Hills, Promise Fulfilled Ministries	1) Open communications - including letting people know what's going on with RTT, RCC, anything that's going on at Regional level right now; talked about a potential newsletter, something to replace the Buckeye Disciple 2) Camp Christian - came up repeatedly, its impact was lifted up over and over again 3) Events - regardless of who puts it on - gratitude for those events that have taken place and an expression that those are important 4) Financial support - people give when they have something specific to give to, when they know what it's going for and they want to support
Ashland	First Christian, Rev Rich Pate	Priscilla Jackson	3	15 not sure - Mansfield, Wayne Ender's church and FCC Ashland	There was a lot about how helpful it is to band together for things like mission trips - it fosters real relationships that can help revitalize across churches in local area. There was also a sense of how important good leadership is of clergy in helping churches deal with cultural shifts and attendance declines. There was definite talk about the importance of Camp Christian
Middletown	First Christian Church - No Pastor - in transition	Rev. Nik Donges	9	20 First Christian Church - Middletown, First Christian Church - Wilmington, First United CC- Xenia, United CC - Englewood, Central CC - Kettering, Anderson Hills - Cinci, Carthage CC - Cinci, Kemper Road CC - Cinci, Compass CC - Tylersville Rd.	Camp Christian, Development Training for Ministers, pastoral oversight in region, Regional events.
Wadsworth	First Christian Church, Sarah West	Jim Singleton and Ed Allen	7	28 Ghent CC, Harmony Springs, Hiram CC, FCC Wadsworth, FCC Medina, FCC Kent, Washington Ave CC. (Also present: 4 Regional Elders, representing	#1) Concern for Camp Christian and what will be done with it. #2) The need to determine what is essential to do as a region and focus on that. Other themes included: the region needs to be honest and open with transparency; expressions of appreciation for opportunities to gather with clusters (districts or whatever)

					above churches plus Western Reserve CC and 1 I don't know)	and share in ministries and fellowship; and the importance of commission on ministry / support for pastors and churches in transition and crisis.
columbus	eric brown - woodland cc	ken coy was present but he didn't do very much in terms of advertising	8	31	gender rd, first community, northwest, Bethany cc, woodland cc, Karl rd cc, 4th ave cc, Newark central	disparity between churches; some really appreciated pastoral care of region others did not others had never been touched by the region; some loved the institutions of gatherings of men and women's groups, others pointed out that young people are not affected by them; some thought the region was not necessary and others thought it was important the region have a regional minister and continue to connect us together between our differences;
Bellefontaine	Lima Southside, Todd Cosart	Mike Valentine	5	25	Lima Southside, Findlay FCC, Paulding FCC, Bellefontaine FCC, Leipsic FCC	The conversation began with themes of communication and leadership. As the session moved on we transitioned to the theme of fellowship. When were concluding the conversation period of the session the primary theme was communication.
Jackson, Ohio	Jackson CC Hannah Niday	Merry Reed	6	15	Jackson CC FCC Athens Hocking Valley Parish	-Clergy were very vocal, lay leaders not so much. -Strong desire to remain a regional body, just want to make sure solid communication is achieved -Camp Christian is an important part of the regional ministry
Toledo	Hampton Park Mary Jo Bray	Joseph Hara	8	28	Tiffin Clyde fayette Wauseon Lyons hampton park Findlay floating doc/UCc member	Trust transparency with finances communication
online	online	n/a	1	3	not sure	the region used to do a lot more than now. great memories of women's conference, youth conference, and thankfulness for un seminar and the ways we continue to connect
Elyria, OH	Nathan Russell, Washington Ave Christian Church		1	13	Washington Ave Christian Church	Desire for transparent communication regionally; attendees see Camp Christian as greatest potential loss if Ohio did not have a regional church entity; attendees also recognize the essential role that the region plays in search & call; Washington Ave feels they are most gifted at Worship and Wonder and giving, pastor also feels that lay leadership is very strong; concern for process of nominating RCC members; concern for regional churches that do not give regularly to region; general lack of education about the role that region plays and the relationship between region, church, and general church; need for rebuilding of covenant

Niles	First Christian Church, Chris Stark	Cynthia Klingmeyer	11	46	FCC Niles, Wren Central, Howland Community Church, Canfield Christian Church, Boardman Christian Church, Champion Christian Church, Gerard Christian Church, Lordstown Christian Church, Newtown Falls, Warren Third Christian Church, First Christian Church Kent	love for Camp Christian, desire for more area gatherings (closer than Columbus), focus on mission, and frustration with search and call
		totals	65	240		