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FLOURISH! Ramps Up for Second Year Success

After a successful first year, the Region's clergy economic initiative is ramping up for year two. The second round of grant applications for both the Financial Relief (individual) and Compensation Support (congregational) grants have just been completed.

In 2016, more than \$88,600 was raised as matching dollars to help alleviate financial burdens to pastors within our region.



"We are excited to know that we can control our finances and our finances don't have to control us."

Along with the ability to receive grant funds, program participants have received training on personal and congregational finance. Peer groups have been formed to enable clergy to learn from and resource

each other as they apply the knowledge to their ministries.

Here's what our ministers are saying:

"It is awesome to know that I am not alone and that the Region cares."

FLOURISH

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Regional Staff Welcomes Dawn Barnes And Says Farewell to Joel Cooper and Carolynn Martin Miller

We welcome Dawn Barnes to the Regional staff as a Ministry Associate, who began her work with us on March 6.



Dawn Barnes

Dawn was a longtime missionary in South Africa and Mozambique with Global Ministries.

She has also spent time with Week of Compassion and, most recently, the Mennonite Central Committee in Southern Africa. Dawn is now back in Indianapolis with her husband, Jon and

two children, where they are members at Central Christian Church. Feel free to send Dawn a note of welcome at dawn@indianadisciples.org.

We said goodbye to Joel Cooper, as he concluded his work with us on March 2. Joel has moved to East Timor, an island nation in Southeast Asia between Australia and Indonesia, to marry and reside with his fiancé, Amena Cristovao, who he met when they were both serving as



Joel Cooper

STAFF

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Terri Hord Owens Nominated to be New General Minister and President

Disciples minister Terri Hord Owens has been nominated by the General Board of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) to be the next General Minister and President of our church. Rev. Owens currently serves as the Dean of Students at the University of Chicago Divinity School and as the minister of the First Christian Church of Downers Grove, Illinois. Her election will take place at the General Assembly of our church to be held in Indianapolis, July 8-12.

She was ordained to ministry by our Region in July 2003 at Light of the World Christian Church. Many will remember her as our Regional Assembly preacher in 2010 when we gathered at Geist Christian Church. Prior to entering seminary, first at Christian Theological Seminary and subsequently at the University of Chicago Divinity School, Terri had an extensive career as an IT consultant and executive with major corporations including Anthem, IBM, and Ameritech. Her undergraduate degree is from Harvard. She has been with the University of Chicago since 2005. She currently serves as Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Christian Theological Seminary. Rev. Owens' husband, Walter, is a church musician serving as the Minister of Music and Arts at Salem Baptist Church of Chicago. Their son, Mitchell, is a composer, music producer, and conductor.

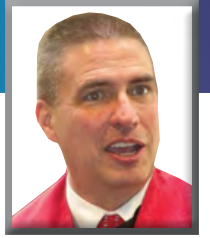


In making herself available for consideration for this position she wrote:

"As we prayerfully discern together how God is leading our church, I am committed to my relationship with God, my discipleship as a follower of Christ, to walk humbly with God so that I am prepared to do justly and love kindness. I offer myself in fellowship and covenant to my fellow believers to do the work of ministry, to be a faithful leader and co-laborer, a servant within our movement and a faithful steward of all its resources. May they look at our fellowship, with all its diversity, with all its struggles, and marvel at God's goodness and love."

We celebrate her call to serve our whole church in this leadership role as our next General Minister and President. †

In The Spirit Richard L. Spleth, Indiana Regional Minister



Some Assembly Required

The Greek word for the church in the New Testament is *ecclesia* (ἐκκλησία). It means literally an assembly or convocation. In the ancient world it could refer to a secular gathering. In Athens the *ecclesia*, also known as the Assembly, was a regular gathering for citizens to come together to speak their mind and it was considered a cornerstone of their democracy. Over the years, though, *ecclesia* became associated with the church and so that today if you say in English, something is ecclesiastical, they will presume you are talking about the church. All of that is to say that from our very beginning the church has been about assembly.

Of course that is the case. Christianity is not a solitary endeavor. Jesus calls us to ministry in the world and to be in relationship with one another and all creation. You cannot be a congregation if you do not congregate. And clearly we cannot be the church, the *ecclesia*, if we do not assemble.

We have the chance to do that once again, big time, this summer when the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) convenes in Indianapolis July 8-12. It will be a remarkable time for our people to gather and claim our unity and connection. In fact the theme of the Assembly, *One*, points us in that direction. In the gospel of John, Jesus prays that we be one that the world might believe.

Unity is not the same as uniformity. One of the blessings of the Assembly is the opportunity it provides for encounter and discovery with persons unlike ourselves. At the General Assembly this summer we will welcome Disciples from all across the United States and Canada and literally around the world. Some will look and act and think like us, and others not so much. All will be welcome because we know that we are enriched by their company.



We have welcomed our Disciples cousins to Indianapolis before. We did so in 1870, 1873, 1881, 1887, 1897, 1932, 1989, and 2009. In 2009 there were 5,800 persons registered and of that group 1,123 were from Indiana. Our hope is to break the 6,000 number this year but doing so will require that the biggest group present is once again from our Region.

It is especially meaningful that the General Assembly is being held in Indianapolis this year since we will be saying thank you to one favorite daughter of our Region who is completing 12 years of service as our General Minister and President and, pending a positive vote of the Assembly, installing a new favorite daughter of our Region as the next GMP.

Sharon Watkins grew up in University Park Christian Church. We have been very proud and blessed by her leadership.

Our pride now continues with the nomination of Terri Owens to succeed Sharon Watkins as the eighth General Minister and President of our church. Though now living in Chicago Terri, too, is from Indiana, growing up in Terre Haute and then serving for numerous years as a young adult leader in Light of the World Christian Church, Indianapolis, before responding to her call to ministry. Terri was ordained by the Indiana Region in July 2003 at Light of the World. She wore her grandfather's

preaching robe and intends to wear it again at her installation at the Assembly if the *ecclesia* gives her the nod.

She would be the first African-American to serve our church in this leadership role. It is particularly appropriate that this moment happen in our Region. We were the first Region in our church to have an African-American Regional Minister, John Compton, who was called in 1979. Now, 38 years later we have the chance to make history again with the election of our first African-American General Minister and President, assuming that the Assembly affirms the recommendation of the GMP Search Committee which has been chaired

by Jackie Bunch, a laywoman from Ohio. Do you know Jackie? She is John Compton's daughter. Perfect.

My friends, I look forward to sharing this special moment with you. Register today to be with us. Contact the Regional office if you would like to provide volunteer support to the gathering. Come be with us as we assemble in answer to Jesus' desire that we be one. †

Blessings on you and your congregation,

Richard L. Spleth
Regional Minister

2017

Regional Calendar

APRIL

- 11 Nurture and Certification Meetings
- 28-30 Spring Youth Assembly at Geneva Center
- 29 Disciples Women Spring Event
- 29 Commissioned Ministers Spring Meetings

MAY

- 11 Regional Elders Meeting
- 12-13 Financial Literacy Academy
- 16 Commission on Ministry
- 29 Regional Offices Closed-Memorial Day Holiday

JUNE

- Geneva Center
Rochester, Indiana**
- 12-15 Commissioned Ministers Summer School at Christian Theological Seminary
- 12-17 High School (grades 9-12) at Geneva Center
- Traditional
- MAD
- CROSS
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- Bedford Christian Camp
Bedford, Indiana**
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- 26-July 1 Middle School Camp (grades 6-8)

JULY

- Bedford Christian Camp
Bedford, Indiana**
- 5-7 You and Me (ages 5 and up with adult)
- 8-12 General Assembly, Convention Center Downtown Indianapolis
- 13-15 New Beginnings Camp (grades 1-3)
- 17-22 Explorer Camp (grades 4-5)

Unless otherwise indicated, meetings will be held at the Indiana Interchurch Center. All times, unless otherwise indicated, are for the Eastern Time Zone. You can also view the regional calendar by visiting our website at: <http://indianadisciples.org/upcoming-events>.

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**SUMMER
ISSUE
DEADLINE**
July 6, 2017





The Alley Theatre

Three years ago, Pastor Rick Vale (a retired professional actor, now serving as Pastor to Central Christian Church in Anderson) was quoted as saying, "I don't want to stand before the Great White Throne and be asked why, after God placed me in the pulpit, brought all these actors into the fold, and set us in a building with a theatre, we didn't form our own theatre company... so we did."



With a generous gift from a congregational member, Central Christian Church in Anderson formed The Alley Theatre (the main entrance to the theatre is off the alley) in a large but little-used space with a stage. As a sub-ministry of the church's Missions & Outreach Committee, the theatre presents classic, quality plays (*The Glass Menagerie*, *Agnes of God*, *Macbeth*, *Steel Magnolias*, and *The Odd Couple*, to name a few from past seasons) to an audience mostly comprised of non-Central-Church people. The actors, designers and directors are from Madison County and surrounding counties, some professional, some amateur, some congregational members. The venue is a "black box" with adjustable seating, most of the performances are given "in-the-round", although the small stage is used each season, in a traditional "proscenium" setting.



Central believes the Church should be the FIRST place to present and preserve art that is "good, beautiful, and true" and in that celebration of art, they wish to honor God and offer a gift to the community. Funds for productions are raised through gifts, concessions, and fundraisers. All ticket income for the season then goes to the Church's General Fund.

The season runs November through March each year. More information about The Alley Theatre is available at www.thealleytheatre.com, Twitter, and Facebook. †



Building Community

Jim Burkhart, First Christian Church, Martinsville

SAWs, a non-profit corporation, began as a partnership between Second Presbyterian Church and St. Luke's United Methodist Church and is designed to build wheelchair accessible ramps for people in financial need who would otherwise be captives in their own homes. This ministry has since spread to 30 plus construction groups throughout the state. Disciples congregations, First Christian Church, Bargsville and First Christian Church, Martinsville are part of this ministry. Dating back to 2011, each congregation has blessed the community with over 3,500 volunteer hours building 32 ramps. This ministry is funded by donations from FCC of Martinsville and grants from the community.

Last year, the SAWs group statewide grew to over to 800 volunteers and constructed over 300 ramps. †

Indiana Disciples Women's Council Sponsors

"Simple Gifts for Busy Women"

1 Peter 4:10

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

Saturday, April 29, 2017

\$15 Includes Lunch

Registration at 9:30

10am-2:30pm

North Christian Church

850 Tipton Lane

Columbus, IN 47201

Worship • Fellowship • Music

Reverend Lori Tapia

National Pastor for Hispanic Ministries

Jessica Phillips

Indiana Woman to Woman Representative
to Ghana and South Africa

To Register go to:

<https://wmt.suran.com/main/preview/5945>

Cost \$15 which includes lunch



There will be a time dedicated to sharing ideas for mission projects. Participants are encouraged to bring appropriate samples and information from their church experience.

Notice: Blessing Boxes will be received.

Ministry Milestones

MINISTRY CHANGES

Jeffrey Deaton began serving as the Pastor of Central Christian Church, Connorsville on September 18.

Haley Asberry began serving as the Interim Pastor Wabash Christian Church, Wabash on October 28.

Patty Jones concluded her ministry at First Christian Church, Sheridan on November 30.

Stephen Yarbrough began serving as Pastor of First Christian Church, Sheridan on December 1.

Bill Burkley concluded his ministry at Brooklyn Christian Church, Brooklyn, Ind. on December 31.

Roger Gifford began serving as Interim Minister

at Brooklyn Christian Church, Brooklyn, Ind. on January 1.

Doug Collins began serving as Associate Minister at Allisonville Christian Church, Indianapolis on January 9.

Cindy Ploughe began serving as the Pastor of First Christian Church, Richmond on January 29.

Philip Miller began serving as Interim Minister at First Christian Church, Jeffersonville on February 1.

Don Campbell concluded his ministry at Danville Christian Church, Danville on February 1.

Bruce Ervin began serving as Transitional Minister at First Christian Church, Bedford on February 5.

Tom Cupka began serving as Interim Minister at First Christian Church, Auburn on February 19

Bob Riester and **Sue Shadburne Call** began serving as the short term Interim Ministers at Danville Christian Church, Danville on February 26.

Maggie Archibald began serving as the Associate Pastor at Avon Christian Church, Avon on March 19.

DEATHS

DeWitt Sheffield, retired Disciples of Christ minister, died November 16, 2016.

John Henry Cain, Retired Disciples of Christ Minister died March 17, 2017 †



GENERAL ASSEMBLY



SPECIAL RATE
FOR
INDIANA REGION ATTENDEES
through the month of April, 2017

\$125

Use Code Indiana1
to get the host discount rate

WORSHIP AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Powerful Preaching, Uplifting Music, and Sharing the Lord's Supper
All in one room as thousands of Disciples worship God together!

Themes for each worship, based on theme scripture of John 17:20-21a:

"I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one."

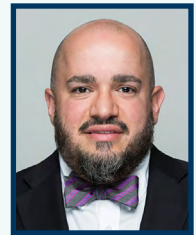
SATURDAY

"We Pray All Unity Will One Day Be Restored"

We join our hearts in this "Lord's Prayer" acknowledging that our lives, the life of the church, and the world are not as God desires. We pray we may receive the gift of unity God gives. This worship will be celebratory in tone, full of praise and adoration for the God who will make us one.

Speaker: Rev. José Morales Jr.

Rev. José Morales Jr. is the Director of Pastoral Formation at Disciples Seminary Foundation in Claremont, CA and pursuing his PhD in Comparative Theology and Philosophy at Claremont School of Theology.

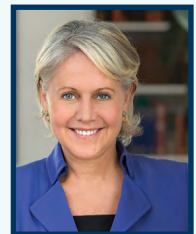


SUNDAY

"We Will Walk Hand in Hand"

We join to elect a new General Minister and President and commit to connecting ourselves with her for leadership in the church. And while we await the results of the vote, we will sing, pray and hear three short meditations.

Speakers scheduled to appear include Rev. Jae Young Rhee of Ghent Christian Church in Akron, OH; Rev. Dr. Jen Garbin, regional minister in Canada, and Brite Seminary student Henry Brewer-Calvert.



MONDAY

"We Will Guard Each One's Dignity and Save Each One's Pride"

This lively and active worship will celebrate that our unity is dependent on working for social justice for all God's people.

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Serene Jones

The Rev. Dr. Serene Jones is the 16th president of the historic Union Theological Seminary in the City of New York and the first woman to head the 174-year-old nondenominational seminary.



TUESDAY

"Together We Will Spread the News that God is Our land."

Jesus' prayer implies evangelism and witness. He lifts up those who will believe in him because of our testimony.

Speaker: Rev. Virzola Law

Rev. Virzola Law is the senior pastor at Lindenwood Christian Church in Memphis, TN and a fourth-generation Disciple.

WEDNESDAY

"They will Know we are Christians by our Love."

The newly elected general minister and president will describe the ways in which they imagine our church demonstrating and enacting our love, sending us back into our communities to show our unity and love.

JULY 8-12



EDUCATION

General Assembly always presents wonderful and engaging opportunities for education, sharing ideas with others, and participating in meaningful and resource-building discussion. (Workshops and schedules subject to change.)

LEARNING TRACKS

The 2017 General Assembly will present four learning track opportunities. CORE lectures will lay the groundwork for each track on Monday morning. Tuesday and Wednesday will offer participants various panels and workshops in their track. (If you choose to stay with a single learning track, you can choose in your online registration to earn three CEUs through Christian Theological Seminary.)

JUSTICE

Core Lecturer
Rev. Sandhya Jha
Oakland Peace Center

As Christians, what can we help make right? This learning community explores how Disciples leaders and communities of faith are reforming and resisting injustices such as mass incarceration in the U.S., gun violence, systems of prejudice against mental illness, environmental racism, peacemaking in global communities, and efforts to respond to the international refugee.



STEWARDSHIP & RESOURCES

Core Lecturer
Rev. Dr. Eric Law
Kaleidoscope Institute

Human, Capital and Financial/People, Buildings and Dollars! This learning community empowers congregations to expand their vision of stewardship beyond money to include the currencies of relationship, truth, wellness, gracious leadership, time and place.



WORSHIP

Core Lecturer
Dr. Marcia McFee
Worship Design Studio

Creating Sacred Spaces: This learning community focuses on connecting through music, drama, liturgy, preaching and more. The Association of Disciples Musicians (ADM) is helping to lead this learning community.



TRANSFORMATIVE LEADERSHIP & INNOVATION

Core Lecturer
Rev. Dr. Yvonne Gilmore
Disciples Divinity House, University of Chicago

Innovation is a key element of transformative leadership for the church in this new era of mission, whether transforming existing congregations or establishing new ones. This learning track seeks to further equip lay and clergy leaders to stretch forward into God's future with faithful, innovative practices for today's 21st century context.



GIVING YOUR OFFERINGS

Four offerings will be received during the 2017 General Assembly worship in Indianapolis. Every offering will have an option to give online. You can give to these offerings at any time or during worship with your mobile phone via our new app or through your tablet via the web site.



SATURDAY, JULY 8, 2017
Pension Fund: 13th Check



MONDAY, JULY 10, 2017
Reconciliation Ministry



TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2017
Week of Compassion



WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 2017
Disciples Mission Fund



REGISTRATION

Register online at <http://ga.disciples.org/registration>

REGISTRATION FEES

Type	Rate
Adult/Regular Rate	\$190
Volunteer Rate**	\$125
Young Adult (19-29)	\$125
Seminarians	\$125
Youth (13-18)	\$100
Pre-School and Elementary	\$80

***Persons from the Indiana Region may register for \$125 through April 2017. Use the code "Indiana1"**

****Volunteer Rate**

Local volunteers will be given a discount code to use when registering online.

Visit indianadisciples.org/generalassembly for more information on volunteer registration.

GROUP DISCOUNTS

If you register 10 people with the same registration type ("Adult", "Youth", etc.) the 11th registration is free. The online registration website will automatically add the discount when you add the 11th person—no need for a special code!

REFUND POLICY

A \$15 processing fee will be deducted from the total amount paid if a refund is requested before April 1, 2017. If a refund is requested on or after April 1, 2017, 50% of the total fees paid will be refunded. There are no refunds after May 1, 2017.

CONGO CONNECTION



Our partners in the Mbandaka District of the Disciples Community in the Congo are always supportive of the life of Disciples regions near and far. With a service at temple of Mbandaka III, the congregation focused on prayer and connections, that we all would seek the compassion of God towards his people everywhere in the world. †

Longtime Congregation Organist, Retires

By Ken Rickett, First Christian Bargersville

Unusual events in congregational history are celebrated within the congregation; however, such events may be matched only by a few, if any other congregations throughout the United States. First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Bargersville, IN, has just celebrated 68 consecutive years with a member of the Hollandbeck family as organist. In the late 1940s the Lester and Margaret Hollandbeck family moved to Bargersville; they visited and then united with First Christian Church and soon thereafter Margaret Hollandbeck became organist beginning in 1948 and retiring on October 15, 1978. She continued to be active in the church, attending worship regularly, until her short illness and demise in 2011. Her son, Dale Hollandbeck, “picked up where his mother left off” and served as organist until his retirement on January 1, 2017—a span of 68 years altogether. Dale served as choir director for the last 14 years as well as organist. In addition, Dale's wife, Beverly, accompanied him by playing the piano in worship for 35 years before also retiring on January 1, 2017—and these three Hollandbeck family members have provided music for First Christian Church for a combined total of 103 years! Remarkable!

Dale shares some interesting observations. Being a small child when his mother started playing the organ and his father sang in the choir, he never had the experience of sitting together as a family in church. Then, as a husband and father, he also was not able to sit with his own family because of music responsibilities and choir commitments. Here is a record of 68 years in which two generations never or rarely occupied a pew together. Needless to say, with an “empty nest” at home, the Hollandbecks, after a long deserved vacation, will be singing in the choir—with Beverly on the front row and Dale on the back row with the male voices! †



Dale and Beverly Hollandbeck

FLOURISH

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“We are excited to know that we can control our finances and our finances don't have to control us!”

On May 12-13, the Financial Literacy Academy will again take place where nearly 200 attendees are

expected. Guest facilitators are, Dan Busby and Michael Martin of the Evangelical Counsel for Financial Accountability who will train on understanding clergy taxes and congregational financial accountability.

The horizon looks bright for the FLOURISH! Project! For information on attending the academy or supporting the program as a donor, log on to www.indianadisciples.org/flourish or contact cynthia@indianadisciples.org. †

STAFF

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camp counselors for our Region at Bedford and Barbee in 2013. Amena's presence in the U.S. was sponsored by Global Ministries for her to study to become a Medical Laboratory Technician to help build the capacity of the medical clinic she works at in East Timor. We offer our prayers and blessing on Joel on his transition to East Timor.

We also said goodbye to Carolynn Martin-Miller, Regional Coordinator for Women's Ministries. Carolynn concluded her work with us at the end of February. Carolynn was instrumental



Carolynn Martin-Miller

in the oversight of the women's ministry events this past spring at a Regional assembly. We offer our prayers and blessings on Carolynn as she moves into her role as an Human Resources Administrator in the Boston area. †

Together

The Manna Process reiterated the need for our region to renew relationships and connections with one another. Staffing is now configured to intentionally nurture relationships throughout the region. Some of our congregations have already found ways to share ministry. Other congregations are seeking these opportunities. This "Together" column is a space to celebrate the bridges being built and the ministries being shared. It will feature stories of coming together to be the region. If you have something you would like to highlight, send to Carolyn Reed, Associate Regional Minister.

Youth Membership Retreat

By Linda McKiernan-Allen, Senior Minister of West Street Christian Church, Tipton

February 19 and 20, 2017, West Street Christian Church (Tipton) and First Christian Church (Shelbyville) youth worked and played together at Geneva Center in a 24 hour membership class retreat. Ten youth came from Shelbyville and eight from Tipton, ranging in age from 8 to 16 (3rd through 10th graders).

Planned by Beth Crouch, Linda McKiernan-Allen and Bill Horner (ministers of the two congregations), the retreat was designed as an alternative to a more traditional 90 minutes-a-week class during Lent for youth considering baptism. Both congregations saw this as a viable alternate to a six week class, having faced inconsistent participation from young people also engaged in music, sports and drama, with differing calendars for spring break.

We were able to include large group presentations, small break-out groups (by age), and a variety of hands-on activities. By the end of the retreat, each participant was encouraged to recognize the possibility of choosing to be baptized, and the reality of baptism as a beginning of a lifetime of learning to be a disciple (follower) of Jesus. Interspersed in the 24 hours we explored the camp, made s'mores, created 1 page "Great" booklets, and delighted in making new friends.

Geneva Center proved to be a perfect setting! Our new camp site, just outside Rochester, was far enough away to make it an outing, but close enough to allow the trip for just 24 hours. Cabins have bunk beds, plenty of bathroom space, heating (including a fireplace!) and electrical outlets galore. Meeting room space was great for the full group of 22. Meals included variety and abundance: biscuits and gravy to salad bar, fresh fruit to chocolate cake!

This cooperative effort between two congregations allowed both to expand what each would have done alone. How great to have partners in proclaiming Good News!



First Christian Church, Greencastle Gains a Second Purpose

By Eric Bernsee, Reprinted from Greencastle Banner Graphic

A church that has helped serve the ecumenical needs of the Greencastle community for 125 years may help fill other local needs for many more following action of the Greencastle Board of Zoning Appeals.

Brian Ramirez of Coatesville was unanimously granted a special exception use variance to employ the church building at 110 S. Indiana St. as an assembly or banquet hall in the Central Business District.

Ramirez explained that he and his partners have purchased the church building at the northwest corner of Indiana and Poplar streets (along with the four-apartment structure just west of it that fronts South Jackson Street).

"It's an opportunity to use a beautiful space and historic structure," he told the Board of Zoning Appeals at its January meeting last week at City Hall. "My partners and I fell in love with it. 'We love the building. We love the people. We love the history.'"

So much so that they have signed a 100-year lease with the First Christian Church congregation (part of the Greencastle landscape since 1830), which is aging and declining in number, he said. About 40 people presently attend services regularly there, Ramirez said. †

Zo Christian Church Presents Traditional Jackets

Sunday February 12th during the Zo Christian Church worship service, the Zo Christian Church elders presented the First Christian Church, Fort Wayne elders and staff with traditional Zo jackets in appreciation for all the support and assistance extended to them over the past six years. The Zo Christian Church congregation worships every Sunday afternoon in the sanctuary. Elder Chair Valery Federspiel and Elder John Ohneck meet with a team from the Zo CC once a month and help in a variety of ways. The Zo Christian Church is planning a second Youth Camp to be held at the church July 3-July 9. They pray 2 pastors from Myanmar will be able to travel to the USA to keynote the camp.



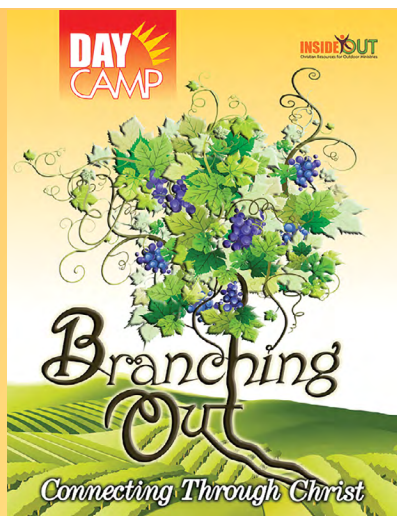
Main Street Church On the Move

Reprinted from News-Gazette

The last time parishioners of Winchester's Main Street Christian Church moved their activities into another building, Woodrow Wilson was president, Indiana was eyeing a 100th birthday and the Rev. Billy Graham wasn't yet born.

Monday night set in motion just the fourth location change in the congregation's 151-year history, as a request for the church to move into the building most recently known as Oswalt Funeral Home at 1212 E. Road 100 South was approved.

Jim Nance, a local realtor and long-time member of the Main Street congregation, said the move will culminate a long search for a facility that better suits the needs of worshippers here. †



2017 Camp Dates

Geneva Center—Rochester, Indiana

June 12-17	High School (grades 9-12)
	Traditional MAD CROSS
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2017 Spring Youth Assembly

April 28-30

Featuring Rev. **Julian Deshazier** Senior Pastor @ University Church Chicago

aka recording artist **J.Kwest** EMMY Award Winner professor @ UChicago Div. & MTS

I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they

may all be **one**

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JOHN 17: 20-21a

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Rochester, IN 46975

WELCOME TO GENEVA CENTER!