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

"The Dawning of a New Day in Regional Ministry." On January 1, 2022 a new, innovative, approach to Regional ministry will begin. The Covenant Partnership between the Michigan and Illinois-Wisconsin regions enables the opportunity for innovation, transformation, creativity, and refinement in developing effective and meaningful regional ministry. After much prayer and hard work the foundation has been laid to build with the gifts and experiences of the leadership of both regions.

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

Financial challenges remain for the Michigan Region, but then progress made over the past year bodes well for the future. Securing pastors for smaller congregations continues to be a difficult process, matching the capacity of the congregations with the needs of the pastors.

The pandemic has created obstacles to our camping program, but thanks to the commitment and determination of the dedicated program director and counselors plans for camp go forward. They have thoroughly researched what is necessary for this to be done safely and in compliance with state and local health department requirements.

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

We look forward to a greater connection among congregations in the region and relationships between congregations across both regions. Leadership development programs for leaders in congregations will expand.

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

We are enthusiastic about the possibilities the Covenant Partnership provides and breaking new ground in regional ministry as change becomes a necessity.

How can we pray for your region/ministry?

Please pray for Rev. Teresa Dulyea-Parker as she leads us through all the joys and challenges of this Covenant Partnership.