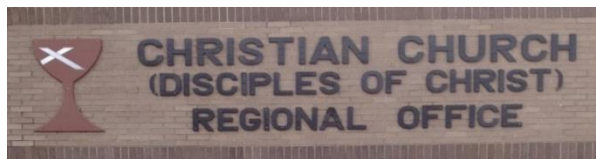




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Rev. Dr. Nadine Burton

Interim Executive Regional Minister

As we see the day approaching, and prepare to sing "Joy to the World," know that the deeper hope of the world is being born into our lives once again. Your Regional Church gives thanks for your faithful support of the **Christmas Offering for Regional Ministry** and wishes YOU and those you love a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



NEWS AND EVENTS

Louisiana Disciples Clergy Fellowship/Gathering on January 16th at 11:00am at Jerusalem Christian Church. 108 Republic Avenue, Suite F, Lafayette, LA 70508. 337-781-6652. Rev. Ashley Sherard, Pastor. Please contact Pastor Sherard for more information!



The Rev. Patricia Ann Parker Memorial Scholarship Fund is established to honor Elder Parker's legacy and passion for youth development and education for East Percy Street CC high school students entering college and/or seminary. Please send donations to:

Christian Church Foundation
P.O. Box 1986 Indianapolis, IN 46202-1986. (800) 668-8016

FCC Jonesboro January Events. Homecoming Worship Service will be January 10 @ 10:30am.

*Happy Birthday
Ms. Margaret Randle Smith*



Celebrating 100 Years of Life with Margaret Randle Smith

Reception Saturday, January 9, 2016

Drop in 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

First Christian Church Fellowship Hall

2600 Woodsprings Road

Jonesboro, Arkansas 72404



Support Your Regional **Annual Fund Drive**

donations can be sent to:

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Reminder:

2015 Disciples Mission Fund gifts must be received in Treasury Services by January 8, 2016 in order to receive credit for 2015.

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Geunhee Yu has accepted the call of the NAPAD Board of Directors to serve as STIEP (*Short Term Interim Executive Pastor*) for The NAPAD Community starting January 4, 2016 until June 30, 2016. Rev. Yu is going to be in a full time position so that he can intensively work and prepare for the upcoming Interim Executive Pastor. The Board will soon call a search committee to seek an Interim Executive Pastor who will serve until the summer of 2018 when a settled Executive Pastor will be elected at the NAPAD Convocation. For more information, please contact, John Roh at jroh3@yahoo.com

We are Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the one Body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us. — Disciples Identity Statement

Concern: "We seem to be unable to 'fill' all the positions to run the church. What can we do?"
"How can we organize the church to better meet the mission and vision of our congregation?"
"What are the responsibilities of board members?"

GOVERNANCE OF THE CONGREGATION

January 23, 2016	January 24, 2016
First Christian Church	First Christian Church
1314 Oak Ridge Dr.	101 N 10 th St.
Neosho, MO	Columbia, MO
10:30am-2:00pm	2:00pm-5:00pm



Presentation by Rev. Dr. Todd Adams, Associate General Minister and Vice President of the Christian Church (DOC) in the United States and Canada.

Adams' presentation will focus on the Ten Responsibilities of a Non-Profit Governance Board and Three Duties each board member must demonstrate. Adams is a Certified Governance Trainer for Board Source, a leading non-profit consulting and research organization. Our time together will examine best practices by the board including finance, executive evaluation, and outcomes based leadership.

Please register by January 18. Send registration to Christian Church in Mid-America, Southwest Office, 500 South Street, Springfield Mo 65806, 417-865-0850 or email olaccma@sbcglobal.net

Cost: Neosho... \$15.00 includes lunch - Columbia... \$10.00 (**PAY AT THE DOOR**)

Mid-America Center for Ministry. CPM Schedule

Below is a schedule of courses for 2016. Additional information will be added for each class as they become available. Please note some courses may require prerequisites. Click here for the program flyer for dates and instructors: [CPM Brochure](#)

<u>Introduction to Mid-Am Center for Ministry Utilizing Conflict</u>	January 5 to February 1, 2016
<u>Introduction to the Old Testament Stewardship</u>	February 2-29, 2016
<u>Overview of the Bible</u>	January 5 to February 29, 2016
<u>Evangelism</u>	January 5 to February 29, 2016
<u>Education and Leader Development</u>	March 1 to April 25, 2016
<u>Mission of the Church</u>	March 1 to April 25, 2016
<u>History and Polity of the Disciples of Christ</u>	March 1 to April 25, 2016
<u>History and Polity of the United Church of Christ</u>	March 1 to April 25, 2016
<u>Communication</u>	April 26 to June 20, 2016
<u>Spiritual Development</u>	April 26 to June 20, 2016
<u>Proclamation of the Word**</u>	April 26 to June 20, 2016
<u>Worship</u>	June 21 to August 15, 2016
<u>Overview of the Bible</u>	June 21 to August 15, 2016
<u>Introduction to Mid-Am Center for Ministry Ecumenism</u>	June 21 to August 15, 2016
<u>History and Polity of the Disciples of Christ</u>	August 16 to October 10, 2016
<u>Administration and Planning***</u>	August 16 to October 10, 2016
<u>Introduction to the New Testament</u>	August 16 to October 10, 2016
<u>Christian Ethics</u>	August 16 to October 10, 2016
	August 16 to September 12, 2016
	September 13 to October 10, 2016
	October 11 to December 6, 2016
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	October 11 to December 6, 2016
	October 14 to December 6, 2016

* Prerequisite needed: Overview of the Bible

** Prerequisites needed: Overview of the Bible and either Introduction to the Old or New Testament

*** Prerequisite needed: Pastoral Leadership



National Benevolent Association

JOB DESCRIPTION. Program Associate – Incubate Initiative -- .50 FTE

<http://www.nbacares.org/career-opportunities>

Job Title: Program Associate – Incubate Initiative

Reports to: Director of NBA Incubate Initiative

Effective Date: March 1, 2016 (or earlier, if possible)

Prepared By: Ayanna Johnson Watkins, Director of NBA Incubate Initiative

Position Summary:

Through the Incubator Initiative, the NBA partners with Disciples-related health and social service projects/ministries to assist them as they navigate the complex landscape of new project start-ups. Reporting to the Director of the NBA Incubate Initiative, the Program Associate will support the work of the Incubate Initiative, broaden the reach of the Incubate Initiative across the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), help build the network of professionals who will help support the Incubate Affiliated Ministries, and help share the ministry of the Incubate Initiative and its Affiliated Ministries with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and beyond. This is a .50 FTE (full-time equivalent) position in which the Program Associate will be expected to work approximately 20 hours per week. Salary commensurate with experience and qualifications. The end date for this position is December 31, 2017, with possible renewal.

Interested Persons should send **a resume and cover letter** to:

Dani Loving Cartwright, AVP Operations, dcartwright@nbacares.org

DEADLINE: January 15, 2016

YEARBOOK forms will be sent out the 1st week in January

Are you interested in Stewardship Education? Do you have a passion for the discipline of stewardship? If so, The GRR has one scholarship available for a volunteer to attend "Stepping Into Stewardship," March 30th-April 1, 2016, in Orlando FL, sponsored by the United Church of Christ and the Center for Faith and Giving. The volunteer will be asked to engage in additional stewardship education events and will hopefully become a resource to the GRR as an extension of the Center for Faith and Giving. For more information, follow the link, www.disciples.org/stepping-into-stewardship. Please contact Dr. Burton if you are interested in participating.

NOTE: Great River Region Churches, be sure to email your News, Conventions, Church Anniversary, or Special Events to: tina@grrdisciples.org. Thank you.