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Someone asked the question, “What do we do as a Region? The answer is whatever God leads us to do together. We worship, we fellowship, we support, we encourage, we pray, we cry, we laugh, we eat, we teach, we plan, we organize, we minister, we dance, we sing, we call, we email, we listen, we counsel, we commission, we challenge, we talk, we play, we walk, we dream, we lead, we follow and we connect in the service of God! You might say well my congregation does almost all of that. Good because you are the Region! The Region is an organizational construct of the way we are church together in a specifically designed larger community of congregations.

We are a particular expression of the church universal of which Christ Jesus, the One who ransomed our souls by His perfect sacrifice, is the head. We are identified as the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada! We have 3 expressions (your Region) and General (your General Ministries).



We are organized and recognized as the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada (CCDOC). We currently gather in the odd numbered years as a General Assembly. This year’s General Assembly will be July in Nashville, TN under the theme, “Tell It!”

That your children and your children’s children be rooted in God....

That your days may be long...

That it may go well with you...

That promises flow like milk and honey...

That the love of God be strong in you,

That this love be talked about at home and any place else...

That you remember God in your journey... (from Deut. 6)



The General Minister and President (GMP), the Rev. Dr. Sharon E. Watkins serves as the chief minister and president of the organization. As General Minister, she is general pastor of the 700,000-member denomination, responsible for representing the wholeness of the church, for reconciling differences, and for helping the church retain its clarity of mission and identity.



As General President, she is the chief executive officer for the denomination, responsible for overseeing the work of the church's various structures. She strives to help the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) remain faithful to God's calling and to do its work effectively and efficiently. She will be up for re-election to serve a new six-year term at the General Assembly.

The CCDOC has several affiliated general ministries, institutions higher education and recognized ministries. The General Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) are established or recognized by the General Assembly, upon recommendation of the General Board. These ministries address broad areas of work, central administrative functions and specialized study and services to meet responsibilities of the Church in its mission of witness and service to the world. General ministries strengthen congregational life for the church’s mission.

Our Yearbook and Directory is the official document of record for the recognized ministers, congregations and ministries. Each church should have a copy. It would serve as a useful teaching tool. It includes a copy of our organizational Design.

Our Regional expression is organized and recognized as the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in South Carolina. We are one of 33 Regions. We gather annually and contextually as the Regional Conference of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in South Carolina. This year's gathering will be in Burton, Beaufort County, SC.

The Region helps connect with the activity and ministry of Christ in the world! We commission ministers; develop leaders; help the needy; proclaim the gospel; deepen our understanding of Christ; evangelize; and administer congregational networks.

Our Design states that "The primary nature of regions is drawn from the Acts of the Apostles in Paul's desire to nurture, support, and engage congregations as unique entities and as gatherings of congregations related to one another in their mission. Regions should embody the character of the ministry to which Christ calls His people in their mutual commitment to Him and to one another.

The primary purpose of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in regions is twofold: (1) to extend the ministry of Christ in mission, teaching, witness, and service among the people and social structures of the region; and (2) to establish, receive, and nurture congregations in the region, providing help, counsel, and pastoral care to members, ministers, and congregations in their mutual relationships, and relating them to the worldwide mission and witness of the whole church."

So when you confessed Christ as your Lord and Savior you were ushered into the body of Christ, known as the church, by the Holy Spirit. When you made the decision to join a local church of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) you were by design connected with not only your local church, but also, the Regional and General expressions of the church. Yes, with full membership!

You have access and connection with your local pastor, your Regional Minister, your General Minister, sister congregations, a great cloud of witnesses and most importantly, the Lord Jesus Christ! You are not alone! You have a great big family endowed with the love of God for you! Praise God!

"God's Grace Is Amazingly All Sufficient!"

... "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

2 Corinthians 12:9 KJV

Mark your calendars for a major new initiative in 2011 as the Region sponsors a **Holy Spirit** inspired **Transformation Symposium for congregational members and leadership on** June 10-11 at First Christian Church, Charleston, SC! It will focus on

(1) Radical Hospitality – Making Vital Connections,

(2) Woman! You've Still Got a Life - Help for Single Women

and (3) a Church Makeover! Re-envisioning the Church: Connecting with Youth and Young Adults.

Check out our website: www.scdisciples.org for more ways to connect and helpful information!

Remember, strangers don't do ministry. People in relationship do!

Peace,

Sotello

Profiles In Ministry



Mary Ann Goodman Founding and Current Pastor of Andrews Christian Church (DOC) Andrews

Mission, Work and Growth: Pastor Goodman's mission is "reaching souls through preaching, and teaching the power of God unto salvation. (Romans 1:16) Under Pastor Goodman's leadership the Andrews Christian Church Disciples of Christ Provides: Prayer Service every Wednesday at 6:00 p. m., Bible Study every Wednesday at 7:00 p. m., Sunday School Service every Sunday 10:00 a. m. and Sunday Worship Service commences at 11:00 a.m. Pastor Goodman along with her husband, Rev. Charlie Goodman, engages regularly in Christian fellowship through workshops and trainings to help them promote their mission.

History: Andrews Christian Church Disciples of Christ's congregation was established April 2007. The first worship service was held July 2007. The Church received certification and recognition as a congregation from the parenting body of Christian Church Disciples of Christ on September 16, 2007. Presently, Andrews Christian Church Family is faithfully depending on God and anticipating the dedication of their new church facility in the near future.

Biography: Pastor Mary Ann Goodman is a native of St. Stephen, South Carolina. She is married to Rev. Charlie Goodman, Pastor of New Galilee Christian Church of Holly Hill, South Carolina. Pastor Goodman has three children and has also been blessed with grandchildren.

1982 Pastor Mary Ann Goodman was ordained into the preaching ministry under the leadership of Elder Testie Smith of the Holly Hill Christian Church, Alvin South Carolina. The ordination service was held at Liberty Hill Christian Church, Given (Ridgeville), S.C.



Pastor Ken McDonald started his ministry in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) on the 1st of June, 2007 as the pastor of the First Church of Aiken, SC. Sometime later he became ordained as a minister in the Disciples.

Previously, Pastor Ken, as he likes to be called, was an ordained Southern Baptist minister. He says he found a home in the Disciples. God has blessed the church in Aiken with abundant favor for which Pastor Ken is quick to give God the praise.

Upon his arrival, the church was averaging about 50 in regular attendance. Pastor Ken began to lead the people in some exciting new areas. Immediately, Pastor Ken opened his office on a regular basis and opened his doors for counseling and prayer.

Prayer has been a huge part of the success of First Church. Pastor Ken was challenged by the Holy Spirit to develop a web site. Two of the senior citizens with a background in computers were summoned, and now there is a "state of the art" web site up and running. Soon, the church opened a "prayer line" which functions like a robo-call system.

When there is a critical need, Pastor Ken makes one call into the system and immediately, the entire church family is in prayer. The membership has grown by 45 new members, most who had previously been unchurched.

Everything done in the church is with the heart of evangelism. Recently, the church built a new sanctuary that increased the seating capacity by 50 without going into debt. First Christian is a big believer in missions, and has committed to giving \$1200. to our missionaries, the Barnes, and \$600 to a children's home in South Carolina.

This in addition to regular giving to Disciples Mission Fund and support of the Regional Church, total giving is about 14% of the general fund and the best part, is that the income for the church has risen by over 30%. Pastor Ken and First Christian believe in strong supporter of supporting financially

Often, he gets to share the message with other churches, although the church prefers that he doesn't "stray" too far. Pastor Ken's secret weapon, however, is his wife Nelly, of over 30 years. He says that she is a praying saint, (and real good at keeping him in line).

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Congregational Transformation Symposium

June 10-11, 2011

First Christian Church, Charleston, SC

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Phone: 843.852.4537 or 800.637.2718

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For more information visit www.scdisciples.org

Theme: Be Transformed! Romans 12:1-2

FOCUS SESSIONS:

“Radical Hospitality - Making Vital Connections!”

Led by: Pastor David Emery

“Woman! You’ve Still Got a Life! - Help for Single Women!”

Led by: Pastor Dr. Penny Ziemer

A Church Makeover! Re-envisioning the Church:

Connecting with Youth and Young Adults!”

Led by: Pastor Gene Lawson

Pre-Registration: \$25 per person

Group of 5 Pre-Registration: \$100

Registration at Door: \$30



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A Church Makeover! Re-envisioning the Church: Connecting with Youth and Young Adults!"

Pre-Registration: \$25/per person **Group of (5) Pre- Registration: \$100.00

Registration @Door \$30.00/per person

The registration fee includes Saturday lunch and presenter resource materials.

Name's): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Telephone: Area code and number: _____

Email: _____

Congregation: _____

Registration opens Friday at 3pm. Symposium begins promptly at 7pm. Come for wisdom and understanding and practical preparation on designing the ministry of interest to you and your congregation! The Symposium concludes Saturday mid-afternoon. See the schedule!

Note: Persons interested in overnight lodging may do so by making arrangements @ Sleep Inn & Suites Convention Center(SC307) 4715 Saul White Blvd. North Charleston SC 29418 (843) 725-4700 on or before May 10, 2011 to get the Symposium rate of \$85.00plus tax per night. When making your reservation ask for The Christian Church in SC Congregational Transformation Symposium

Registration Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Due by May 15, 2011

(Registration fees are non-refundable)

**Make all checks payable to: Christian Church in SC or "CCSC"

Mail, phone, or fax registration to:

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News from Around the Region:

Convention District union #1: Will host it quartly union at Faithful Christian Church May 28-29.

Convention District Union# 2: Will host a revival for our quartly meeting in May. At St. Phillip Christian Church, Reevesville beginning May 23-28. Nightly @ 700 pm and closing on Saturday morning at 10:00 am

Assembly District # 1 : will meet on Friday April 22,7:30pm @ New Beginning Outreach Ministries ,Walterboro

My Father's House:

Come Join Project M&M:What makes "YOU" a Man?
1st Thursday@ My Father's House, Ladson
4th Thursday @ Tri-Community Center, Cross

First CC Charleston:

The Pastor Says...

We are entering a period of "Soul Refreshment". That defines the best of what the church has reached out to the Lord for during the period called Lent. It begins on March 9, Ash Wednesday. (I'll be leading my first Ash Wednesday service at 12:15 in the sanctuary.)

These forty days are designed to be a time of prayer, penitence, ser-vice, alms giving, and self-denial.

Hopefully, what we do will make Holy Week more significant for us and our discipleship more meaningful.

We are being called upon to focus sharply on our Lord's life, his teaching, his death for our sins, his burial and his mighty, victorious resurrection-- and remember and be grateful. "Love so amazing, so divine, demands, my soul, my life, my all."

During this period, we are doing some good things as a church family:

*Keeping a daily appointment with God. (If you have not started, please join us.)

*Reading a little of the Gospel of Mark (See the schedule)

*Meeting a different Disciple of Jesus each Sunday

*Discovering what a disciple is and does

*Encouraging one another to "make disciples"

*Getting ready for a "Super Special" Maundy Thursday service

*Preparing for Palm Sunday and Easter Celebrations

*Preparing for Baptism for some new believers

*Giving faithfully of our time, talent, and treasure

*Starting some new adult Sunday School Offerings

*And More

Agape CC: You are cordially invited to our "**Church Anniversary**" which will be held on Thursday – Sunday, March 24-27, 2011. There will be no service on Saturday night. Service will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday and Friday night and at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday afternoon.

Disciples Men & Women News:

Women's Retreat March 18-19 Men's Retreat March 25-26, They will enjoy an inspirational weekend in the mountains at Christ mount Conference Center, Black Mountain NC

2011 Upcoming Events:

March 18- 20: Disciple Women Spring Workshop/ Assembly fellowship @ Christmount

March: 26: Commission on Ministry Sessions

March 26: Assembly Fellowship Day of Prayer

April 2: Seminarians Conference

April 1-2: Bible School Conference @ St. Phillip Christian Church, Reevesville

April 10: Minister's Wives and Husbands Fellowship Tea @ TBA

April 17: Psalm Sunday

April 17-23: Easter Week of Prayer

April 21: Maundy Thursday

April 22: Good Friday

April 23: Lent Ends

April 24: Easter Sunday

May 1: Old Antioch Day Celebration

May 1-8: Christian Family Week

May 8: Nashville General Assembly Promotion Sunday

May 8: Mother's Day

2011 Regional Board and Council Meeting date and

Location:

May 14,2011@: First Christian Church, Columbia

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

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

Regional Christian Education/Bible School Conf:

April 1-2, 2011 St.Phillip Christian Church Reevesville

Registration Fees Early On-site

Youth (5-18 Yrs) \$15.00 \$20.00

Adults (19-60 Yrs) \$25.00 \$30.00

Seniors (61 Yrs-Above) \$20.00 \$25.00

*Friday Evening Refreshments and Saturday Meal Included

Exhibitor Fee:Bible School Related \$50.00

Non-Bible School Related \$75.00

Half Page AD in Bulletin \$50.00

*Early Bird Deadline: March 23, 2011

Method of Payment: Check or Money Order – make payable to Christian Church in SC or CCSC with note For 2011 Bible Conference

Mail Registration Form To: Valildra A. Berry, 211 W. 1st N. Street, Summerville, SC 29483

Global News:



Daylight Savings Time – Don't forget to move your clocks ahead one hour this Saturday evening, March 12, before bedtime.

SPRING FORWARD!



Global Ministries is excited to announce that we now have a Vehicle Donation program!

Do you need to get rid of an old car or just about any other vehicle (truck, RV, boat, trailer, golf cart, snow mobile, airplane, and more!)? Global Ministries is

working in conjunction with CARS (Charitable Auto Resources, Inc.), an organization that provides this service for hundreds of non-profits, including church organizations. Global Ministries will receive 70% of the proceeds but is not responsible for any of the costs. You will receive a tax receipt for the sale price for your charitable contribution. Even if your car hasn't run in Years don't worry. They're equipped for towing, too.

Learn more and take the next step by calling 877-537-5277 or visiting <http://globalministries.org/give/unconventional-giving.html>. Be sure to identify "Global Ministries" as your charity. After you have called or filled out the form a Vehicle Donation Representative will schedule a pickup that is convenient for you, and will provide you with confirmation of your donation. The average pickup time is usually 24-48 hours from the time you contact them. It is quick and easy, and your tax-deductible donation will touch lives and be a Critical Presence in lives around the world!



Creating a Culture of Generosity

Our Vision: To create a culture of generosity across the life of the whole church.

Our Mission: To encourage and promote the understanding of stewardship as a faith discipline and life practice in response to a generous God.



Living within your means can lead to meaningful living!

Money can be a source of strength and power. It can also be a cause of stress and limitations. If we have learned anything in the last

two years, it is that carrying large amounts of debt at high rates of interest is not a sustainable practice for governments, congregations, or households. The importance of living within our means has come into clarity as people are rediscovering the value of having a household budget. Knowing exactly how much income we can anticipate and laying that information alongside of what we are committed to can help us make spending decisions, and in the end, reduce stress by preventing us from living beyond our means. With the turning of the New Year, this is a time to re-examine where our money comes from and where it is going. Exercising power and discipline in our spending can free us to be more generous. Looking at how we spend our money can tell us a great deal about our values. Congregations should think about providing a budgeting class for members early in 2011 as a part of comprehensive stewardship planning.

There are several commercial products available on this subject, including Crown Ministries and Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University.

Contact the Center for Faith and Giving for more information about important strategies for providing this resource to members of your congregation.

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Received in congregations on Sunday April 17 and 24,

The Easter Offering is your opportunity to support the General and Racial/Ethnic Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada. The gifts that you share support vital mission and ministry from the doorsteps of your congregation to the ends of the earth

NOTE! NOTE!

For the May – June Newsletter

The due date for articles is May 12, 2011

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

roccsc@aol.com

*We rejoice in sharing the news of God at work
from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth
and from the ends of the earth to our doorsteps.*

“Happy New Year”

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