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The question was posed, “What does it mean to be a member of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)?” I share this response for your insight and feel free to use it or share it as appropriate.

The foundation to being a member of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is our confession of faith in Jesus, the Christ as Lord and Savior. The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is a part of the church universal. This is caught in the saying that, “We are Christians only but not the only Christians.”

Based on that confession, we may join a local church. When we join a local church we are concurrently granted membership in the Regional and General expressions of the church by virtue of the denominational design or polity of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). We gain a local minister/pastor; a regional minister/pastor and a general minister/pastor each with equal spiritual authority. The differences between them in part lie in their administrative functions and responsibilities with respect to the local church, the community of churches that make up the Region or all churches that make up the denomination.

We have the opportunity to commit all its expressions as appropriate. The local community and beyond, for example, local church remembrances or anniversaries.



to a plan of active participation in the life of the church in church engages in ministry vital to its life in the through worship, study, particular ministries and special

The Regional church is the community of all the churches in a Region represented officially by a Regional Board with ecclesiastical and executive authority assigned to the Regional Pastor/Minister. It engages in ministries that network and connects the resources enabling effective ministry. It provides congregational ministry guidance and support as appropriate for its congregations and serves as an accountability contact for denominationally authorized and/or endorsed ministries. It serves as a recognized ministry expression in the design of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in South Carolina currently convenes in a whole Regional gathering called the South Carolina Regional Conference every year. This year’s Regional Conference will be in Burton, SC hosted at the New Hope Christian Church, September 29 – October 2, 2011.

The General church is the community of all the churches and ministries throughout the denomination represented officially by a General Board with ecclesiastical and executive authority assigned to the General Minister and President. It is our whole church doing together what no one church can do alone. Our General church is the place where all churches may take part in the work of the whole church through giving to the Disciples Mission Fund and/or have access to services that benefit the whole church offered by several distinctly supportive ministry organizations that provide collective services for congregations or for educational preparation. The General church currently convenes as a General Assembly every two years in the odd numbered year. This year’s General Assembly will be in Nashville, TN July 9-13, 2011.

Take time to read about and understand these ministries. Feel free to contact me (or them directly) with any helpful questions! After all, as members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), these are our ministries. Let’s strengthen relationship with our whole church! Here are helpful links for your study in this endeavor:

The Design of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) [Our Constitution and Bylaws]

<http://www.disciples.org/AboutTheDisciples/TheDesignoftheChristianChurch/tabid/228/Default.aspx>

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

www.disciples.org

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in South Carolina

www.scdisciples.org

Peace,

Sotello

You can learn more about the ministries of our church by visiting the following websites!

General Ministry Web Sites

Office of the General Minister and President	www.disciples.org/ogmp
Central Pastoral Office for Hispanic Ministries	www.obrahispana.org
Christian Board of Publication	www.chalicepress.com
Christian Church Foundation	www.disciples.org/ccf
Church Extension	www.churchextension.org
Council on Christian Unity	www.disciples.org/ccu
Disciples of Christ Historical Society	www.discipleshistory.org
Disciples Home Missions	www.discipleshomemissions.org
Division of Overseas Ministries/Global Ministries	www.globalministries.org
Higher Education and Leadership Ministries	www.helmdisciples.org
National Benevolent Association	www.nbacares.org
National Convocation	www.disciples.org/convo
New Church Ministry	www.newchurchministry.org
North American/Pacific Asian Disciples	www.napad.net
Pension Fund	www.pensionfund.org
Reconciliation Ministry	www.reconciliationministry.org
Week of Compassion	www.weekofcompassion.org
Year Book and Directory	www.disciples.org/yearbook

Theological Institutions:

Brite Divinity School	www.brite.edu
Christian Theological Seminary	www.cts.edu
Disciples Divinity House of the University of Chicago	www.ddh.uchicago.edu
Disciples Divinity House at Vanderbilt	www.discipleshousevandy.org
Disciples Seminary Foundation	www.dsf.edu
Lexington Theological Seminary	www.lextheo.edu
Phillips Theological Seminary	www.ptstulsa.edu

Colleges & Universities:

Barton College	www.barton.edu
Bethany College	www.bethanywv.edu
Chapman University	www.chapman.edu
Columbia College	www.ccis.edu
Culver-Stockton College	www.culver.edu
Drury University	www.drury.edu
Eureka College	www.eureka.edu
Hiram College	www.hiram.edu
Jarvis Christian College	www.jarvis.edu
Lynchburg College	www.lynchburg.edu
Midway College	www.midway.edu
Texas Christian University	www.tcu.edu
Transylvania University	www.transy.edu
William Woods University	www.williamwoods.edu

Historically related undergraduate institutions:

Drake University	www.drake.edu
Northwest Christian University	www.northwestchristian.edu
Tougaloo College	www.tougaloo.edu

Associate Theological Institutions:

Atlanta United Divinity Center	www.helmdisciples.org/theological/atlanta.htm
Seminario Evangelico de Puerto Rico	www.se-pr.edu/portal
Yale University Divinity School	www.divinity.yale.edu

Profiles In Ministry



Pastor Jerome Clark
Magdalene Christian Church (DOC), Allendale

I love what I do in the life of the church. There are two mottos I work from." Be ye therefore, as wise as a Serpent and as harmless as Dove". Matthew 10:16 and secondly I am blessed with Less Stress.

My ministry began at Magdalene Christian Church (DOC) approximately 15 years ago in August 1996. My family and serving as a pastor are the great joys of my life. Being a pastor is serious work. There is always a need for the word of God to be taught, preached and lived. Jesus being my role model has led to life of ministry is that is both exciting and challenging

As I minister to the people the focus is to inform all people about the Holy Trinity, God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. I feel that it is essential and necessary for one to build and develop a relationship with God and I am deeply committed and passionate about shaping and developing the spiritual life of the community of God.

I am a graduate of Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, TX with a Bachelor of Art degree in Religion and Sociology and a Master of Divinity from Lexington Theological Seminary, Lexington, KY.

I am married Bridgette and we are the proud parents of 3 Boys.



Pastor Roy Edward Tucker
Cypress Creek Christian Church (DOC), Walterboro

I was born and raised in a small town of Monroeville, Alabama. I am the third child of seven in my family, and the oldest son of four brothers. I am married to Sandra Diane Tucker. We have four adult children.

I joined the U.S. Air Force in May 1967 and received my basic training at Amarillo Air Force Base, Texas. My first assignment was at Homestead Air Force Base, Florida. Other assignments includes Cam Ron Bay, Vietnam, Cannon Air Force Base, New Mexico, Da nang Vietnam and U don ,Thailand, Robins Air Force Base, Warner Robins, Georgia, and Guam.

After eight years serving in the U.S. Air Force. I accepted a job as a jet engine Technician at Charleston Air Force Base, South Carolina in November 1975. My wife also was employed at the Air Force base. This is where she met Pastor Charlie G. Goodman, the very fine Pastor Galilee Christian Church (DOC), Holly Hill, South Carolina. We enjoyed the fellowship at Galilee and in 1987 my family joined and was baptized in the Santee River.

Before joining Galilee Christian Church (DOC) I was a member at First Baptist Church in Summerville, S.C. where Dr. Willie E. Givens is the Pastor.

My calling into Ministry came through my work at Galilee Christian Church (DOC). Under the leadership of Pastor Charlie G. Goodman, and the teaching of Min. Mary A. Goodman, I began to read, study, and grow in the word of GOD. I accompanied Pastor Goodman visiting sick members at there homes and hospital visits. In 1993 the Spirit of the LORD called me to preach His word. I was ordained at New Galilee Christian Church (DOC) Holly Hill, South Carolina the 19th of November 1995.

In 1996 I was called as Interim Pastor and after several months as an interim I was called to Pastor Cypress Creek Christian Church (DOC).

REGIONAL CONFERENCE SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

New Hope Christian Church Burton, SC

Theme: "God's Grace Is Amazingly All Sufficient!"

Text: (2 Corinthians 12:9)

THURSDAY-SEPTEMBER 29, 2011

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM Evening Worship Service By:
Commission On Ministry

FRIDAY – SEPTEMBER 30, 2011

8:00 AM - 9:30AM Registration/Exhibits/Health Screening
9:00AM – 9:30AM Gathering Devotion
9:30AM – 10:15 AM Bible Lecture Minister Claude Walker
10:15AM – 10:30AM Break
10:30AM – 11:15 AM Bible Lecture Minister Claude Walker
11:15AM – 11:30 Break
11:30 AM – 1:30PM Lunch (Gilligan's) own your own
1:30PM – 2:00PM Break
2:00 PM – 3:15 PM Community Forum w/
Special Guests/ Video 2010 & Web Update
3:20 PM – 3:30 PM Announcements
4:30PM-6:00PM Dinner (Hosted by Disciples Women)
FRIDAY Evening
7:00PM – 7:15PM Processional
7:15PM- 9:00PM Evening Worship Service
Speaker: Minister Amy Gopp
Executive Director of Week of Compassion
After worship 9 – 10pm Reception

SATURDAY – OCTOBER 1, 2011

CASUAL ATTIRE (Tee shirts)

7:00 AM Breakfast - (Hosted by Ministers Wives & Husbands Fellowship)
8:00 AM Registration/Exhibits/Health Screening
8:30AM - 9:00AM Gathering Community Singing
9:00AM – 10:15 AM Bible Lecture Minister Claude Walker
10:15AM – 10:30AM Break
10:30AM - 11: 15AM Fellowship Groups:
Youth, Women, Men, Ministers, Ministers' Wives & Husbands,
11: 15AM – 11:30AM Break
11:30AM - 12:30PM Regional Church Agenda:
Recognitions, Reports & Regional Plenary
12:30PM - 1:00PM Memorial & Communion Service
1:00 PM – 4:00PM Cookout/ Fellowship & Games

SUNDAY – OCTOBER 2, 2011

Worship – All churches are invited to worship centering on the theme, "God's Grace Is Amazingly All Sufficient!" (2 Corinthians 12:9)

Refer to the web site scdisciples.org for details or call the Regional Church Office!

"Tell it!" Topic: "Where do you see God at work among Disciples as a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world?"

Working disaster recovery worldwide, and local mission efforts for many years, I can honestly say with conviction that this fragmented world brings out the best and rarely of the worst in God's children whether they are Disciples or not. In disasters or any time of need, all people may be able to afford is to offer prayer, thanks and gratitude. The Disciple response should be to gratefully accept both prayers and thanks with the simple acknowledgement of "You are welcome." We must love God and one another as ourselves, which to me means that we Disciples must love ourselves also. We must improve our image, our self-esteem for without a healthy self respect how can we honestly expect to love God and others. If we Disciples falter please remember, "To forgive someone, including ourselves, is to admit our limitations. We've been given only one piece of life's jigsaw puzzle. Only God has the cover of the box." -Max Lucado. Puzzling, but God and the God-given gift of grace resides in all believers not just Disciples. Please remember, Grace is a gift not a salary. Even as elder my most difficult task is convincing non believers to accept God-given grace through simple repentance and accepting Christ as savior. It simply is not human nature to accept freely given gifts until you develop a trust with the giver. So let's work on trust! We Disciples are, "Christians, but not the only Christians." A fundamental precept of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is unity of all believers. Reducing limiting labels would be a good start toward "working for the wholeness" in what I profess to be Christ's one church. God has given all his Disciples special gifts. We must reinforce the basic precepts of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) using the Christian tools of worship, song, prayer, baptism, Lord's Supper, forgiveness, Scripture study, faith, hope love and God-given Grace, etc. My brothers and sisters in Christ we need not write essays, God knows what we Disciples should be doing... works in the name of our precious Lord, Jesus. There will be no salary, Christ already paid the price.

Praise God,

Pete Godbey

Central Christian Church, Port Royal

News from Around the Region:

Make a Contribution:

Churches and Individuals now can make a contribution to the Christian Church Disciples of Christ in South Carolina by going online at scdisciples.org and click on the link that says make a contribution.

Note. The Christian Church in South Carolina is a 501(c)(3) organization. Your gift is tax deductible.

Convention District union #1: Quarterly union at Greater Cherry Grove Christian Church July 30-31.

Convention District Union# 2: Quarterly union at New Galilee Christian Church, Holly Hill, July 28-30 Nightly @ 7:00 pm and closing on Saturday morning at 8:30 am

Assembly District # 1 : will meet July 29, 2011 7:30PM@ Rice Patch Christian Church, Islandton, SC

Camp & Conference

There were approximately 35 kids in attendance with Bible stories, swimming, eating and fun had by all. Video Clips of camp will be available on the WEB Page.

**Pray and be thankful constantly to Almighty God .
...for a strong and faithful church....for compassionate,
excellent, humble and visionary leadership**

On Sunday...Pray in Jesus' authority for.....

July 24: Central, Beaufort & World Convention

July 31: National Convocation and Northwest

August 7: My Father's House Ministry, Ladson and Ohio

August 14: Luray, Luray and Greater Kansas City

August 21: Canaan, Moncks Corner & Oklahoma

August 28: Church House of Ministries, Moncks Corner and Oregon

September 4: Liberty Hill, Ridgeville and Pennsylvania

September 11: Disciples Home Missions & Tennessee

September 18: Reconciliation Ministry and SERF Reconciliation & Anti-Racism Minister Sekinah Hamlin Sullivan and Kentucky

September 25: SC Regional Conference

October 2: Rhett Ave, North Charleston & South Idaho

October 19: All Clergy Ministry & Southwest

October 16: St Stephen, St Stephen & Virginia

October 23: Rock Hill, Sycamore & Northesatern

October 30: New Grove Hall, Summerville

SC upcoming Events

July 28-31 District Fellowships 5th Sunday

August: 16-18 General Commission on Ministry Meets

August 13: Regional Leadership/Board Meeting
@ New Hope Christian, Burton

August 27: Commission on Ministry Sessions

September 5: Labor Day (office closed)

September 24: Commission on Ministry Sessions

Holly Hill Christian Church:

Invites you to join them on the following dates:

July 30th - Youth trip to Carowinds

September 25th - Pastor Jerome Gadsden Anniversary.

August 6th - Back to school Extravaganza

August 21 - Pastor Long will be Preaching in the morning Service.

2011 Regional Board and Council Meeting dates and locations:

August 13, 2011 @: New Hope Christian Church, Burton

November 5, 2011 @: New Galilee Christian Church, Holly Hill

General Church News:

Min. Julia Brown Karimu has been called to serve as next Division of Overseas Ministries President, Co-Executive of Global Ministries. As DOM President, Karamu will be responsible for guiding the ministry's activities in such areas as program development, planning, evaluation and financial management. She also will help facilitate in connecting the ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) with the global church and the world.

As Co-Executive of Global Ministries, she will work with her UCC counterpart to provide general leadership and coordination of joint mission activities in ways that acknowledge the rapidly changing environment for mission." I want to invite Disciples to become more deeply involved in God's mission "from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth," said Karimu.

Dr.Charisse Gillett: has been called as the president Lexington Theological Seminary she will become the first African American and Female to hold that position in its 146 years of existence. Formally Dr Gillett serves as Vice President of Administration and Special Projects.

General Assembly

Delegates to the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) voted overwhelmingly to re-elect General Minister and President Sharon E. Watkins for a second six-year term.



A diverse trio of Disciples expressed gratitude and deep conviction to the love of Jesus Christ as the 2011 General Assembly approved by acclamation the nominations of Regina Morton of Somerville, TN, (member at Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church in Memphis), as Moderator; Dr. Susan Diamond, senior minister of First Christian Church of Montgomery, AL as First Vice-Moderator and Rick Ikeda of Salem, OR, (member at First Christian Church, Salem, OR) as Second Vice-Moderator. The team will serve a two-year term.

SC had over fifty folks to attend the General Assembly in Nashville! Thanks to BC Cobb for securing our shelter in the park where over half of us gathered for a wonderful cookout and fun-filled fellowship. Some folks learned a few new card games...smile!!!!

Thanks to the Nashville Local Arrangements Committee led by the General Chairperson, Kathy Davis and our host Regional Minister, Glen Stewart!

Thanks to Sharon Coleman, Patti Case, Todd Adams and the OGMP team! Thanks to our outgoing Moderator leadership team of Larry Brown, Juan Rodriguez, and Marilyn F. Williams for a job well done!

Also a heartfelt thanks to all the volunteers, participants and supporters who helped in any way to make for a great General Assembly!

See the General Assembly highlights and updates on the web at: www.disciples.org/GeneralAssembly

Woman and a Fork

There was a young woman who had been diagnosed with a terminal illness and had been given three months to live. So as she was getting her things 'in order,' she contacted her Pastor and had him come to her house to discuss certain aspects of her final wishes. She told him which songs she wanted sung at the service, what scriptures she would like read, and what outfit she wanted to be buried in. Everything was in order and the Pastor was preparing to leave when the young woman suddenly remembered something very important to her.

'There's one more thing,' she said excitedly... 'What's that?' came the Pastor's reply. 'This is very important,' the young woman continued. 'I want to be buried with a fork in my right hand.' The Pastor stood looking at the young woman, not knowing quite what to say. 'That surprises you, doesn't it?' the young woman asked. 'Well, to be honest, I'm puzzled by the request,' said the Pastor. The young woman explained. '

My grandmother once told me this story, and from that time on I have always tried to pass along its message to those I love and those who are in need of encouragement. In all my years of attending socials and dinners, I always remember that when the Dishes of the main course were being cleared; someone would inevitably lean over and say, 'Keep your fork.' It was my favorite part because I knew that something better was coming...like velvety chocolate cake or deep-dish apple pie. Something wonderful, and with substance!' So, I just want people to see me there in that casket with a fork in my hand and I want them to wonder 'What's with the fork?' Then I want you to tell them: 'Keep your fork ...the best is yet to come.'

The Pastor's eyes welled up with tears of joy as he hugged the young woman good-bye. He knew this would be one of the last times he would see her before her death. But he also knew that the young woman had a better grasp of heaven than he did. She had a better grasp of what heaven would be like than many people twice her age, with twice as much experience and knowledge. She KNEW that something better was coming.

At the funeral people were walking by the young woman's casket and they saw the cloak she was wearing and the fork placed in her right hand.. Over and over, the Pastor heard the question, 'What's with the fork?' And over and over he smiled. During his message, the Pastor told the people of the conversation he had with the young woman shortly before she died. He also told them about the fork and about what it symbolized to her. He told the people how he could not stop thinking about the fork and told them that they probably would not be able to stop thinking about it either. He was right. So the next time you reach down for your fork let it remind you, ever so gently, that the best is yet to come. Friends are a very rare jewel, indeed. They make you smile and encourage you to succeed. Cherish the time you have, and the memories you shareBeing friends with someone is not an opportunity, but a sweet responsibility. Share this with a neighbor and there will be ONE thing they do remember every time they pick up a fork! And you just remember...keep your fork...and have a great day praising GOD!

The best is yet to come.'

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in South Carolina
Pastor Sotello V. Long, Regional Minister
The Eighth South Carolina Regional Conference
of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
September 29--October 2, 2011
“God’s Grace Is Amazingly All Sufficient!” 2 Corinthians 12:1-10 esp. vs 9

REGISTRATION FORM

Title Preference (Mr. /Mrs. / Ms. / Rev. / Min. /Dr. /Bro. / Sis)

First Name _____ Last Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
 Telephone Number () _____ E-mail _____
 Church _____

REGISTRATION FEES

(Early Due Date: Registration postmarked no later than Saturday, August 20, 2011)

Church “Seed Money” Donation	\$100.00	_____
Pastor Registration	\$100.00	_____
Adult Registration*	Cost Number	
Adult Early Registration	\$50.00 x _____ (Postmark by August 20th)	_____
Senior Citizens (65 & Older)	\$40.00 x _____	_____
Seminary &COM Enrollee	\$40.00 x _____	_____
Adult One Day (On Site Registration)	\$25.00 x _____ (Payable On-Site Only)	_____
Adult Late Registration	\$60.00 x _____	_____
	(Postmark/Received after August 20th)	
Children/Youth Program (Ages 6-17)	\$15.00 x _____	_____
Saturday 7: am Prayer Breakfast	\$8.00 x _____	_____
(Hosted by Ministers Wives and Husbands Fellowship)		
Friday Luncheon @ Gilligans: optional /own your own		
Friday Evening Dinner (Hosted by Disciple Women)		
	\$15.00/person or \$28.00/couple X _____	_____
Conference T-Shirt(s): Put the number beside the size you prefer		
Price: Small – XLarge =\$10.00; 2XLarge=\$12.00; 3XLarge = \$13.00		
S___ M___ L___ XL___ 2XL___ 3XL___		
I cannot attend, but want to make a donation to help the Conference!		

TOTAL ENCLOSED

(Note: For churches submitting multiple registrations please be sure to attach a list of all names of those persons covered by the registration fee on the attached list!)

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Christian Church in SC or CCSC and mail to
 1293 Orange Grove Rd., Charleston, SC 29407-3947

Early Registrations received by August 20th may order and receive a Conference Tee shirt in their Registration Packet. Orders thereafter may receive T-shirts as they are available during Conference. Registrations received by August 20th will include Saturday luncheon only. This Luncheon may not be available for registrations received after this date.

NOTE! NOTE!

For the September -October Newsletter

The due date for articles is September 12,2011

***Please submit any articles, church activities, church
Anniversaries, etc. to the Regional Church Office at:***

roccsc@aol.com

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from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth
and from the ends of the earth to our doorsteps.***

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