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General Board votes to forward Hord Owens to General Assembly



Imagine what it can look like—looking at a community of believers who have placed the love of God and neighbor above all else, who do not demonize differences as deficient but seek to understand one another in light of our uniqueness and diversity; who are willing for the sake of the gospel of Jesus Christ to stand shoulder to shoulder, working through differences in priorities, opinions, methods and goals—always yielding to the vision of how the world might be able to see real love among us and through us. This is not an easy vision, and it will take not just the best of what is in us, but it will also take the best of what God can do in and through us. It is a beautiful, gritty, necessary vision that we must pursue, empowered by the love of God, led by the example of Jesus Christ, and guided by the Holy Spirit.

—Rev. Teresa (Terri) Hord Owens, nominee for General Minister and President

(Read Rev. Owens' full vision statement at disciples.org/ogmp/meet-the-GMP-Nominee.)

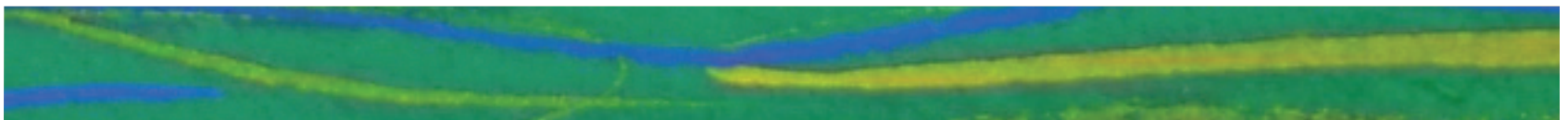
The General Board voted to forward the name of Rev. Teresa (Terri) Hord Owens to the 2017 General Assembly as the nominee for General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

A Disciple since young adulthood, Hord Owens is currently dean of students at the University of Chicago Divinity School and pastor of First Christian Church of Downers Grove, IL.

Search Committee Chair Jackie Bunch reviewed the process for the General

Board before the members of the board had the opportunity to meet Hord Owens in small groups and in the plenary. Of more than 40 people recommended last summer, nine were screened in accordance with the executive search process. Four were then interviewed in person in October by the search committee. Just prior to the General Board meeting, three candidates were interviewed by the Administrative Committee to determine which candidate to recommend to the board.

Rev. Owens is widely sought after as a preacher, speaker and workshop facilitator. Her ministry and intellectual interests include a theology of reconciliation, cultural intelligence, developing inclusive and multi-cultural congregations, and the mentoring of youth and young adults. She is married to Walter Owens, Jr., with whom she will soon celebrate 30 years of marriage. They are the proud parents of an adult son, W. Mitchell Owens, III.



A Q&A with the nominee for General Minister and President

What is your favorite Bible verse?

Oh, that is hard! Last summer when I was considering answering the call, I thought about this a lot and it came down to two - John 17:23 and Micah 6:8. "... that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me," and "[God] has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" For me, those sum up the work ahead of us - to show the world through our example what is possible when we focus on justice, kindness and our relationship with God. It is that relationship with God that equips us and guides us in our work of ministry, service and mission. Personally, I always consider Philippians 1:6: "I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ." This was my ordination scripture and it reminds me that God is yet at work in my life.

Who influenced you most in your faith?

I would first say my grandfather, Rev. Noel Hord. He was a leader and shaper of young adults in Terre Haute, Indiana, where I grew up. He not only preached, but lived out his faith. But there have been so, so many others along the way that I hesitate to start the list for fear of running out of room! For instance, I heard my call to ministry on a Palm Sunday in 1996 while I was under the care of the Rev. Dr. T. Garrott Benjamin, Jr., then the senior minister at Light of the World Christian Church in Indianapolis. But I was also influenced by so many other giants of the Church, like the Rev. John Foulkes, Rev. Bill Crowl, and Rev. Dr. Cynthia Hale. And that doesn't even begin to list all the members of my family from my mother, Alice Harris Hord, and my father, Dr. Fred Hord, and my husband Walter, to all the aunties and uncles who helped to bring me up.



At the February meeting of the General Board, Terri Hord Owens met with small groups of board members over the course of a day to allow them time to ask her questions.

What part of your ministry brings you the greatest joy?

We have such an opportunity as Disciples to “be and share the Good News” through our commitment to living into Christian unity. It is getting harder in our current culture to bridge ideological divides both inside and outside our walls. I have great joy when I see the glimmers of understanding when people begin to see past their differences and focus together on bringing kindness and justice into the world. Our striving for unity is perhaps the most powerful way in which we bear witness that the love of God is real and present in the world. If we can hold one another in community, even in the presence of tensions that result from human differences of various dimensions of identity, socio-economic status, geography, theology and politics, it should be our goal that the world will see in us what is possible through Christian love and unity. I find great strength in my relationship with Christ, and in my spiritual practices of prayer and Bible study.

If elected, you will be the first African-American woman to lead a mainline denomination in the United States. How will that influence how you approach the position?

I am a descendant of one of Indiana’s oldest African-American free settlements. My bachelor’s degree in Government included a minor in Afro-American Studies from Harvard University. I am a proud black woman with deep roots in my community of origin. This is all part of what makes me who I am. African-American Disciples have been a crucial part of our movement from the beginning, and I am proud to stand on the shoulders of those who firmly believed that we should be one church.

That said, I also recognize that mine is not the only perspective. After nearly a quarter century in corporate America working on interdisciplinary teams of people from vastly different backgrounds, and now as dean of students for more than a decade, I have learned two things. First, it is possible to come together around shared interests, just as our spiritual ancestors came together in a quest for Christian unity and welcome at the Lord’s Table. The other is that when we value and include diverse experiences and perspectives, our communities can celebrate all that God has

created, and we are all the better for having welcomed those perspectives and experiences.

Music is a big part of your life. You sing in your congregation’s choir; your spouse is a choir director; and your son is a music producer. In fact, you received your call to ministry while leading a children’s choir. What song brings you strength these days?

My favorite hymn is “Great is Thy Faithfulness”. It reminds me that God’s mercies are new every morning, and God’s provision for me, for our church, is always refreshing and constant. My husband grew up singing a hymn, “Savior, Lead Me Lest I Stray”, and I find myself humming that a lot these days. One of the songs that has ministered to me since the early 1990’s is a song by Shirley Miller, the woman who led the famous gospel song, “Oh Happy Day”. She sings a song, “God Knows What is Best for Me”. It gives a testimony of the struggle to understand what God’s will is, of living through struggle and some uncertainty about what to do with your life, and finally coming into a full understanding that God has led you into the right place all along. I would love to meet this singer one day to tell her how much that song has meant to me over the years. It means more than ever right now.

Since July is National Ice Cream Month in the U.S., what is your favorite flavor?

Chocolate---I love anything chocolate!



Terri with children from her choir around the time of her call in 1996.



What the search committee saw in the nominee

“We saw in Terri that unique combination of pastoral, leadership, active presence in all expressions of the Church and administrative experience that the search committee believed was most needed,” said Search Committee Chair Jackie Bunch. “She has experience as a local pastor, theologian and leader.

“The committee particularly noted her skills in discernment, spiritual discipline and proclamation of the Word, but also as a listener.”

Bunch continued, “The search committee recognized that leading the Church in this day and age requires a certain business acumen as well as a heart for ministry. We see that Terri brings that special mix of academic, executive and pastoral qualities that are required for leading the Disciples through this time in our North American culture. She has a background of bringing together diverse groups for dialogue that will serve the Church well.”



How the search committee process worked

The Search Committee followed the Executive Search Model which is intended to cast a wide net for potential candidates. First they started with anti-racism training and covenanted to pray each Wednesday morning, not only for the process but for the person God was calling to lead Christ's Church.

The Search Committee launched a Church-wide survey on Feb. 12, 2016, intended to allow the committee the opportunity to listen to and hear from the Church. The survey had more than 1,600 responses with some in each language offered – English, Korean, Spanish and French. Just over half of the respondents identified as clergy and five identified as under 18.

A job description was crafted based on that feedback and, after being approved by the Administrative Committee, the position description was posted on May 19, 2016.

The committee received more than 40 nominations/recommendations. Each person was contacted and informed they were nominated. A link to the description and listing of application materials was provided and each was invited each to be in prayer and discernment about God's call on his/her life. Applications were due July 10, 2016. Notices were posted on the website of the progress of the committee's work along with e-mails to individuals who had requested updates on the process.

Nine names were screened by a professional human resources person outside the denomination in accordance with the search model. The search committee met to go over the applications. After much discussion, the committee used a rubric matrix based on the feedback from the all-Church survey to identify the top four candidates to interview. It was only then that the committee interviewed the top four candidates in October. Three were forwarded to the Administrative Committee and on Feb. 24 the vote was taken on which to present to the General Board.

Mission First

A Bible Study for Mission First!

By Dr. Jon Berquist, President, Disciples Seminary Foundation and member of the 2016 Mission Council

God calls us to work together across all generations so that we may share and receive the good news of Jesus Christ by creating communities of healing, learning, and transformation. —Emerging Mission First! pilot priority

To understand the emerging Mission First! priority, we need to talk about the meaning of mission. According to dictionaries, “mission” is an important goal, or a purpose with a sense of conviction. We sometimes talk about it as a strategic plan, or a vision of a possible future, or the identity we embrace. But as Christians, mission must mean something more than just this year’s goal. A biblical and theological sense of mission begins with God. The identity of God is foundational for the church’s mission; it all starts with God. From scripture and from our own lives, we have learned about this God: God loves the world and cares for each of its inhabitants with a powerful, enduring love (2 Chr 6:14, Ps 36:7, Joel 2:13, John 3:16, 1 John 4:7).

Because God loves the world, God claims us as God’s people and then sends us out to spread that love and compassion everywhere possible. After all, our mission statement has long been, “**To be and to share the Good News of Jesus Christ, witnessing, loving and serving from our doorsteps ‘to the ends of the earth.’**” – Acts 1:8

Mission is what happens when God *sends* (Ex 3:12, Is 6:8, Is 42:6, Matt 28:19, John 20:17). God inspires and directs us; God empowers us; and then God puts people into motion, by the strength of the Spirit (Is 61:1, Zech 4:6, Luke 4:18, Acts 13:4). God’s mission is God’s motion. The God who sends us defines the mission of bringing God’s love to every corner of the world. The New Testament word for this is *apostolic* – that which God sends (Luke 9:1-2 and 10:1).

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Wherever God sends us, we form community in God’s name and in God’s presence. When God sends one or two of us to share love with one or two others, Christ is with us

(Matt 18:20). Every place we go, we bring God’s presence with us, and every conversation becomes a community. God sends apostles (and Disciples) to heal; we know that from Luke 9:1-2, when Jesus first sent out the twelve to minister in his name. That’s why we need to form communities of healing; it’s what God has always sent us to do.

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God also calls us into communities of learning, including teaching and proclamation (Is 61:1, Matt 28:18-20, Luke 9:2, Acts 2:42). From as long ago as the time of the Exodus, when God rescued the people, God commanded us to form learning

communities (Deut 11:18-21). Teaching about our faith in God is a core value of Christian community, just as it is essential for Christian mission (Prov 3:1; Matt 28:18-20). But we must also heed the scriptural advice that, even though some among us are teachers, we all remain learners (Deut 5:1, Prov 1:8). Jesus came to teach, and we all continue to learn together from his teaching (Matt 11:15). Our role is to be a community that learns together and from each other, along with our mission of healing the world’s brokenness and showing forth God’s wholeness. This is the path toward transformation, of ourselves and of God’s world. We are called to be transformed by the renewing of our minds (Rom 12:1-2), which requires that we all be learners together and that we all work for healing of the world.

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As Disciples, we have long known some of our special gifts in the whole family of God. We know that God calls the whole people of God, not just us. Disciples don’t own the mission; we are set in motion by the one God who puts all things into motion. For this reason, we are always looking for ecumenical partners and other Christians throughout the world, and we need to listen to their witness, for they are called by the same God as we are.

In the same way, we must continue our Disciples commitment to work against the racism that injures everyone in our world and devalues the God who creates us all (Gen 1:27; John 3:16; Gal 3:28). Although racism is not humanity's only sin, Disciples have rightly made our work to dismantle racism a top priority for decades, and our work is not done. God's calling for all people to live with freedom remains at the heart of our mission (Gal 5:1).

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God's mission leads us to shape communities of healing, learning, and transformation, and God compels us to include everyone. If all of us will be learners, then all of us will need to be teachers as well. We have heard the scriptural witness to teach the children (Prov 1:2-6; Matt 19:14), but we must also remember that children can be leaders and teachers. We confess that Jesus is the child who leads us and teaches us (Luke 2:39-52), and throughout history, God has raised up leaders and teachers of all ages in our community (1 Sam 3; Is 11:6; Ps 8:1; Matt 21:16; 2 Tim 1:5). We call the church to see that God gives dreams to children (Joel 2:28; Acts 2:17), and God gives strength and wisdom to youth (1 Sam 3:19-21; 1 Sam 17:42; 1 Kings 18:12; Jer 3:4; Hos 2:15; Ps 103:5; 1 Tim 4:12). Proverbs 20:29 tells us plainly that God strength, splendor, and beauty in every stage of life, and Zechariah 8:4 shows how youth and age belong together in joyful community. God has raised up spectacular leaders among those of age (like Abraham and Sarah, or Elizabeth and Zechariah, or Moses, whose work started when he was 80) and of youth (like Samuel, Ruth, and David – the children, youth, and young adults of their day). God gives us leaders of every generation, and we need to receive them all as gifts from God for the upbuilding of the whole body. For the church to be true to God's mission, we all need to realize we are all learners as the whole people of God, no matter what our life experience.

God's mission sends us to the world that God so loves, and calls us to form inclusive communities where God's people find healing, learning, and transformation. As Disciples, we covenant together to live out this mission, including all ages, all races, all kinds of people, equipping all the saints for the work of ministry, because God calls us into unity and wholeness for the sake of the whole world (Eph 4:13).

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Questions:

1. Read Exodus 3:1-15. Scripture tells us that, after Moses's call, he spent 40 years leading the Israelites and then died at the age of 120 (Deut 34:7), so he must have been 80 years old when he began leadership and his teaching role. Why would God choose a leader of this age?
2. After Moses, God chose Joshua as the next leader. Joshua began his ministry as a youth (Num 11:28). He may have been in his early twenties or even younger when he became leader (Num 32:11). How did this transfer of generations help the Israelites adapt to the Promised Land?
3. Read 1 Samuel 3:1-21. Samuel is quite young in this story; maybe a child of 6, or maybe a youth of 11 or 12, according to traditions. Why would God give visions to a child like Samuel? How do Samuel and Eli, his older mentor, share in ministry?
4. Read Matthew 11:25-27 and Matthew 18:1-7. How does this help us realize our church as always learning like children? How should the church treat its youngest members?
5. Read Acts 2:40-47. What does this show us about how to be *inclusive communities*? What does it look like when we are *healing, learning, and transforming*?



2017 General Assembly Resolutions

From the Special Rules for the General Assembly

Operational, Policy and Organizational:

Operational, Policy and Organizational Items are those which establish policy, institute or revise structures, or procedures, authorize programs, approve directions or mandate actions. (For a complete description, see section 2.2 of the [Special Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly](#).)

Sense-of-the-Assembly: A Sense-of-the-Assembly Resolution is an expression of the General Assembly concerning a moral, ethical or religious matter confronting the church, the nation or the world. Adoption of a resolution must represent agreement by a majority of an assembly's voting representatives that the conviction or view expressed is based on Christian insights and is a part of their witness to

Jesus Christ. Resolutions are developed for the guidance of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in its program operation, for the consideration of the congregations and members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and for a Christian witness to the world. The text of a proposed resolution should be so phrased as not to bring into question the Christian commitment of those who do not agree. (For a complete description, see section 2.5 of the [Special Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly](#).)

Text of the resolutions as well as reports from the general ministries may be found online at <http://disciples.org/ga/business>.

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GA-1717	<p>RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE AND REAFFIRM OUR COMMITMENT TO THE VISION OF PLANTING 1,000 NEW CONGREGATIONS BY 2020</p> <p>In this resolution, submitted by Hope Partnership for Missional Transformation, the partners celebrate the initiative that counts 975 plants and affiliates with greater than 60 percent still bearing Christ's witness 5 years past their inception. <i>Operational, Policy and Organizational, 12 minutes</i></p>
GA-1718	<p>CONCERNING AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE MERGER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NATIONAL CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY CONVENTION WITH THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCHES (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)</p> <p>As part of the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Merger Agreement, the National Convocation brings this resolution to the assembly to request that colleges, seminaries, regions and the General Board of the Christian Church include education about the merger between the National Christian Missionary Convention and the International Convention of the Christian Churches through the book "Journey Toward Wholeness" by Brenda Cardwell and William K. Fox, Jr. <i>Operational, Policy and Organizational, 12 minutes</i></p>

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GA-1719	<p>A CALL FOR THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) TO ADVOCATE FOR THE RIGHTS OF CHILDREN LIVING UNDER ISRAELI MILITARY OCCUPATION</p> <p>The Division of Overseas Ministries brings this resolution to the General Assembly to encourage the Church to learn about conditions in Palestine and the State of Israel and advocate for the rights of children, encourage United States governmental bodies to examine the practices of military allies and ratify the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and that the General Minister and President communicate this call to specific governmental leaders. <i>Sense-of-the-Assembly, 24 minutes</i></p>
GA-1720	<p>AFFIRMATION OF OUR COMMITMENT TO RESPONSIBLE INVESTING</p> <p>The boards of three financial ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) – the Christian Church Foundation, Disciples Church Extension Fund, and the Pension Fund of the Christian Church – affirm their commitment to engage with the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility and to bring an educational program to the 2019 General Assembly. <i>Operational, Policy and Organizational, 12 minutes</i></p>
GA-1721	<p>A RENEWED COMMITMENT TO RECONCILIATION MINISTRY</p> <p>Six congregations from Missouri, Ohio and Oklahoma bring this resolution to the General Assembly to encourage the Church to renew its commitment to being a pro-reconciling/anti-racist church as laid out in a resolution from the 2007 General Assembly and to support Reconciliation Ministry in its work. <i>Sense-of-the-Assembly, 12 minutes</i></p>
GA-1722	<p>REPUDIATION OF THE CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE OF DISCOVERY: A CALL TO EDUCATION AND ACTION AND SUPPORT FOR INDIGENOUS VOICES IN THE WITNESS OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)</p> <p>The submitters of this resolution urge the Church to examine the ways the Christian Doctrine of Discovery has shaped our understandings and to find ways to incorporate the indigenous voice into the life of all three expressions of the Church as well as educational institutions affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). <i>Sense-of-the-Assembly, 24 minutes</i></p>
GA-1723	<p>ON BECOMING IMMIGRANT WELCOMING CONGREGATIONS</p> <p>Disciples ministries including the Central Pastoral Office for Hispanic Ministries, Refugee and Immigration Ministries of Disciples Home Missions, Disciples Women, Disciples Immigration Legal Counsel, North American Pacific/Asian Disciples, National Benevolent Association, National Convocation and Iglesia Alas de Salvacion (AZ) and Iglesia Christiana Emanuel (TX) are calling on congregations to consider becoming “immigrant welcoming congregations” by engaging in prayer and action around issues of immigration, providing supportive resources and programs to their local immigrant communities and building bridges between congregations that are majority immigrant and majority non-immigrant. <i>Sense-of-the-Assembly, 24 minutes</i></p>

GA-1724	<p>RESOLUTION CONCERNING CARBON NEUTRALITY</p> <p>In this resolution submitted by Christmount National Camp and Conference Center, Green Chalice of Disciples Home Missions and the Kentucky region, Week of Compassion, Disciples Volunteering and the General Youth Council of Disciples Home Missions and supported by Global Ministries/Division of Overseas Ministries, the Church is asked to consider a program of worship, study, repentance, advocacy and rest aimed at reducing our carbon output. <i>Sense-of-the-Assembly, 12 minutes</i></p>
GA-1725	<p>RECOGNITION OF THE REGION OF CANADA AS A TRADITIONALLY UNDERREPRESENTED CULTURAL COMMUNITY</p> <p>The Region of Canada and Sugarbush Christian Church of Guelph, ON, submit a resolution calling on the Church to fully support inclusion of the congregations in Canada in materials, participation and governance and to become more aware of Canadian culture. <i>Operational, Policy and Organizational, 12 minutes</i></p>
GA-1726	<p>PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE DESIGN OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST): CLARITY ON THE ROLE OF RACIAL AND ETHNIC MINISTRIES IN THE DESIGN</p> <p>The General Board of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) submits this item from its Governance Committee to the General Assembly. Please see the full text online for details of revised language for Paragraph 69 of <i>The Design</i>. <i>Operational, Policy and Organizational, 12 minutes</i></p>
GA-1727	<p>PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE DESIGN OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST): RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE RACIST LANGUAGE AUDIT TASK FORCE</p> <p>The General Board of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) submits this item from its Governance Committee to the General Assembly. Please see the full text online for details of revised paragraphs 12, 25, 31, 38, 41, 48, 51, 79 and 80 of <i>The Design</i>. <i>Operational, Policy and Organizational, 12 minutes</i></p>
GA-1728	<p>PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE DESIGN OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST): REMOVAL OF CONGREGATIONS FROM THE YEARBOOK AND DIRECTORY FOR CAUSE OR INACTIVITY</p> <p>The General Board of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) submits this item from its Governance Committee to the General Assembly. Please see the full text online for details of revised Paragraph 9 and Endnote 1 of <i>The Design</i>. <i>Operational, Policy and Organizational, 12 minutes</i></p>
GA-1729	<p>REPORT OF THE TIME AND PLACE COMMITTEE</p> <p>The General Board forwards the recommendation that the 2019 General Assembly be held in Des Moines, IA on July 20-24, 2019. <i>Operational, Policy and Organizational, 12 minutes</i></p>
GA-1730	<p>REPORT FROM THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL BOARD</p> <p>The General Assembly Committee of the General Board has a two-fold responsibility. First – it is the General Board committee responsible for recommending the location for future General Assemblies. Secondly, it follows up on approved or referred resolutions which contained actionable items from the previous General Assembly and report back to the current General Assembly. <i>No action required, 12 minutes</i></p>



GA-1731	<p>SOCIAL WITNESS TASK FORCE PROGRESS REPORT</p> <p>The task force, which has been examining a process for discussion of and education about important religious, ethical and social issues, offers a progress report based on their two years of study. A draft of a process is included in the report online and in the docket. <i>No action required, 12 minutes</i></p>
GA-1732	<p>STEWARDSHIP AS A SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINE AND ITS APPLICATIONS IN THE 21ST CENTURY</p> <p>At the 2015 General Assembly, the Center for Faith and Giving was authorized to write a study document on stewardship as a spiritual discipline. The resulting study document is being put forward for issuance to the Church by the 2017 General Assembly. Included are biblical reflections, chapters on care for the earth and ourselves, generosity and transformation. The Church is invited to enter into a season of study and consider recommendations in the document. <i>Issued for study, 12 minutes</i></p>
GA-1733	<p>CHANGE IN REGIONAL BOUNDARIES: SOUTHWEST AND KANSAS</p> <p>First Christian Church in Liberal, KS, and the Southwest and Kansas regions request that First Christian be included in the Kansas region. <i>Operational, Policy and Organizational, 12 minutes</i></p>
GA-1734	<p>ELECTION OF THE GENERAL MINISTER AND PRESIDENT</p> <p>The General Board of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) forwards the name of Teresa Hord Owens to be elected as General Minister and President for a term of 6 years. <i>Operational, Policy and Organizational, 12 minutes. Please note: voting will be by paper ballot.</i></p>
GA-1735	<p>GENERAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT FOR OFFICERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY</p> <p>The slate of officers nominated include first vice moderator, second vice-moderator and moderator-elect. Their terms are for the 2017-2019 biennium. In addition, a number of other positions are included. <i>Operational, Policy and Organizational, 12 minutes.</i></p>
GA-1736	<p>REPORT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FUTURING TASK FORCE</p> <p>The Administrative Committee created a task force to examine the future of the General Assembly event. The team reviewed existing survey information and determined several recommended actions for organizers of the event. <i>No action required, 12 minutes</i></p>





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