

Regional Church Council Christian Church in Ohio

May 13, 2023

On-Line Attendees:

Kathy “Kitty” Bagley; Heidi Barham; Pamela Barnes Jackson; Paul Bomell; Albert Brantley Jr.; Erica Brown; Denise Cunningham Doggett; David Ellis; Matt Every; Philip Hunt; Kevin Kaufman; Glenn Nestlerode; Brenda Sanford; Emily Schmitt; Lena Van Buskirk

Regional Staff:

Bruce Bowerman-Jett, Allen Harris

Devotions:

Brenda Sanford

“Chose to Pray” Susan Aiken

Minutes from the February 11, 2023 meeting:

Motion to accept – Philip Hunt, Pamela Barnes Jackson, second

Minutes accepted

Financial Report:

Ahead on Camp Facilities and Meals

Question addressed by Allen – both accounts will look to be in the red because of timing issues. This will always look off balance because of how money comes in.

Motion to accept – Philip Hunt, David Ellis, second

Financial Report accepted

Personnel:

Happy Birthday Bruce and Tom

Prayers for Jennie

Regional Elders

Laity clergy preaching training

12 in attendance

6 trainers

Additional training opportunities down the road

Good to have people to call on to preach

Regional Elders meet monthly

Much is confidential regarding congregational concerns

Camp Christian Committee

Few weeks away from camp starting

Staff training underway

Looking for culinary staff

186 early bird

246 last year

Goal – 400-500

Please promote camp!

New music camp planned

Next Saturday

Steve Taylor's memorial – dedication of storage shop

Workday

Wedding

1st Christian Wadsworth – painting Admin. Building

Would love to have congregations plan work day projects

Pro Reconciliation/Anti Racism

Upcoming awareness

Chi Rho and Ribbit

Community Conversations with 5th Christian Church Cincinnati

Regular – September 29-30

Will be in support of Church Narrative project

Heartland Conference

No report

Pastoral Relations Committee

Annual review for Regional Minister begins in July

Feasibility Study

Rev. Terry Bartlett

Jackie Compton Bunch

Rev. Eugene Fisher

Rev. Roger McKinney

Rev. Lauren Roe

Brittany Strickland

Monday May 1 – training

1. Request for a new pool
2. Too limited – need bigger focus and data
3. Infrastructure/staffing/upkeep

4. Consider Regional Church needs

There hasn't been a Regional Capital Campaign denominationally since 2009

Roger is working on a case statement

Consider regional staffing not related to camp

The question is how much faith do you have in the Christian Church in Ohio – will you support a campaign?

Report will be written in time for November meeting

When a region does a capital campaign, 10% is tithed to a larger ministry

Nothing less the \$3 million

(Heidi) Is this the right time? Should this be included as a question?

(Philip) Mistrust of federal government may translate into mistrust across the board

Regional Minister's Report

See written report attached

Staff tries to spend as much time together as possible

Jennie – good report after second round of chemo; surgery Thursday

Tom and Bruce – family members with significant illness

Racial justice

Connections

Communication

General Board – extremely complimentary of our Pro Reconciliation/Anti

Racism programming

Connection – Cleveland Christian Home

School for Ministry

5 congregations closed visible ministry

2 in the works

Action Items

Church Narrative Project – requesting RCC members for initial conversation

Church closings and disaffiliations

Disciples Christian Hamilton

Cortland Christian Church

North Baltimore Church of Christ – acknowledgement of disaffiliation

No record of Year Book report - last 10 years

Request – all contact cease

Motion to disaffiliate – Paul Bomell, second David Ellis

Motion passes

Regional Elders

Nick Donges – District 12 – concludes time of service at end of June

Motion made to designate Nick Donges as a Regional Elder Emeritus,

Philip Hunt, second Pamela Barnes Jackson; motion passes

Motion to appoint Thomas E. Barnes as new Regional Elder

Denise Cunningham Doggett, second Philip Hunt, motion passes

Committee for Regional Assembly – any interested names should go to Alecia

Allen – close us with prayer

Adjournment – Heidi Barham, second Matt Every

Next meeting August 12 9:00 am via Zoom

Respectfully submitted,

Erica L. Brown