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Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
in
South Carolina

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Leadership

Regional Staff:

Rev. Dr. Dara Cobb Lewis, Regional Minister
Barbara Williams, Administrative Assistant

Regional Board Officers: October 2020-2022

Rev. Freddie Lawton, Moderator, Retired Pastor attending Faithful Christian Church
Rev. Charles Clary, Vice Moderator, Pastor, First Christian Church, Columbia, SC
Ms. Tanya Williams, Secretary, Zion Pilgrim Christian Church, Ridgefield, SC
Dr. John E Hughes, Treasurer, Retired Pastor, First Christian Church, Charleston, SC

General Board Report on 2020

The Region of South Carolina is pleased to report that 2020 included the installation of our new regional minister, Rev. Dr. Dara Cobb Lewis which was a high point in an otherwise rather challenging year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Similar to many around the country, South Carolina experienced many congregation meetings less often than usual. Meetings and worship often took place by altered means such as by conference call, Zoom meetings and parking lot gatherings (also known as “drive-in church”).

Our 17th Annual Conference whose theme was “Share the Good News” was held in October 2020. Attendance was on a limited basis due to an extra abundance of caution due to COVID-19. The Conference included the installation of our Regional Minister led by Georgia’s Regional Minister, Rev. Denise Bell and the keynote was given by our General Minister and President, Rev. Teresa Hord Owens. Many people from within the region and around the country were able to attend our conference through Zoom and Facebook Live.

Our Push to Purpose team continues to meet in an effort to further the mission and fulfill the vision of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in South Carolina. This involves looking at ways to restructure some ministries and re-envision others. It also involves looking at ways to help all of our churches become more unified as one region.

Disciples Women

The Disciples Women initiated the First Glance Devotion in December 2020. The purpose of this devotion is to encourage women and to remain in contact with everyone as we are unable to meet in person. You may read the monthly devotions at www.facebook.com/scregionaldw.

Although the COVID-19 pandemic led to reduced in person gatherings, we continue to find ways to be in fellowship. On Saturday, February 13, 2021, our annual President/Vice President meeting will take place via Zoom. We are also planning and promoting our virtual Spring Workshop. Plans are also in the works for a virtual walk-a-thon.

New Church Ministry

This is an area where we hope to be able to focus more attention in 2021.

Disciples Men

The Disciples Men continue to work towards bringing the men of the Region together for fellowship, study and outreach work. For 2021, we look forward to conducting quarterly meetings with DMF via zoom/conference call for fellowship and updates. DMF will request that each congregational DMF commit to sending a minimum of \$25 per month to the region to support training/education and exposure to other regions/resources that are available to help promote spiritual growth. In addition, DMF seeks to mentor young boys and men in the faith. Finally in 2021, we hope to facilitate one regionwide activity for our men.

Commission on Ministry

In an effort to better care for all the ministers of our region, the ministerial standing forms have been revised to provide a broader observation of the associate ministers serving in our local churches. These forms are designed to identify areas where the associate minister can target for improvement so that they may more effectively and efficiently serve the church. It is hoped that this will increase the spiritual health as well as the faithfulness of associate ministers in the local, regional, general, and ecumenical manifestations of the whole church.

We continue to provide classes for the edification of all ministers. It is the desire of the COM servants to continually aid our ministers in being effective in their own calls into ministry and service to our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ.

Affiliated Organization

New Beginning Outreach Ministries (DOC)
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**Regional Board Report
November - December 2020 & January 2021**

Ministry: Evangelism – New Beginning Outreach Ministries

Current Officers:

Founder/Pastor: Minister William J.Q. Reese, Jr.
Mission Director: Minister William J. Q Reese, Jr.
Financial Secretary: Elder Pete Godbey
Secretary: Elder Mary M. Reese

Foundation Scripture and Purpose for Ministry:

Matthew 25:34 – 40

New Beginning Outreach provides perishables and non-perishables, clothing household items, furniture and other items when available to people in the community and surrounding areas. We also network with other churches and agencies in order to help meet the needs.

List Major Goals Accomplished Thus Far:

- During the months: November, December 2020 and January 2021, New Beginning Outreach provided 584 individuals (130 children - 205 adults - 249 senior citizens) non-perishable and perishable food. We continue to serve the community wearing masks and social distancing outside every Thursday from 10:00am till 12:00 noon.
- Pastor Donnie White and Elder Pete Godbey are preparing the soil for the community garden.

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