

Northwest Regional Christian Church Board Meeting  
January 20, 2010

## Minutes

The board of the Northwest Regional Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) met via telephone conference call on January 20, 2010, under the leadership of Cherilyn Williams, regional moderator, who offered the opening prayer. Other officers present David Moffitt, vice-moderator; Debbie Jennison, treasurer; Lillian Moir, secretary; and Sandy Messick, regional minister.

Also present were Dixie Carringer, Lauri Clark-Strait, Jim Harwood, Tamalyn Kralman, Debbie Little, Barbara Reynolds, Edie Rice-Sauer and Ronna Smith. Absent were Ken Colman, David Helseth, Jong Hong, Hailee Longoria, Steven Nundahl and Gary Shoemaker.

### 1. Financial Review

Debbie Jennison reported that \$17,850.28 had been received in the Christmas offering, approximately \$1,000 more than the previous year. Some congregations increased their giving and others gave for the first time. Any addition gifts will go into this year's Christmas offering. Cherilyn pointed out that Christmas offerings can be taken and sent to the Church Finance Council, but they need to be marked Christmas offering for the region to receive all the money.

### 2. Credit Card Processing Proposal

Amber Saladino, regional administrative assistant, asked that the board consider a proposal to have on-line credit card registration for regional events. The annual cost for the basic service would be \$645.35 plus 2.29 percent of the registration fee plus 29 cents per transaction. PaySimple, the company with the best plan, requires a three-year contract. The question was raised about whether to charge only those using credit cards or to charge across the board.

**Moved:** by Debbie Jennison that the region set up Visa and Master Card credit card payments for events and on-line donations. **Seconded:** by Barbara Reynolds. **Passed unanimously.**

**Moved:** by Lillian Moir that the increased fee be charged across the board for registrations and on-line donations. **Seconded:** by Jim Harwood. **Passed unanimously.**

### 3. Disciples Women's Ministry Proposal

Members of the Disciples Women's Commission have requested that \$15,000 of the Disciples Women's Ministry funds be transferred to a new account to fund the region's future Global Ministry projects. The special regional assembly in May 2009 approved the proposal to become a Global Mission Region. The proposal asks that the remainder of the DWM account, \$2,401, be retained for future women's retreats, activities and International Disciples Women's Ministry dues.

**Moved:** by Lillian Moir that \$15,000 be set aside from the Disciples Women's Ministry funds for a special account related to regional Global Mission activities and that the remainder of the DWM funds be kept for future activities. **Seconded:** by David Moffitt. **Passed unanimously.** The action will be recognized at the regional assembly in May in Spokane.

### 4. Communication Report

Tamalyn Kralman reported that she has an incomplete list of board assignments regarding congregational visits. The script is the same used in early 2009. She also needs clarification on email addresses which do not have names attached.

## **5. Transition Team**

Edie Rice-Sauer, interim Mission Council moderator, reported that the team is active in the areas of stewardship, facilities, youth, pro-reconciliation, mission and sending and new congregations. The team is checking in with committees dealing with each area of ministry to see that work is progressing and where support is needed. The Mission Council will meet March 19, followed by the regional board and common table on March 20.

## **6. Regional Minister's Report**

Sandy highlighted items on her written report (distributed by e-mail). She has scheduled a March 4 with the Pacific Conference of the United Church of Christ in which those present will dream about what the Disciples and UCCs can do together. Including joint boundary training and a Global Mission partner relationship.

On regional diversity, she suggested that camp scholarships may be needed for ethnic churches. Positive responses have been received from regions using reconciliation funds for this purpose. One concern for camps relates to underprivileged elementary school children. The youth team may come with a proposal for this year. Pastors of ethnic congregations may be asked to attend camps as counselors. This may require a stipend since these pastors usually work outside the congregation.

On family, Sandy said she is trying to commit to her husband and children on either side of trips. This takes some pro-active thinking.

On congregational visits, Sandy said she has reported on her trip to the Middle East in Bellingham First Christian Church and will speak on the trip with the southwest clergy, congregations in Renton, Puyallup and Edmonds and the regional assembly.

## **7. Regional Assembly**

Plans for the May 21-23 assembly in Spokane were outlined. The theme will be "Poured Out in Mission." Worship, workshop, youth and children's programs will focus on mission. An offering will be taken for mission.

## **8. Prayer Concerns**

Sandy mentioned Pastor Jong Hong who works with NAPAD which will meet in Seattle this year.

She raised a prayer concern for the United Methodist Church which lost its two top outreach executives in the Haiti earthquake. They were in a hotel which collapsed. One died just before he was rescued and the second died after being air lifted to Miami. The American Baptist Church had twelve congregations in Port au Prince. Five were destroyed.

Sandy closed the meeting with prayer.

Submitted by  
Lillian Moir, board secretary