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Report to the General Board 2025

The Northeastern Region of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) continues to serve with transparency, fidelity to mission, excellence in governance, and joy. The region has been in a season of living within its means and building long term financial resources for the church's future and present. This is evidenced by the financial statements that have been included with this report. We have an excellent board and commissions on the ministry who serve us well. The moderator's contact information is included above.

It is not easy to limit our accomplishments to one, but one subject area that is worthy of celebration is around the very good and important work that our Commissions on Ministry are doing. After many years of study, preparation and prayer some of our Haitian family were authorized for and subsequently received ordination. This has been a long journey that has helped the region gain unity and understanding of the fullness of the church. Living together into our practices and beliefs has been a capacity building moment for our beloved regional church. We have several ordinands in the process and several coming to us from different traditions who are working towards having their orders recognized. This is an exciting time for the ministry.

A hope for 2026 is to gather in Brooklyn, New York in the late fall for our Regional Assembly. We will gather to "Build Bridges" within the region and the world. Assemblies bring possibility and promise. We will nominate new officers and also receive a new congregation from Harlem, New York. We pray that the assembly will indeed be time of bridge building and relationship deepening.

Our challenges are many. We have old buildings and we have really old buildings that are in need of deferred maintenance. Our regional financial resources are skinny. Many of our congregations share denominational affiliation with other denominations, and this gift also presents challenges for deep and full understanding of what it means to be part of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Most of our parishes are unable to afford the level of pastoral leadership that would help them thrive. And many of our members are struggling to live in a world where powers and principalities are working in ways that are less than life giving.

If you are desirous of looking for a story of congregational strength. I suggest putting your eyes on the flock affectionately known as La Hermosa in Harlem, New York. The “beautiful one” is a lively congregation that has recently celebrated a fruitful and long pastorate. While in transition of leadership, the church is also in a major building development project that has the power to bless the flock, neighborhood, region and the world. They are impressive in their care for neighbor. They worship fervently and study diligently. They share generously! They are worthy of admiration and imitation. They truly are beautiful.

Our region has much to be thankful for and we have much work to do. We are grateful for the support that is offered by all who accompany us on the holy road we travel together. We are grateful for the kinship that exists with neighboring regions. Our partnership across judicatories affords us the reality of having the tools for regional ministry that big regions have while in reality being a region with micro capacity in terms of temporal resources. Regional life continues to be an offering of love and devotion to the Risen Christ in whose presence and peace we stand.