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**West Virginia Region of the Christian Church**

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Regional Minister Emeritus:  
Rev. Dr. William B. Allen

The West Virginia Region of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) seeks to be faithful in our ministry as we live out and live into what it means to be a Faithful and Loving Regional Church. In addition to our congregations we are home to the Disciples of Christ Historical Society and Bethany College.

2020 has been both a good and unusual year for our regional church. Much has been shared in our beloved region. Our financial life appears strong and our giving increased to Disciples Mission Fund and Week of Compassion. We live within our means and have run a surplus in our operating budget. Our members have been faithful and generous in supporting our financial requirements. Our facilities are in good condition and we took the opportunity that 2020 provided to make some intentional steps towards the use, care and stewardship of our various owned real estate. The fellowship of our ministers has increased over the past year due to weekly gatherings on ZOOM. We meet every Tuesday for two hours where we care for one another and workshop ideas for effective ministry. We have engaged many general ministries during our meetings in an effort to promote and foster our life of covenant as Disciples. We communicate weekly through our newsletter and have an active Facebook page.

Our Disciples Women's Ministry is very strong. The women of the church have met in a variety of ways for a variety of ministry. They are leaders in all things. Our Disciples Men's Ministry held an in person retreat and holds monthly meetings via ZOOM. They too are a gift.

COVID 19 has certainly impacted our regional life. We have lost members. Our congregations and ministers have been flexible and faithful. We were unable to hold camps and youth ministry has been a challenge. Like everyone else we are bound and bonded in this historic pandemic. We are quite grateful for our general ministry partners who have come along side our work and people in ways that bring light and life.

God continues to bless us and call us to a rich and fruitful regional church life. Together we yield ourselves to the one who loves us more than we can ask or even imagine.