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Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Michigan Region

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Leadership

Eugene James, Jr., Regional Min.

**Information for the General Board
of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**

Regional Staff: Eugene James, Regional Minister (Male, African American)
Jessica Burton, Administrative Assistant (Female, Caucasian)
Sarah Beth Simonds, Women's Ministry Consultant (Female, Caucasian)

Number of Congregations: 38

State included in Region: Michigan

Goals and Progress

1. The Vision 2021 Task Group is working through the Capacity Report that is the result of the work completed by Rev. Rick Morse evaluating the viability of the Region and developing a future story for the next five years.
2. The Regional Minister will be retiring December 31, 2021. The Search Committee has begun their work aided by the College of Regional Ministers designated partner and the General Minister and President. This effort is informed by the Capacity Report and the work of the 2021 and Beyond Task Force.
3. CCMR continues the goals of the Region.
 - Refresh, Renew, Revitalize, Transform our congregations: training for congregational leaders
 - Resource congregations and pastors for Conflict Resolution
 - Endeavor to build unity while understanding and respecting our diversity.
 - Resourcing congregations to become transformational

4. CCMR maintains a long-term, established relationship with the Michigan Conference of the United Church of Christ. There is reciprocal representation on each Board. We share in leadership training and the provision of resources for commissioned and ordained clergy. The COVID-19 pandemic prevented us from sharing in activities as we have in past years.
5. The Gospel in Action is an ecumenical mission outreach ministry of the Michigan Region, under the auspices of the Ecumenism Commission. It is an outgrowth of collaborations developed for Disciples Peace Week, initiated by Central Woodward Christian Church, the outreach partnership between Northwestern Christian Church and the Northwest Community Block Cub Association, Rippling Hope, and Motown Mission, a ministry of the United Methodist Church, that began in the summer of 2011. Communities continue to be served in an effective manner with the appreciation being more broadly expressed. Work this year was limited due to the pandemic.
6. The Regional Board voted to approve receiving Word Encounter Church as an affiliating congregation with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Michigan Region. Steven Perry is the pastor. Final approval will be given by the Regional Assembly when it meets in the Spring
7. Because of the pandemic, the difficult decision was made to cancel our camp program. The silver lining to the dark cloud of cancellation was, thanks to the marketing and promoting by UCCR, that we had the largest number ever of short-term bookings to use various facilities on the campground.

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