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**In what ways is your  
region/ministry thriving?**

We are blessed with resources to equip ministry. Our good news is that we have added an Associate Regional Minister for Transformation, Rev. Dr. Alex Ruth. We also have a Regional Director of Communication Ministry, Rev. Angee Byrd, who has been supporting our congregations in their efforts to communicate in a pandemic era. Our region had invested in communication and deployed our staff before the pandemic developed. We have been hosting clergy cluster groups, online training, ethics workshops, and helping congregations with search and call with the use of technology. We were able to host shortened version of camp this summer with the leadership of Rev. Eli Rolon.

Since the beginning of 2021, we have been in conversation with the Christian Church Michigan region to be in covenant relationship.

**What are the biggest  
challenges facing your  
region/ministry this year?**

Fatigue from an ongoing pandemic is effecting most everyone, including our pastors and congregations. Knowing the best way forward is challenging the entire community.

We are also challenged by the need to find pastors for small congregations.

We also have a gap between what pastors want in congregations from the start; and what congregations don't want in pastors from the start. Indifference.

**What is something you hope to accomplish in the next year?**

We hope to develop a healthy covenantal relationship with the Christian Church Michigan region.

**What is something you would like the General Board to know about your region/ministry?**

I would like you to know that our region has dynamic congregations that are diverse in every way possible and that what holds us together is a Vision "to be be a radically welcoming Region of connected Disciples congregations, radiating the Creator's love, continuing Christ's mission, and following the Spirit's call."

**How can we pray for your region/ministry?**

You can pray for the spirit to move among our two regions as we work to overcome indifference that is expressed in the prevailing culture in these words: "I have no need of you."