

General Board Report
Christian Church in Georgia
February 24, 2026

1. Last annual report written to my board.

Regional Minister's Report
Christian Church in Georgia
Regional Board Meeting – January 31, 2026

Since our last Board meeting on November 8, I have continued settling into the rhythms of regional ministry with a strong focus on listening, relationship-building, and learning the life of the Christian Church in Georgia. These past months have been shaped more by presence than by decisions—being with clergy, congregations, committees, and staff, and getting to know this Region more deeply.

Clergy Care, Chaplains, and Pastoral Relationships

Much of my time since November has been spent with clergy and chaplains through in-person visits, Zoom meetings, phone calls, and ongoing correspondence. These conversations have been honest and pastoral, touching both the joys and the challenges of ministry in this season. During Advent and Christmas, much of my communication focused on encouragement, gratitude, and permission to rest. I'm especially grateful for the growing connections with chaplains across the Region.

Congregational Presence and Search and Call

Since November, I've worshiped with and visited several congregations across the Region and remained active in Search and Call work, including meetings with search committees and CRM Search and Call conversations. In these settings, I've emphasized clarity, patience, and discernment.

Governance and Regional Leadership

I've continued to participate regularly in the work of the Executive Committee, OMAT, and other regional groups. I also represented the Christian Church in Georgia at the College of Regional Ministers Gathering, which provided helpful perspective and collegial support.

Camp Christian

I have spent time becoming more familiar with Camp Christian through visits and conversations, focusing on listening, learning its rhythms, and understanding its place in the life of the Region. These conversations reflect both deep affection for the camp and the complexity of its ongoing care.

Regional Formation, Assembly, and Public Witness

I participated in formation opportunities including the Disciples Development Conference and serve on the Region's Anti-Racism / Pro-Reconciliation committee. I've also been in conversation with the Regional Assembly planning team primarily through email and am grateful for the excellent work they are doing. I've welcomed opportunities to preach and worship in diverse congregational settings.

Communication and Looking Ahead

Much of my correspondence during this time has been pastoral in nature, offering encouragement, clarity, and gratitude. As we move into the coming months, my focus will remain on strengthening relationships, supporting clergy and congregations, and working closely with the Board in this shared ministry.

Respectfully,
Rev. Dr. Adam Harmon
Regional Minister
Christian Church in Georgia

2. **Most recent audit and approved budget for filing. (see attachments)**
3. **Name and contact info of Board Moderator and any comments the Moderator would like to make to the Regional Board.**

Moderator Report Christian Church in Georgia

The Christian Church in Georgia has been in a season of transition throughout 2025.

In July, following a yearlong search process, the region voted to call Rev. Dr. Adam Harmon as our next Regional Minister. He began his ministry in Georgia on October 20, 2025. We are deeply grateful for the faithful interim leadership of Rev. Joan Bell Haynes, who guided the region with wisdom and care during this time of transition.

We look forward to our Regional Assembly, April 23–25, 2026, themed “Walking in CommUNITY – Arise! Awake! Activate!!!” We anticipate gathering in celebration of our diversity and marking the installation of Rev. Dr. Harmon.

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4. **An Accomplishment of 2025**

The Christian Church in Georgia navigated a significant leadership transition with unity, stability, and forward momentum. 2025 was a defining year for the Region. After a yearlong search process, the Region called and welcomed a new Regional Minister, concluding an important transitional season. That process was carried out thoughtfully and faithfully, reflecting strong governance, clear communication, and shared discernment.

During the interim period and throughout the call process, the Region:

- Maintained steady Board and committee leadership
- Continued active Search and Call work with congregations
- Formed a Youth Task Force to envision the future of youth ministry
- Welcomed a new church formation, *Disciples of the Way*, in Augusta
- Sustained congregational ministry and public witness across the state
- Began deeper conversations assessing the future of Camp Christian

Rather than slowing down during transition, the Region remained engaged and mission focused. There was continuity in leadership, care for clergy and congregations, and forward movement in key areas of ministry.

The accomplishment is not simply the calling of a new Regional Minister. The accomplishment is that the Christian Church in Georgia demonstrated institutional resilience, covenantal strength, and faithfulness in change.

A Hope for the Region in 2026

That we deepen our sense of CommUNITY — not simply as a theme, but as a lived reality.

As we move into a new ministry year and gather for Regional Assembly, my hope is that the Christian Church in Georgia will strengthen both relational and structural bonds across the Region.

In 2026, I hope we will:

- Deepen systems of clergy care, peer support, and encouragement
- Clarify and renew our shared mission across congregations
- Reimagine regional youth ministry in sustainable ways
- Conduct a faithful and honest assessment of Camp Christian
- Strengthening stewardship and financial sustainability

If 2025 was a year of transition and grounding, 2026 can be a year of alignment and activation. My hope is that congregations, clergy, chaplains, youth, and leaders will experience themselves not as isolated ministries, but as participants in a shared covenantal life.

CommUNITY is not simply about gathering; it is about shared responsibility, shared encouragement, and shared witness.

A Challenge Ahead for 2026

Financial sustainability and strategic clarity — particularly regarding Camp Christian and long-term regional capacity.

The Region carries deep affection for Camp Christian and a shared responsibility for its future. The assessment process ahead will require courage, transparency, and faithful discernment. It will ask us to balance memory with mission, affection with sustainability.

Other challenges include:

- Clergy fatigue and vocational strain
- Declining capacity in some congregations
- Strengthening consistent stewardship and regional giving
- Ensuring governance and administrative systems are sustainable

These challenges are not merely operational. They are theological. They require discernment about what God is calling us to sustain, reshape, or release in this season of ministry.

A Congregational Story of Strength and Hope

A visible sign of strength is the formation and welcome of *Disciples of the Way* in Augusta. In a season when many narratives focus on decline, this congregation represents courage and conviction — stepping forward to form new Christian community within our covenantal life. Another hopeful development is the creation of the Youth Task Force. Rather than accepting diminished engagement as inevitable, leaders across the Region are asking what youth ministry can become in this new season.

Across congregations visited throughout the year, there are consistent signs of quiet strength:

- Lay leaders carrying significant responsibility with faithfulness
- Clergy continuing to preach and shepherd with courage
- Chaplains offering steady presence in hospitals and institutions
- Congregations serving their communities creatively and consistently

The strength of this Region is not found in a single program, event, or structure. It is found in its people — faithful congregations who continue to worship, serve, give, and walk together in covenant.