



AROUND OUR REGION

September 2024

Regional Minister and President Report

PREPARING FOR OUR JOURNEY

We still want to hear from you!
The input of *all* GKC Disciples
will form the core of our
innovation and celebration at
our Regional Assembly!

REGISTER NOW!



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DOUBLE LANES



Sharing clergy is not for every congregation but works for:

Belton CC/Good Shepherd CC

Belton CC/FCC Blue Springs

Pictured left is Commissioned Minister Steve Crandall serving as Associate Minister at Belton Christian Church and Pastor for the Good Shepherd Christian Church

NEW ROAD CONSTRUCTION

Regional Board members of Kansas, Nebraska, and Greater Kansas City met with facilitators from the Kansas Leadership Center to plan **experiments in creative collaboration** in 2025!

More to come!



Our General Minister and President “Zoomed in” to encourage participants in a model of cooperation for all regions.

REGIONAL ASSEMBLY REGISTRATION THIS WAY!

Let's innovate together at our gathering at Lee's Summit Christian Church with our General Minister and President!

31 registered! Please help us get the word out!

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TIME FOR A TUNEUP!

Noticing that spiritual engine
“knock” of racism that slows our
compassionate justice-making?

Register and participate in the
GKC Disciples Racial Justice
Summit November 2nd!

<https://www.ibcckc.org/racialjusticesummit>



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A promotional poster for the Racial Justice Summit. The background is a solid teal color. In the top left corner, there are three logos: a blue and red logo for the Kansas City Disciples Church, the NTDf (Neighborhood Trust Development Fund) logo, and the Health Forward Foundation logo. In the top right corner, the text "KC DISCIPLES BECOMING BELOVED COMMUNITY TEAM'S" is written in white, uppercase letters. The main title "RACIAL JUSTICE SUMMIT" is written in large, bold, uppercase letters, with "RACIAL" in orange, "JUSTICE" in white, and "SUMMIT" in orange. Below the title, the tagline "PUTTING FAITH INTO ACTION." is written in white, uppercase letters. In the bottom right corner, the text "GUEST SPEAKER REV. DR. TRACI BLACKMON" is written in white, uppercase letters. On the left side of the poster, there is a portrait of Rev. Dr. Traci Blackmon, a Black woman with short, curly hair, wearing a black clerical collar and a black jacket.

LODGING - TALL OAKS



Director of Hospitality, Hannah Seals will be on family leave to have her baby soon.

Tall Oaks calendar is filling up!
Only 2 weekends are unscheduled
between now and the end of the
year.

Good reports are heard from user
groups.

VOLUNTEER WEEKEND, OCTOBER 19

Our focus for the Fall Volunteer Weekend will be mostly outdoor projects such as landscaping around cabins, clearing trails through the challenge course, and gathering limbs for a bonfire! We will also have various indoor tasks/projects lined up for smaller groups/individuals. Our volunteer team will provide all needed supplies, but volunteers are welcome to bring their own tools/gloves/equipment if they prefer.

This weekend will include an optional overnight, free of charge, as well as deeply reduced-rate meals (\$5 each). You will be able to specify on the registration form which work sessions you will be available to volunteer, which meals you would like to join us for and if you plan on staying overnight (Saturday night). Payment for meals will be collected on the day of the event. Please note: any volunteers high school aged or younger must attend with an adult.

Register [here](#) by **October 13th**



COMPANIONS ON THE WAY

Anthony Mondaine Sr., pastor of First Christian Church, Independence reacts to the news that he has been approved for standing as a commissioned minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

He will formally receive his Commissioned Minister certificate during Sunday morning worship, October 27th.

Kelly Schneikart, Family Life Ministry at Liberty Christian Church

received her Commissioned Minister certificate during Sunday morning worship on September 22nd.

Kelly also chairs our region's Commission on Ministry Innovation



INTERSECTIONS



Rev. Robin Colerick is leading the regional Ordination Committee!



Asley Cheung, Minister of Pastoral Care at Country Club Christian Church) was received to come under care in discernment and preparation for ordination!

Rev. Terri Hord Owens gave the keynote address at the Disciples Women's Retreat at Tall Oaks this September!

She will be with us Friday and Saturday and preach at our October 11-12 regional assembly!

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It is time for us to seize the opportunity of this wilderness moment and to move forward with courage, permission to change, and freedom from fear, to imagine a church that bears witness to God's limitless love.

REV. TERRI HORD OWENS
General Minister and President



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PREPARING BETTER REPORTING PROCESSES

John Goebel, VP for Disciples Treasury Services met with the regional staff in August to improve work flow and communication about financial transactions and preparing budgets for 2025. Kathy Harris arranged several productive meetings!



TURN HERE!



In response to growing incivility, a non-partisan gathering of faith leaders met September 3rd at the Kauffman Foundation Center to begin a movement to engage more constructively with all people.

KC distinguished leader Alvin Brooks keynoted and five DOC congregations participated!

All are welcome to copy and share the Pledge made by the Greater Kansas City Interfaith community



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REDUCE PILEUPS



Special thanks to our
KLC Core team for
2025: Peggy Chandler,
Jessica Lopez, Dionne
Boyice



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Tuition Code this year:
GKC2024

Congregational leaders can disagree with and even dislike each other and still make good choices if they have a trustworthy process.

Participants in Kansas Leadership Center workshops learn how to create a more trustworthy process to make better decisions and walk away unwounded.

There are still unused scholarships for online and in-person workshops for KC Disciples in 2024 and more in 2025

AFFIRMATION



Mr. John Steinmetz has served our Region as the 2015 regional minister search team chair, 2020-2022 moderator-elect, and, currently, moderator for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Greater Kansas City.

He has led a hardworking team of officers through a pandemic, new challenges to congregations and staff transitions. Strong, loving and wise, we appreciate him and pray God's continued blessing for him and his wife Jenny. *Ad Astra!*