

General Board

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Title: **Report of the Christian Church (DOC) of Greater Kansas City**

Origin: Paul J. Diehl, Jr., Regional Minister/President

The following is provided for information to the General Board of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Regional Staff

Paul J. Diehl, Jr., Regional Minister/President (WM) - Full time
Mike Graves, Regional Minister for Preaching (WM) – Part time
Katheryn Graham, Regional Minister for Spiritual Health (WF) – Part time
Suzanne Rebecchi, Administrative Assistant (WF) - Part time
Charles Shoemaker, Finance Manager (WM) – Part time
Karen Pack, Receptionist/Secretary (WF) - Part time
Marilyn Kovach Gardner, Regional Minister for New Church Ministry (WF) – Part time
Karen Yount, Regional Minister for Women’s Ministry (WF) - Part time

Number of Congregations

Enough for a diversified and vibrant region

Total Members

All the faithful saints loving with Christ

States included in Region

Metropolitan Kansas City, composed of Johnson, Wyandotte and Miami Counties on the Kansas side; and Jackson, Clay and Platte Counties and the townships of Belton and Raymore in Cass County on the Missouri side.

THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) OF GREATER K.C.

Our Identity: Adored by God, Believing in Jesus, Caring for Others—Disciples of Christ.

We are thankful to be a community of Disciples and Disciples' congregations living and serving together in this place. In God's Spirit, as a Christ-centered people of faith, hope, and love, we are in covenant.

Our Ministry: Following Jesus--Loving With Christ.

---Following Jesus. He is the one who knows our way and the way.

---Loving. By this we strive to be faithful to the great commandment.

---With. By this we acknowledge that we desire to serve with Christ and be his faithful disciples. Also, by this we show that all of our abilities to do this come from Christ through the Spirit of the living God.

---Christ. By this we proclaim the one who is our Savior and Lord, the one we endeavor to follow, the one who is our clearest picture of God, and the one who is the most vivid sign of God's love for us.

Our Vision: Disciples encouraged, linked, inspired, and equipped to join with God in transforming our world.

---We long, work, and pray to experience Disciples, ministers, and congregations encouraged, linked, equipped, and inspired to join with God in transforming our world.

Our Ministries:

---New Church Ministry: Provides leadership and support in working to start and encourage new congregations. Several each year are born and nourished thanks to our labors and prayers.

---Ministry of Leader Development: Provides leadership training for the laity and clergy of the region in ways to serve God more fully. It also oversees the work of Women's Ministry and Men's Ministry.

---Ministry with Young Disciples: Provides communication, coordination, and regional activities with young adults, youth, and children. Includes ministry through the Camp and Conference Task Force, the Youth Ministry Task Force, the Children's Ministry Task Force, and the Young Adult Ministry Task Force.

---Ministry of Community Transformation: Addresses justice and reconciliation needs by witnessing in love and service in our community and to the ends of the earth.

---Ministry of Clergy Oversight: Charged with the responsibility for the support, encouraging, and equipping for ministry. Its commissions include Ordination and Standing, Licensed Ministry, the Disciples Ministers' Association, and the Christian Ministry Scholarship Fund. Thanks to this ministry, most of the ordained ministers in the region are regular participants in a wide variety of small groups.

---Ministry of Tall Oaks Conference Center: Creates a place of spiritual growth and renewal where significant ministry takes place with congregations, ministers, and persons of all ages and walks of life.

---Ministry of Budget and Finance: Guides the use of resources, helps make sure that finances are handled in an appropriate and responsible manner, and encourages growth in stewardship.

---Ministry of Personnel: Works to support and encourage the staff of the region, promotes wholesome and productive working relationships, and helps see that efforts are invested in an appropriate manner.

---Ministry of Structural Oversight: This ministry oversees the places of ministry including office and property. It also monitors and suggests appropriate changes to boundaries, design, and by-laws.