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**Name of ministry:**

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Northern California-Nevada

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

The responses to these questions are a compilation from our staff including our youth, women's, and men's ministry staff.

Embracing positive change, multiculturally diverse, we are committed to being an anti-racist. We are an open and affirming region and we encourage our congregations to be as well. Greater communication between the region and congregations with information being shared through our newsletter. New ministries are emerging that support the need for housing and shelter, mental health and wellness, and disability ministries.

We are a helpful region, willing to lend a hand, especially in support of youth ministries. We continue to develop ways to stay connected to each other.

Thanks to the generosity of our congregations and members, we are in a healthy financial situation.

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

The continuing pandemic has left us weary of zoom. Several of our congregations are in need of updating their technical equipment -- cameras, microphones, bandwidth. People are eager to meet face to face, as some have begun doing making sure that safety protocols are followed.

We continue to be concerned about climate change as it impacts the environment and helps create wildfires, floods, and threats to the ocean. We are also challenged by reaching out to people on the margins of society (the unsheltered, food insecure, people with physical and mental health challenges).

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

Connect better with youth and add to the Regional Youth Council in a way that helps us receive new ideas and new energy. Continue to grow youth ministry and our camp and conference ministry.

Develop a healthy church conference (Mental, Social, Financial)  
Increase outreach to African American youth and build connection with more General Church ministries, such as the National Convocation. Increase outreach to Hispanic, Senior and Retired Clergy.

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

Dynamic, Diverse, Progressive, Inclusive, Empowered, Supportive, open minded.

The importance of keeping youth connected to the church in ways that empower and strengthen all of us.

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

Pray that we continue to find ways to remain financially stable. Pray safety and health for our ministers.

Pray for greater connection and that the day will come soon when this pandemic comes to an end.

