

**No. 0912**  
**The National Convocation**  
**of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**

*Viann Bristow, President*  
*Timothy James, Administrative Secretary*

To our Moderator, Dr. Newell Williams, our  
General Minister and President, Dr. Sharon E. Watkins and  
Members of the General Board,

In times like these, it is good to report that the state of our ministry is blessed and favored in the life of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). To be included in the distributions of the Disciples Missions Fund has made a big difference for the National Convocation. For this, we are most grateful. As a member of the Office of the General Minister and President and the established racial ethnic ministries of the denomination, the National Convocation leads by example in the full participation of its membership in the life of the church.

The conversations around the reports from the Mission Alignment Coordinating Council have generated much introspection and self analysis in light of their proposed Outcomes. This has helped the National Convocation really look at ways in which it might be strengthened from the inside. It has generated much research and examination of our documents of Merger in 1960 and 1969, in order to make them more understood. The National Convocation is confident that it is a vital part of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). We enjoyed a successful 20th Biennial Session in Memphis, Tennessee in the summer of 2008. We endeavor to fully participate in the mission of the whole church and our constituency is encouraged and challenged to be active in their respective areas in pro-reconciling and anti-racism workshops, Disciples Men and Disciples Women activities, Regional Assemblies, Biennial Sessions of the General Assembly and the National Convocation, and annual sessions of Conventions and Convocations, as it relates to them. Through our School of Faith and Life, at the Biennial Session and the African American Clergy Leadership Development Project, we are intentionally seeking and encouraging both lay and ministerial leadership for the church.

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The General Board reviewed report No. 0912  
of The National Convocation of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).  
The report is submitted to the General Assembly for consideration and discussion.  
No action is required. (Discussion time is 12 minutes)

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