



# C/HP Messenger

May 2019

## Currents in the Stream

This past Saturday the Regional Board, upon the recommendation of the Regional Revisioning Committee, adopted a new mission statement: "Together we Connect and Equip—the Christian Church in Kansas." I thought I would take the time to reflect on this statement as a guide for our life together.

First comes the word "together". This tells me that what we do to share the Good News of Jesus Christ is not something we do as individuals. It tells me that what we do in the life of the region is something we do in partnership. And it suggests to me one of the leadership principles taught at the Kansas Leadership Center is that leadership begins with one person, but must involve others.

Second, the word "connect" points toward building a network of relationships. It also points toward a desire to establish joint endeavors for mission and ministry here in Kansas and beyond. Already, we are living into this reality as the High Plains District churches are planning a mission trip to the Navajo Reservation in New Mexico August 4-10 (more information about this is on page 2). Furthermore, Floyd Pearson from Galva Christian Church is heading up mission trips to Puerto Rico, the Navajo Reservation in New Mexico, and is ready to organize efforts for flood relief in Northeast Kansas and throughout Nebraska. Anyone interested in these opportunities please contact Floyd at 620-755-6394.

Third, the word "equip" speaks to developing leadership and ministry skills to enhance the life of our congregations. This year's Central District Leadership Event on August 17 will focus on conflict management for church leaders and will be lead by Rev. Steve Bridwell. The High Plains District Leadership Event will focus on three practical skill areas: How to use audio visuals in worship effectively, looking at various electronic giving options as a means for generating options for how people can give to the church, and rethinking approaches to evangelism.

Then there are things coming up that are a combination of connecting and equip each other for mission and ministry. All of our summer church camp opportunities both connect and equip our children and youth throughout the region to grow in their faith. Our Regional Connect and Equip event on August 10 at the camp, not only is an opportunity to connect with members of other congregations, but is also an opportunity to learn how to use some of the concepts from the Kansas Leadership Center to help your congregation address the challenges your congregation faces today. Finally, the Men's retreat (Sept. 27-28), the Odyssey retreat (Sept. 28-29), and the Women's retreats (Oct. 2-6) are all chances to connect with others and learn. Make plans to attend these events and discover the new directions we are headed.

- Ken

## Upcoming Events

Sunday, May 12  
Mother's Day

Tuesday, May 14  
CN Clergy Cluster - 6:00 p.m.  
*Meridy's, Russell*

Wednesday, May 15  
HP Clergy Cluster - 10:30 a.m.  
*Scott City, FCC*

Saturday, May 18  
CD Cabinet Video Conference  
8:30 a.m.

Monday, May 27  
Memorial Day  
*Regional Offices Closed*

Tuesday, May 29  
MK/GB/S Clergy Cluster  
*McPherson, The Well - 10:30 am*

## Ken's May Calendar

- 1 Office
- 2 Day Off
- 3-4 Boundaries Training, Camp T.
- 5 Church Visit—Garden City, FCC
- 6 Office
- 7-9 Lead For Change KLC Training, Wichita
- 10 Day Off
- 11 Office
- 12 Church Visit—Great Bend
- 13 Office
- 14 Office
- CN Clergy Cluster, Russell
- 15 HP Clergy Cluster, Scott City
- 16 Office
- 17 Day Off
- 18 CD Cabinet Video Conference
- 19 Preaching—Ulysses
- 20-21 Heartland Cluster, Tall Oaks, Kansas City
- 22-24 Office
- 25 Day Off
- 26 Church Visit—Liberal
- 27 Memorial Day—Regional Offices Closed
- 28 MK/GB/S Clergy Cluster, McPherson
- 29-31 Office

*Calendar subject to change.*



Plan to attend one of 15 camp experiences available for all ages. All camps are at Disciples

Center at Tawakoni, near Augusta, unless otherwise stated.

The all-inclusive camp fee includes lodging, food, and program expense including a nurse. All campers receive a theme T-Shirt and water bottle.

Register and pay online at [www.kansasdisciples.org](http://www.kansasdisciples.org) or print a registration form and mail to Topeka Regional Office.

This newsletter is sponsored by the Central High Plains Districts Office of the Christian Church in Kansas (Disciples of Christ). The office is located at 5230 Broadway Ave., Great Bend, KS 67530. Phone: 620-792-6490.

## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- May 3 Boundaries Training, Disciples Center at Tawakoni, Augusta
- May 4 Boundaries Training, Disciples Center at Tawakoni, Augusta
- May 27 Memorial Day, Reg'l Offices Closed
- May 28-30 Primary 1 Camp, Disciples Center at Tawakoni, Augusta
- May 28-29 Discovery Camp, Disciples Center at Tawakoni, Augusta
- May 30-Jun 1 Grand Camp 1, Disciples Center At Tawakoni, Augusta
- May 31 KDW Executive Comm., McPherson

## High Plains District 2018 Mission Trip August 4-10, 2019

Join us in Counselor, NM for a week-long mission trip with our fellow congregants in the High Plains District. We will be working with Lybrook Community Ministries in order to complete our goal of hands-on mission work. Lybrook is an outreach for Native Americans near the Lybrook Navajo Mission. Its focus has been on the special needs of the area and sharing the Gospel.

Questions? Ask your local pastor. **OR** Contact: Rev. Aerii Smith; email: [singing2cats@gmail.com](mailto:singing2cats@gmail.com)  
phone: (620) 397-2153 between 9am-12pm Mon-Thurs



... that the Disciples Connect & Equip Regional Event will be August 10th at Disciples Center

at Tawakoni. Fun for the whole family.

... the 2019 Kansas Boundaries Training will be from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. on Friday, May 3, or Saturday, May 4, at Tawakoni. The Rev. Dr. Todd A. Adams, President and CEO of the Pension Fund of the Christian Church will lead this training on Financial Boundaries and Best Practices for Churches and Clergy.

## CHURCHES PRAYING FOR CHURCHES

- May 5 - First Christian Church, Hutchinson  
Bob Phipps, Supply Minister
- May 12 - Park Place Christian Church, Hutchinson  
David Dubovich, Minister
- May 19 - Groveland Christian Church, Inman  
Charles Kaufmann
- May 26 - United Church of Kensington, Kensington  
Emily Blank, Minister