

COLLEGE OF REGIONAL MINISTERS

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1. Knowing that the current priorities are to start new congregations, transform existing congregations for mission, nurture leadership for these new and renewed congregations, and become a reconciling church, what is the role of your ministry in fulfilling these priorities?

The College of Regional Ministers serves as a liaison organization that facilitates cooperation and mutual support between Regions and General Ministries in the establishment of new congregations, the transformation of existing congregations and in leader development. In addition the College utilizes technology to network regional ministries and to promote the development of best practices with each of these ministry priorities.

2. In what ways are you partnering with other expressions of the Church and with general ministries?

Working in partnership with Global Ministries the regions have offered Mission Interpreter Training and some Regional Ministers will be participating in Global Ministry trips this year to learn more about the church's wider mission.

In the aftermath of the hurricanes in the Gulf, Regions have partnered with the Week of Compassion and Disciples Volunteering in mobilizing the church's response to this disaster. Last December the Regional Ministers met in New Orleans so that we could have first hand knowledge of the church's response to this major disaster. There has been a similar coordinated response following the Greensburg, KS tornado.

Regional Ministers serve on Boards and Commissions in support of various church ministries. During the past few years the College has given input as each draft of the Ministry Document has been prepared.

The College has worked closely with the Church Finance Council in the development of materials and in promoting each special offering.

The College of Regional Ministers provided funds to the General Minister and President to assist with the development of stewardship education resources for congregations.

3. How have you been involved in congregations to fulfill their mission and ministry?

The College of Regional Ministers provides encouragement and mutual support so that each Regional Minister is better equipped to serve the mission and ministry of local congregations. During the past year we have worked with Disciples Home Missions and Suran in the implementation of a new web-based Search and Call system.