

Love in *Action*

First Christian Church (DOC) Newsletter

July 2025

All Things General Assembly of the Christian Church (DOC)

What is General Assembly?

"The General Assembly is a four-day gathering in response to God's covenant of love that calls us to come together to go BEYOND. It is a time for us to step into the vastness of God's imagination across the life of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Mark your calendars to join us July 12-15, 2025, for worship, workshops, Bible study, opportunities to explore Memphis, mission projects, and the sacred work of the church for children, youth, young adults, and adults across the life of the church." – from Disciples General Assembly Website

There are opportunities for worship, outreach, education, generosity, prayer, and so much more. It is a place where friends gather from all around North America – an opportunity to experience the larger Body of Christ – a space to hear of the accomplishments and work of ministries that we support – a space to discern and make decisions – and a time to discuss how we are going to be the Church in the world, here and now.

Just because I am the one physically going, does not mean that you all can't be involved!

There are 7 resolutions that will be up for discussion this year – read up on them!

For more info and to read the resolutions, visit <u>ga.disciples.org</u>

2025 Resolutions

GA-2512 - Concerning Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Congregations Receiving a Silver Chalice Designation

GA-2513 - Resolution Concerning Disability Justice and Inclusion in all Ministries within the Christian Church

GA-2514 - Commitment to the Thursdays in Black Campaign: A Global Movement For A World Without Gender-Based Violence

GA-2515 Opposing Project 2025 And Other Policies That Are Inconsistent With Our Commitment to Justice, Me<mark>rcy, and Compassion For Our</mark> Neighbors

GA-2516 – Proposed Resolution to Commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the DPF Peace Intern Program and 90th Anniversary of the Disciples Peace Fellowship and Inviting Regions and Congregations to Recommit to the Work of Peace and Justice

GA-2517 - Amendments to The Design

GA-2518 - Changes to the Special Rules of Procedure for the General Assembly

Even if you can't join me with your blue suede shoes walking in Memphis...

There are a few ways you could be involved:

- You can <u>register</u> to attend Virtually! (With Digital Access you can enjoy all the recorded worship services, Bible lectures, and 4 keynote workshop sessions at your convenience)
- Read up on the Resolutions and give me your opinion! I am the voice for FCC at GA.
- Pray! Pray! Pray! Pray for safety, pray for me solo driving, for the larger Church, pray we are guided by the Spirit and only the Spirit!



Calendar

July 6: Red Wagon Food Drive

July 11: Pastor Steph will be travelling and

unavailable

July 12-16: General Assembly in Memphis

July 13: Noah Wright will be Preaching

July 14: Elder's Meeting - 7pm

July 17-19: Pastor Steph will be in recovery

mode and will not be available

July 20: **Board Meeting!** (All are welcome

and encouraged to attend!)

Sister's Circle Lunch Bunch has been reschedule for the week of the 21st – stay alert for more details!

July 2: Jeff Flores

July 3: Trinity Rolfe

July 4: Trevor Crafton

July 6: Michael Lawson

July 9: Sara Crafton

July 15: Tracy Geglein

July 18: Pastor Steph Rolfe

July 22: Michael Maddox

July 21: Rosemary Sullivan



July 15: Jim and Carol Ball





DON'T FORGET!

This Board Meeting will be a special one and all are welcome to come and add their voice to the discussion! There are some exciting conversations happening and events coming up.

Join us July 20th after worship to hear announcements, a report from General Assembly, and discuss the future of FCC!



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