



Regional Board

Agenda

9:30 am, November 20, 2017

Merriam Christian Church

Address: 9401 Johnson Dr, Merriam, KS 66203

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Introductions of Members and Guests

Opening Prayer (Regional Minister)

Reports

Secretary – Suzi Goldt

October Minutes

Treasurer

Budget and Finance – Raymond Hankins and/or James Vertreese

Motion for the Region Board

The Budget and Finance Commission moves that the Permanent Fund designated as the Bacon Fund be moved to the status of a Temporarily Restricted Fund. This motion is made so that monies within the fund can be utilized by the New and Transforming Church Commission under the Commission's 5 Year Strategic Plan. A joint proposal concerning the strategic plan and the funding plans to support the strategy will be made at a later time by both the New and Transforming Church Commission and the Budget and Finance Commission. At this time, Budget and Finance is simply preparing for this presentation by moving the fund to the necessary designation.

Presented by the Budget and Finance Commission
November 15, 2017

Commissions/Committees/Constituency Groups

(Reports – if submitted prior to the Regional Board meeting – are presumed to be read. We ask those presenting to offer for consideration only those items which call for board action, special attention, or, celebration.)

Disciples Women – Elaine Henneman

Obra Hispana – Rudolfo Acosta (with translation by Edith Mendoza)

MOKAN Fellowship – Shery Tucker

Tall Oaks Commission – Kristin Dow and/or Suzi Goldt

Commission on the Order of the Ministry (formerly Clergy Oversight) – Rob Carr

Commission on Community Engagement (Not yet formed)

Commission on New and Transforming Church – Casey Sigmon

Commission on Stewardship and Development (Still in formation)

Personnel Committee – Laura Phillips

Ministry with Young Disciples – Travis Smith McKee

General Board Representative – Laura Phillips

Regional Minister

(Reports Received by 11/14 will be posted at: <http://www.kcdisciples.org/regional-board.html>)

Unfinished Action Items

Unfilled Board Positions

Lay At-Large Representative

Commission on Community Engagement Chair

Disposition of the Desired Relationship Between Tall Oaks and our Region

(If recommendation from Tall Oaks Commission is available)

New Action Items

Motion: Greater Kansas City Region, using money from the Region's Reconciliation Fund to join MORE² – Metropolitan Organization for Racial Equity and Economic Justice – in January, 2018 at an initial contribution of \$400.

Lora McDonald – Executive Director of MORE² is a member of Community Christian Church. MORE² provides portals for individuals and groups to engage in actions that advance Racial Equity and Economic Justice in the KC Metro area. As a Gamaliel Foundation affiliate, it is also means by which GKC Disciples have access to and support after Gamaliel National Leadership Training

MORE² has led actions that resulted in better job application opportunities for the formerly incarcerated, a fairer minimum wage ordinance in Kansas City, and calling attention to the need for more equitable access health care.

MORE² operates in Kansas and Missouri. Four GKC congregations are members of MORE²

Motion: Send three additional Greater Kansas City Disciples to the Gamaliel National Leadership Training in the spring of 2018 with costs to be covered by our Regional Reconciliation Fund. Tuition is \$700 per person

Training equips participants to gain clarity about why they are invested at a level requiring sacrifice and courage in racial equity and economic justice. Through role playing and case studies individuals are equipped to organize actions more effectively, building powerful coalitions which the marginalized.

Motion: Invite Rev. Shandhya Jha to lead a day-long workshop in Kansas City on March 17, 2018 in Faith-Rooted Organizing as a way of involving more GKC Disciples (and ecumenical colleagues) already trained in anti-racism to become more active and effective in actions designed to realize racial equity and economic justice in their communities.

Rev. Jha is well known among Disciples of Christ as an ordained minister, director of Oakland Peace Center, author of Pre-Post Racial America and two additional books, and denominational trainer for anti-racism and faith-rooted community organizing

Cost: \$1,000 plus travel to be covered by registration fees and \$500 from the Regional Reconciliation Fund.