

# Regional Assembly

## The Christian Church in Mid-America

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### Items of BUSINESS:

1. Election and Installation of [Slate of Board and RCOM Members and Leaders](#)
2. By-Law Changes: Recommendation from the Regional Board to the Regional Assembly
  - a. Article III, Section 1 shall now read:

The Regional Board shall be composed of the following voting members: Moderator, the Moderator-Elect, the Past Moderator, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and the Directors.

All members of the Regional Minister Team shall be non-voting ex-officio members of the Regional Board.
  - b. Article VI, Section 1, part d shall now read:

The Past Moderator. The Past Moderator shall be an ex-officio voting member of the Personnel Committee, assist the Moderator and Moderator-Elect in presiding at the business sessions of the Assembly and the Regional Board, and assume such other responsibilities as may be assigned by these bodies.
  - c. Article VI, Section 1, part e shall now read: “A Regional Minister Team Member shall serve as corporate president, to be renewed each year.”
  - d. In Article IV, Section 5, part d, the references to “office of the Regional Minister Team Leader” shall be changed to “one of the offices of the Regional Minister Team”.
  - e. In Article IV, Section 6, the reference to “the Regional Minister Team Leader” shall be changed to “a member of the Regional Minister Team”.
3. Introduction of all RMT, staff, new clergy, Board leadership.
4. Treasurer’s Financial Report
5. Moderator’s State of the Region Report

### *Explanation and Context of By-Law Changes:*

*Over the past two years the Regional Minister Team has changed dramatically. In the midst of these staff changes the Regional Board took seriously concerns about the ethos of the “Team” approach to the Regional Minister Team. In an effort to avoid an unhealthy hierarchy, the Board has eliminated the position of Regional Minister Team Leader. Regional Ministers will share leadership of the team. All Regional Ministers will be a part of the Executive Committee without vote.*

*It has become clear that in order for the Personnel Committee to function effectively it will need leadership of more than a two year term. A Board member will be named chair and have a four year term to give the needed leadership to an important task of the Board. The Immediate Past Moderator will bring institutional knowledge to the process ex-officio.*

*-Jimmy Spear, Moderator*

*\*Due to the nature of this year’s Regional Assembly and the lack of in-person ability to respond to these Business Items, a special **“Better Together Thursday ZOOM” will be held on Thursday, Oct 1, at 11:00 am and again at 7:00 pm** for the purpose of answering questions related to the Regional Assembly Business Items. The [link](#) is on the Upcoming Events page of [www.mid-america-disciples.org](http://www.mid-america-disciples.org).*