

Regional Church Council

February 24, 2024

Via Zoom

In Attendance:

Kathy Bagley  
Pamela Barnes-Jackson  
Willie Barnes-Jackson  
Bruce Bowerman-Jett  
Tom Bowerman-Jett  
Albert Brantley  
Erica Brown  
Carmen Fernandez  
Allen Harris  
Philip Hunt  
Kevin Kaufman  
Brenda Sanford  
Emily Schmitt

Opening Devotions:

Brenda Sanford – Romans 1.8-12

Minutes of the November 2023 RCC Meeting

Motion to Approve: Philip Hunt

Second: Kevin Kaufman

Approved

Finance Report – December 2023 Year End Financials – Kevin Kaufman

Camp Christian Income

\$55,000 over budgeted amount

\$14,000 expenses over budgeted

-\$1,800 deficit – very low

Regional Office

\$4,600 in the black

Camp Rentals

\$39,000 up from \$9300 in 2022

Year-end giving statements included personal Thank You message sent to all donors from last year.

VISA points need to be processed for Regional Credit Card

Motion to redeem VISA points as statement credit – Kevin Kaufman

Second -- (??)

Approved

Renewal Initiative – Allen

Disciples Mission Fund

We get 41.09 cents on the dollar for all DMF giving from Ohio

(\$82,000 received in 2023)

Christmas Offering

Dollar for dollar this offering returns to the Christian Church in

Ohio

(\$19,539.34 received in 2023)

Renewal Initiative Individual giving

(\$82,000)

\$90,000 goal was not met

As of 2.23.24 -- \$75,993 in Regional Initiative

Twelve Regional Church Council members gave – thank you  
for your giving

## Joint Regional Assembly/Annual Meeting

Three planning meetings have been held thus far

### Planning Committee:

Allen Harris (DOC Regional Minister)

David Long Higgins (UCC Conference Minister)

Brenda Sanford (DOC Moderator)

Dan Doty (UCC Moderator)

Dr. Jennifer Garvin (DOC Co-Chair)

Joyce Wealand (UCC Co-Chair)

September 27-28, 2024 First Community Church, Dublin OH

Romans 1:11-12 – “Being the Community of Christ Together)

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Elizabeth Hagen – author of Brave Church

Saturday Preacher: Rev. Dr. LaMarco Cable – Disciples Overseas Ministries

We need teams/subcommittees, paying attention to diversity (suggestions)

### Worship/music

(Beckie Linn Shelton)

### Meals/hospitality

### Activities for youth and children

(Keisha K. Beverly – Wadsworth)

(Danny DeMarco – Howand Community Church)

(Kim Paul First Christian Zanesville)

(Emily Schmitt)

### Business Session

### Exhibition Hall

### Registration

(Philip Hunt)

## Technology

Two-day event

Friday:

3:00 pm	Registration
4:00 pm	Welcome
5:30 pm	Orientation
7:00 pm	Opening Worship

Meals – Friday night – sit down dinner

Possibility of food trucks for Saturday – might be expensive

350-400 target attendance

Contact Brenda with interested people for volunteers

Consideration of Business Procedures

Possibility of Resolutions

## Major Fundraising (Allen Harris)

Not as far along as we would like

Outline by Disciples of Christ Extension

Leadership:

Roger McKinney – Chair of Core Leadership Team

Working on building that team:

Brittany Strickland Hilliard

Terry Bartlett

Reaching out to others:

People who know people

Comfortable talking about money

Doing an ask

Special skill sets

Hope is to form team after Easter

Jim Bane – Paid Campaign Coordinator

Launch Public Campaign at Joint Regional Assembly

1. Names of people for Core Committee
2. Tithe (outreach projects beyond the region)

Last campaign/previous projects:

Shalom Camp in Chile

Hiram College Chapel Renovation

Six showers at National City Christian Church

Idea – Hiram Farm

Idea – Cleveland Christian Home (Rebuilt two wings – behavioral care for youth; partnered with Cuyahoga County)

New Teams and Committees

Congregational Renewal Team

Transformation

Similar team before

Rev. Michael Doerr

Reading Community of Belonging by Peter Block

Willie Barnes Jackson would like to work with Michael Doerr

Vision Team

To reimagine Regional Ministry

Rev. Betty Sivis

Development Committee

Major Offerings and Renewal Initiative, plus cultivating donors

Rev. Stephanie McLemore

How to inspire people to give

(Jackie Compton Bunch on Development Committee)

Affirmation of leadership for aforementioned teams and committees

Motion – Willie Barnes Jackson

Second – Kevin Kaufman

Approved

Membership Development Committee (Nominating Committee)

Kevin Kaufman is willing to help

Decision made to Transition Kevin from Finance to Chair of  
Membership Development

Ideas for Members:

Brenda Bartlett (from Brenda Sanford)

Thomas Barnes (? - Slowly stepping away)

Ask Regional Elders to share names

Suggestions for replacement on Finance

Any action items?

Pamela Barnes Jackson -- Personnel Committee is available to churches for  
assistance with HR issues

Refugee Farm Concept

Alan Dicken – Week of Compassion – Refugee Resettlement

There is property owned by the region that is not being used

(20-28 acres)

CRIS (Columbus Refugee Immigration Services)

Partner with CRIS and Week of Compassion

No staff or funds to help facilitate this

Refugee Agricultural Grant -- \$250,000 next Spring

We have a lot going on, but much of it is internally focused

Question from Willie Barnes Jackson:

How much development would it require?

Accountability with Magnetic Springs

Sewer and water would have to be expanded

Vast majority is flood plain

Concern about safety – surrounding community

Too many concerns to move forward – Idea was tabled

## Regional Minister's Report

### Updating Church Rolls/Data Base

Previous withdrawals not yet processed:

Winameg Christian Church – Delta OH – disaffiliated in 2019

E. Chesterfield Christian Church – Lyons OH – disaffiliated in

2019

Western Reserve Christian Church – closed 12.9.23

Separate Document:

Fellowship Christian Church

11310 Wade Park Ave.

Cleveland OH 44106

Acknowledge closure without documentation

Motion: Willie Barnes Jackson

Second: Carmen Fernandez

Carried

Ohio Disciples Extension Corporation

In the 50s and 60s – Harold Monroe

Financial contribution – Ohio Disciples Outreach for example

Ohio Disciples Extension Corporation

Investment building and loan fund

2017 – Region acknowledged financial crisis

Ceased existence of ODEC

Dissolved funds

Secondary Function – Reversionary Clause – since the 1950's we were put in many deeds of churches founded or that did major building projects.

Parma Christian Church

Need permission to sell their property

Regional Church is named in legacy giving

Compass Christian Church

Carmen Fernandez – importance of good will

Fully release both Parma Christian Church and Compass Christian

Church from ODEC obligations Motion:

Motion: Philip Hunt:

Second: Kevin Kaufman

Carried (As long as we have a quorum)

Any legal ramifications?

Confirmation of Rev. John Johnson – additional Regional Elder for District 2

Motion: Willie Barnes Jackson



Second: Philip Hunt

Carmen Fernandez closed us in prayer

Motion to adjourn – Kevin Kaufman

Second – Willie Barnes Jackson