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OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)
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WHAT ARE YOUR LONG RANGE PLANNING GOALS AND HOW ARE THEY INTEGRATED INTO THE MISSION AND VISION OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)?

The mission priorities for Disciples Home Missions (DHM) continue to be Congregational Transformation, Leader Development, Christian Vocations, and Faith Formation. DHM staff has been serving as consultants to enable regional transformation teams to be more effective as they work with congregations in their respective regions. Additionally, DHM has been working to enable transformation events to occur in five regional geographic areas across the United States and Canada. These geographic events, designed to assist local congregations in transformation, will start this fall and continue through 2009.

Leader development continues through the ministries of the Office of Disciples Women, Office of Disciples Men, Young Adults, Youth, African American Ministries, North American Pacific Asian Disciples Ministries, transformation events, as well as published materials available through DHM.

The Office of Search and Call continues to serve ministers, local congregations, regions and the whole church in securing leadership for the church. The online process for Search and Call has been well received and has made the process more “friendly” for the users of the system. Additionally, the required criminal background check for all clergy entering the system continues to provide a layer of protection for our congregations and their congregants.

DHM’s work with chaplains continues to grow. DHM has two people working about one day a week to provide the needed leadership for chaplains in the armed forces and other institutions across the United States and Canada. It is a challenge for them, with more time being needed to enable the support DHM would like to provide this important ministry.

Disciples Home Missions continues to provide ministries designed to form people’s faith in new and significant ways. Kaye Edwards’ ministry to, for, and with children continues to grow. The Disciples Care for Children Network is growing as is Kids to Kids, Adults Relating to Kids (ARK), Worship and Wonder and more. *Streamers* is a new publication available on line at DHM’s or the Disciples Historical Society’s web sites. It is designed to help our people have a greater understanding of the core values and history of the Campbell-Stone movement.

KNOWING THE CURRENT PRIORITIES OF THE CHURCH ARE TO START NEW CONGREGATIONS, TRANSFORM EXISTING CONGREGATIONS FOR MISSION, NURTURE LEADERSHIP FOR THESE NEW AND RENEWED CONGREGATIONS, AND BECOME A PRO-RECONCILING/ANTI-RACIST CHURCH, WHAT IS THE ROLE OF YOUR GENERAL MINISTRY IN FULFILLING ANY OF THESE PRIORITIES?

Much of this section has also been identified in the previous section. However, a few remarks regarding pro-reconciliation/anti-racism would be appropriate. DHM's Pro-Reconciliation/Anti-Racism Team continues to work to help staff and board members become more aware of ways DHM can become effective as a pro-reconciling/anti-racist ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Disciples Home Missions recently became aware of some systems within DHM which are racist systems. It does not appear these systems were developed with any intention of being racist; however, they are. As a result of this, DHM's Pro-Reconciliation/Anti-Racism Team will be conducting a racism audit for DHM during 2008. In my brief time as Interim President of DHM, I have not experienced any hints of racism being intentional. But this audit will help DHM eradicate racism that surely exists because of our being a part of the culture of the United States of America.

IN WHAT WAYS ARE YOU PARTNERING WITH OTHER EXPRESSIONS OF THE CHURCH AND WITH OTHER GENERAL MINISTRIES?

Nearly every one of DHM's ministries is connected directly or indirectly with another aspect of church life.

1. Search and Call is connected with the General Commission on Ministry, Regional Ministry and the local congregation.
2. DHM works with the Division of Higher Education to enable leadership development
3. The *Home Mission Advocate* helps promote and advertise various ministries of the church.
4. DHM works directly with the North American Pacific Asian Disciples through the NAPAD office in DHM.
5. DHM partners with the National Convocation to enable ministry to and with Disciples African American Ministers, Christian Education, Evangelism, Disciples Women, Scholarships, and other leadership development among our African American brothers and sisters in the faith.
6. DHM seeks to be supportive of and works with the Office of Hispanic Ministries.
7. DHM has been working intimately with Week of Compassion to enable mission trips to the Gulf Coast area since Katrina. DHM anticipates reaching its goal by the end of August with 750 mission trips by Disciples to the Gulf area.
8. DHM has investments with the Christian Church Foundation.
9. DHM works with Church Extension in Congregational Transformation and New Church Development.
10. Lives of immigrants are saved every year because of DHM's partnership with Week of Compassion, our ecumenical relationships and the Division of Overseas Ministries.
11. DHM is currently involved in an educational ministry with Christian Board of Publications to assist the local congregations in the training and education of church leaders. Other educational expressions occur through our relationship with CBP as well as our ecumenical relationships.
12. Nearly all DHM employees are in relationship with the Pension Fund.
13. The Presidents of DHM have continually been involved with the Council of General Ministries headed by our General Minister and President.
14. DHM continues to work with All Peoples Christian Center, Christmount Christian Assembly, Disciples Peace Fellowship, Inman Christian Center, Kansas Christian Home, Kentucky Appalachian Ministry, the National Evangelistic Association, Urban Spirit, and Yakama Christian Mission.

HOW HAS YOUR MINISTRY SERVED TO STRENGTHEN CONGREGATIONS FOR MISSION?

All the things cited above are strengthening congregations for mission in a direct or indirect way.