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Upcoming Events

February

24 - <u>Disciples Women Gathering</u>, 9am via Zoom

25 - Week of Compassion Special Offering

25 - Ordination of Teresa Spear,
2pm (listed last week as 3pm in error),
South Street CC, Springfield

26 - Regional office open house, 10-12, South Street CC, Springfield Come by & pick up some books & other resources as we trim our collection before we move to Drury!

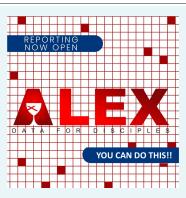
27 - Lenten Lectio @ 11 via Zoom

Opportunities

- Pension Fund tax resources available.
- Get Imagine Together stewardship resources from the Center for Faith & Giving.
- Register for the March 6
 Past, Present, & Future of New Church webinar featuring Rev.
 Dr. Dick Hamm.
- Pastor Partners is open to all clergy partners on the 1st Tues. of each month via Zoom.
- Youth Leadership Symposium 2024
- Black Ministers Retreat March 12-14, 2024
- Phillips University Legacy Foundation scholarship apps due 3/22. <u>Learn more></u>
- HELM scholarships available. Applications due March 31.
- There are still camp song books available. Contact the St. Louis Regional office.
- Apply for a Disciples Church Extension Fund green loan.
- Return to Reverence four-week study on earth stewardship available from Ron Routledge.
- Mental health resources available for clergy and families through Pension Fund.
- <u>Digital Worship Resources</u>
- Online clergy <u>continuing</u> education opportunities.

ALEX Reporting

With less than two weeks left to complete our Yearbook reporting in the ALEX database, only 19% of our Mid-America congregations have done so. It really is a quick and easy, though vital, process. Sign in, answer a few questions, skip the ones you don't know, and



submit. There's an <u>online help desk</u> to answer lots of frequently asked questions. <u>Contact the St. Louis Regional office</u> if you don't know how to start, or get stuck at any point. Pastors and lay leaders, please make sure that your congregation reports as its tax-exempt status could be affected. <u>Here's a worksheet</u> listing all the questions that will be asked online. Please do it today!

Celebration in Canton

This past Sunday Canton CC celebrated and renewed, as they do annually, their covenant with Culver-Stockton College. This year's recognition was made even more special by the





Chaplain of the college. Rev. Tarpening is the former pastor of FCC in Macon and is pictured here (right) with Regional Minister Rev. Ron Routledge (left), and Culver-Stockton President Dr. Lauren Schellenberger (center). Canton CC pastor Rev. Mandy Gosik is seated in front.



Convocation April 13th

Make sure your calendar is marked for our annual African American
Convocation coming up on Saturday,
April 13. Fifth Street Christian
Church in Columbia will be hosting the event. The special guest speaker will be Dr. Delesslyn Kennabrew,
Executive Director of the National
Convocation of the Christian
Church (Disciples of Christ) and
Associate General Minister.
More information and registration
options will be posted here when available>

Threads of Joy

Join our Rural Ministry Network for these discussions designed to encourage, equip, and connect Disciples of Christ churches in Mid-America as we grow in Christ.

These are free events and a meal will be provided at each.

More information, including the agenda, is on the flyer here>

Five different dates/locations to choose from!

Please register online so we can be prepared with enough food for all>



An invitation to embrace & embody Black History Month by Rev. Dr. April G. Johnson, Minister of Reconciliation.

2/21 - Communal Mental Health, webinar, 1pm.

2/29 - Mental Health from the Sacred Desk, webinar, 6pm Guide to Black History Month events in St. Louis.

Black History Names to Note: Atlanta Area Pastors and Churches



Atlanta Área Pastors & Churches

In celebration of Black History Month, this election year the National Council of Churches salutes the church men an women who fearlessly and tirelessly devoted themselves to advocating for voter equality.

In 1946, federal courts outlawed Georgia's all-white primary, opening the way for Black citizens to register and vote in primaries. Black church leaders quickly spearheaded a voter registration drive in Atlanta to increase the number of African Americans who could participate in local elections. Atlanta's longtime mayor William B. Hartsfield recognized the growing importance of Black voters in local politics and hired eight African-American police officers in 1948. This pattern of carefully negotiated steps toward desegregation gave Atlanta a reputation for moderation in race relations. Although Hartsfield proclaimed that Atlanta was "the City Too Busy to Hate," local African-American ministers continued to provide leadership in the struggle to end segregation. For example, in Black ministers were instrumental in the federal district court declaring Georgia's segregated bus system invalid. This kind of gradual change and moderation was in sharp contrast to other cities in the South.

Photograph: Yoter Registration Drive at an Atlanta Church, 1948. Photo Courtesy U.S. Library of Congre

Mt. Vernon's Super Donation

On Sunday, February 11, <u>First Christian</u> <u>Church</u> in Mt. Vernon celebrated the Super Bowl by **donating non-perishable food**



to the local food bank, St. Susanne Food Pantry.

The congregants wore their favorite team colors and put the food under the goal posts of either the San Francisco 49ers or the Kansas City Chiefs. Needless to say, the Chiefs goal post harbored the most donations. In the end, everybody won with this outreach project!

From the Wider Church

This coming week's Global Ministries prayer request is for **Ecuador**.

This week's College of Regional Ministers prayer request is for **US!**<u>The Christian Church of Mid-America</u>.

SO MANY POSSIBILITIES!

There's something for everyone!

Check out what's happening and get involved!!



Scholarships

<u>DHM scholarships</u> available for those preparing for Christian vocation. Apps due by March 15.

Phillips University Legacy
Foundation scholarships available
to Disciples schools. Apps due by
March 22.

HELM scholarships available for undergrad, seminary, DMin/PhD. Apps due by March 31.

Learning

2/29 LTS webinar <u>Hybrid Church:</u> <u>More Than Streaming</u>, 6pm

3/6 State of Pastors Summit: Six Trends Shaping the Future of Pastoral Leadership, free webcast, 11am

Intentional Interim Ministry course meets Mondays 4/8-5/20

Boundary and Anti-Racism courses through DoC & UCC. (New Boundary course scheduled for 3/21 in Sedalia.)

Connections

Internship opportunities with **Be the Neighbor**. Apps due by 3/18.

Young Adult Kinections, 6pm, via Zoom

<u>Drum Birthing Weekend</u>, May 4-5, Jabez Retreat Center, Mooresville

Obra Hispana, June 20-22, 2024 in Kansas City, MO.



Thanks for keeping in touch! Susan Moore Ministry Associate ccmacomm@yahoo.com

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