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Christian Church in Northern California-Nevada

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General Board Report On 2020

Regional Minister

I am continually grateful to our congregations, pastors and ministry leaders who have not stopped offering worship and ministry in these days of pandemic and political turmoil.

In these days when we gather in front of screens worship and the business of the church are happening. While we look forward to the time, prayerfully before the end of 2021 when we can gather safely in person, I am encouraging our congregations and committees to do so only when it is safe. One of the things we have learned is that attendance at some committee meetings has grown in the time of doing work as we meet virtually. That may not change even when we are able to gather in person.

We continue to offer opportunities for engagement in the Region. In late February we will have a Zoom gathering focused on how lay people have coped with living in these pandemic times, it will be led by Katrina Marsh who led a similar gathering focused on ministers in the Region.

Other forms of engagement and connection are being planned in the Region including women's, men's, youth, and other gatherings that will help us to connect and build community with each other.

Per the Engagement introduced in September 2020 cluster groups will begin in 2021.

Planning for the 2021 Annual Gathering will begin soon. As was true in 2020 we will meet virtually likely in April or May of 2021.

LaTaunya M. Bynum

Men's Ministry, NAPAD, Training and Care

Since our first virtual Annual Gathering in September 2020, there were mixed bags of everything. Disciples Men hosted the first-ever virtual tri-regional retreat (Arizona, Pacific Southwest, and Northern California-Nevada) on October 24, 2020. Since then, each region's representatives have met continually for relationship and fellowship for future joint events and projects. New Church Movement supported the new churches, including the wider church, with masks, continued virtual meetings for the officers, and prepared and hosted an end of year virtual gathering through worship and fellowship on December 15 for new churches. Regional NAPAD also continued their dialogues among themselves virtually and hosted their end of year virtual gathering for worship and fellowship on the evening of December 15. Our regional minister attended the retreat and both gatherings to give welcome messages. Training and Care for candidates in the ordination process continued with monthly meetings except for December. Training and Care will have their first meeting next Wednesday for, among others, an ordination approval. Three other ministries are preparing for their first meetings before the end of this month. At their meetings, they will talk about, among other things, plans for this year.

Kyung-Min Daniel Lee

Women's Ministry

Women's Ministry Conversations – Background - Conversations meant to build and maintain connection of Disciples Women in the Northern California-Nevada Region at a time of sheltering place and COVID-19 pandemic. Action – Conversations held via zoom from 1 pm to 2:30 pm and 7 pm to 8:30 pm. Info in Regional Voices Newsletter. The number of women attending ranged from 2 to 7. The women that attend have been from Fresno, Pacific Grove, Geyserville, Niles-Discovery, and Mills Grove. For some it is an important way of living through being sheltered in place. Conversations are continuing through 2021.

Support for Miller Community Cabin Site in Oakland – Background - On October 30, the Oakland City Council passed a resolution that authorizes the City Administrator to use \$6.6 million of the HEAP funds to provide beds, shelter, and services to an estimated 1,000 unsheltered residents within one year—roughly half of the population living outdoors in Oakland according to Alameda County's 2017 Point-in-Time Survey. This includes: 3 shelters for residents living in dangerous, unregulated street encampments in West, Central, and East Oakland. This program provides emergency shelter, services and a path to transitional and permanent housing while eliminating the health and safety issues encampments have on surrounding neighborhoods. Action - Women's Ministries,

through our WOSA, provided bedding for the Miller Cabin (East Oakland) residents through Roots Health Center in Oakland.



Cozy Knitting Conversations – Background – Cozy Knitting Women’s group will provide connections for Women throughout the CCNC-N region. Women’s Ministry through our WOSA is starting a knitting group that will happen on Tuesday’s at FCC Alameda via zoom. An announcement is currently in the Regional Voices Newsletter to let women in the region know that the knitting group is available.

Preparing for Spring Renewal – Spring Renewal will happen March 13, 2021 via zoom. The theme is, “Who is Jesus to You?” Stay tuned for more information in the Regional Voices and the CCNC-N Newsletter.

Monica Cross

Youth Ministries

January 31st, 2021

Greetings from CCNC-N Youth! Since we last met, the regional youth council and I have actively been planning our virtual Feb Camp which will be held on February 27th. This will be a one-day event with some virtual games, time to chat and catch up, songs, and a keynote from Renae Earl. Although it has been hard to not see each other face to face, the youth have strived to stay connected, and are thankful for the technology to let us do so! We know that when it is safe, we will all be back in our favorite place up on the mountain together again. We are also planning to host a one day virtual gathering for Chi Rho aged youth as well in mid-April, with more details to follow in February.

The current members of the youth council are Vanlke Stewart, Hudson Navarro, Yelena Hernandez and Will Hamm. I am proud to say that two of our members, Hudson and Vanlke, have also become members of the General Youth Council. We are so proud of them both for their commitment, and the gifts they bring both to us and the Disciples as a whole. Our advisors are Nancy Bingaman, and Paige Beach Cook, who also serves on the General Youth Council. We are hoping to add a few new members this coming year. We continue to strive to find new ways to connect with each other and our congregations. I am incredibly thankful to work with a group of youth that know how to uplift each other and walk with each other in faith.

Respectfully submitted,
Haley Monachello

Camp and Conference

Camp and Conference Grounds:
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