

Report to the 2006 Regional Assembly

Ray Miles, Regional Minister

I want to begin this report with a statement of the appreciation I feel for this Region, the people and congregations here. I am deeply honored to be able to serve as your Regional Minister and I thank you for the privilege of this ministry.

In addition I want to express my sincere appreciation for the personal support, prayers and concern shown to me and to my family during the personal health difficulties we have faced this year. Without your prayers and the grace of God we would not have made it this far and I thank you from the bottom of my heart. We believe that God is continuing to work in Wendy's health, we look forward to healing that will allow her to be active in ministry again and reduce the stress load upon our lives.

The reason I serve in this particular ministry is to touch people's lives, by making congregations the best outposts of Jesus Christ's mission and ministry that they can be. Doing that requires that the structure and organization of the Region is efficient and effectively helps congregations. Sometimes the Region's activities are viewed as administrative cogs on the wheel of the church – a necessary evil. My goal is that we minimize maintenance activities by the Region and maximize mission. What we do is ministry and is designed so lives will be changed by encounters with the love of God through Jesus Christ

Some of what I endeavor to do is help the Region discover the best possible structures to do its ministry. Looking at our documents and structure, we have work to do so those things are current and congruent with the way we carry out our work. At the same time, we must avoid the temptation to be totally involved in structure and finance. The most important things we do are the ministry and mission of Jesus Christ as given to us in Scripture. Our task is to baptize and teach and make strong disciples of Jesus Christ. The Region exists to help by "equipping the saints" for the ministries of God.

Financially the Regional Church is being pushed into leaner attitudes and better stewardship of the dollars given to do our mission. Tough decisions have had to be made about spending and programs in which the Region engages. This year, thanks to the vision of congregations and of individuals, we are able to maintain equilibrium in our balance sheets. As financial reports and budget proposals indicate, we still have important work to assure the resources needed to do the ministries to which we have been called.

A heavy call on my time this year has been financial administration and fundraising efforts. We arranged for Christian Church Foundation to hold a consultation with a number of Regional leaders to discuss the ways we will fund mission in this Region. The resulting follow up work has emphasized the need to develop new and creative ways to fund the ministries of the Region. One specific way has been to expand the existing program of the Friendship Circle and develop the "adopt a mortgage" emphasis. To date, we have had 4+ months adopted for next year. I continue to work with the Regional Treasurer and others to find new ways to finance the ministries of the Region.

The property of the former Woodland Christian Church now has a sale pending. The proceeds will enable the Region to pay off indebtedness to Church Extension and to ourselves. These funds will provide once again the resources for specific mission projects such as beginning new

churches, combating racism, giving scholarships to train leadership for the church and other ministries. This will not however address the continued need to develop new funding sources for our operations and camp ministries. We continue the need to develop new funding sources for the ministries we are called to.

Regional ministry involves moving and not just sitting in the office. Hours on the phone and dealing with emails are uncharted but the miles driven are counted. This year has meant driving 45,000 miles in performing the regional ministry.

An essential part of this ministry means being present in as many congregations as I can, in order to stress the partnership and covenant in ministry we share. Being present in every congregation becomes more difficult as invitations for specific reasons have me return to congregations where I have been before. As of this writing I have been present for worship or for a meeting with congregational leadership in 50 of the 65 congregations in the Region.

I serve as staff to the Reconciliation Committee, the Ministry Commission, the Regional Board and Executive Committee. I have made the attendance at clergy gatherings a priority and endeavor to have one of the Regional clergy staff present at each. Currently there are four clergy groups which meet on a regular basis. My intent is to have a clergy group regularly meeting for each minister serving in Georgia.

This year I served as keynote speaker or leader in four retreats.

My ministry also involves maintaining connection to the larger church. I represented Georgia at the General Board of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) where, among other things we implemented a downsized General Board and approved a proposed new system to finance ministry for the whole church. I also attended the Team Leadership Conference (all regional ministers and general ministry presidents) where we work on the vision for the whole church and living out the covenant we have together. I also am serving on two task forces to help the whole church develop resources and programs to help congregations in areas of faith related stewardship.

Looking ahead I see the importance of maintaining diligent stewardship while we expand our service to congregations in a number of ways. I introduced for consideration by the Regional Board, a program tentatively called "Regional Elders" which would enhance the connection developed between congregations and between congregations and the Region. It will also increase the ability of the Region to give pastoral care to congregations and their leadership. My hope is that in 2007 this program will become reality.

A second program I want to implement is an intensive training service for congregations in the area of stewardship. I would agree to work closely for one year with a small number of congregations, to lead them in intentional programs of stewardship development and ministry. This is an effort to help congregations understand and experience stewardship as a spiritual discipline and not simply as fund raising.

The New Church Committee will be launched and trained in 2007. It will begin helping congregations and groups who want to begin new congregations connected to the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Six different groups have approached me about becoming Disciples congregations. There is also one congregation, formerly part of the Region, which is

working to re-affiliate with the Disciples. The New Church Committee will shepherd and guide these groups and others in their mission of establishing new communities of faith in Georgia. The Congregational Transformation Committee will also be formed in this next year and set forth on its work of helping congregations in this Region be transformed into strong communities of faith “in sync” with the world in which we live and the gospel which we carry.

The role of leadership is more steering the ship rather than handling the oars. I envision the ministries of the Christian Church in Georgia increasingly will be carried out by members of the Region instead of regional staff. These ministries will be focused where people see needs and challenges. My role will continue to be helping set the vision, to determine ways to reach that vision and to enhance the sense of covenantal relationships between us.

I feel confident and excited about the future of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Georgia. We continue to have people who believe in the ministries we are doing and support them through their time and energies and their finances. I believe God has called us so the congregations connected to us can be encouraged and linked to each other. I believe that we have a role in doing ministry together and assisting each other towards the goals God has set in front of us. I believe we are a praying people and faithful people who see a pathway God has carved for us here in Georgia and the world. I am energized and filled with joy at the opportunity to walk that path together.

Please pray for me and for all who lead, that the part of the body of Christ known as the Christian Church in Georgia will be strengthened and enlarged so that God will be praised. Then the mission of God will be made real in each of our communities.

Your servant

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ray Miles", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ray Miles

Report to the 2006 Regional Assembly **Associate Regional Minister, Michael Weeks**

This will be my 6th regional assembly serving with you in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Georgia. As we have embraced change during these past six years, I have seen God give birth to a new theologically sound understanding of what it means to be a member of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Everywhere I go, people are articulating and witnessing what their faith means to them and they are acting on that faith. This excites me as I see individuals and congregations finding new ways to live out their faith and share what it means to be a Disciple in their communities. You will be pleased to know that this same change is taking place in our regional youth and young adult gatherings. Youth and young adults are finding new ways to articulate and share their faith in their everyday lives. I am excited by this new thing God is doing in our midst.

It was not that many years ago when everyone was talking about how the church had lost its way. I myself serving in a church thought that a new program would solve our congregation's problems. Instead, working here in Georgia with you, I have come to understand that it was not a new program that was needed but a stronger biblical faith. My problem was not programmatic it was theological. I see signs of this new emerging understanding of what it means to be church in the Disciple congregations of Georgia. I am excited to share this assembly with you because I believe that the transformation themes of this assembly and our speaker, Dr. Dick Hamm have a prophetic word to share with us about the transformation that is underway in our congregations. We will come away from our gathering with new tools to continue God's work in our midst.

God bless all of you in your ministries during the coming year. Let me take a moment to share with you some of the emphases of my ministry during the past year.

Ministry Focus:

- on our camp and conference center
- sharing our camps story in congregations
- clergy support
- assisting clergy in the search and call process for ministerial relocation
- attending ministers meetings
- preaching in congregations when invited
- working with the regional staff on program and fundraising initiatives
- visiting, sharing and teaching in congregations
- visiting and supporting youth ministries in our region
- Planning and carrying out the Servant Youth Leadership Event—a youth leadership training seminar for YAC. This multi-regional event was held this past summer. The event is scheduled again in 2008.

I strive to bring a share a prophetic word at every opportunity about the importance of transforming mission-based ministry in the region, but especially about the ministry and contributions of youth and young adults. I have also worked with several ministry teams as Associate Regional Minister.

Regional Ministry Team I serve with:

- Christian Education and the Camp Ministry Advisory Team: see OMAT report to the assembly in the docket
- Youth Activity Council: facilitating the annual youth assembly—Youth-A-Palooza (more information available in the docket)
- Young Adult Disciples Association: on a summer and winter event and in support of Disciples on Campus at UGA (more information in the docket)
- The Christian College of Georgia: supporting their retreat and ministry programs
- Commission on Ministry: liaison to licensed ministry sub-committee
- Communication Commission: serving as co-editor

I am honored to be serving as your associate regional minister and as executive director of Camp Christian Conference Center. I am excited about 2007 and the future of our ministries together.



En Agape',
Rev. Michael Weeks
Associate Regional Minister

Report to the 2006 Assembly
Rev. Betty C. Brewer-Calvert, Director of Women's Ministries

Celebrating Sisterhood

One of the special parts of my ministry is witnessing over and over again the sisterhood we have in Christ. The support which comes from sisters in our home churches, in our region, and across the globe is vital to us. Sometimes, it is not until we look back and reflect that we see how sisters have helped to nurture our faith, sustain our spirit, and encourage our growth.

This year has been one of celebration. All our major events and involvements by Georgia women have, at their heart, celebrated this relationship between sisters in Christ. At spring conferences, in our hosting of two international guests, at the Mix in '06, at Clergy Women's Retreat, and at our Annual Women's Retreat, we have rejoiced in the common roots which hold us together across time and space.

Serving, Learning, and Growing Together

As women gather in service, study, and fellowship together, the bonds between us are strengthened. In the past year, **church women have responded to the needs of their communities and a hurting world** in a variety of ways: food and clothing pantries, Operation Christmas Child boxes, school supply donations for needy children, pop top collections for Ronald McDonald Houses, letters to shut-ins and soldiers, knitting projects, Bread for the World letter writing campaigns, blood drives, and countless other projects. The caring, nurturing acts of the women of our churches are too numerous to list; suffice it to say, we are making a difference in people's lives.

Three districts held **Winter Lunches** in February to give an opportunity for representatives of women's groups to share ideas and resources and to prepare for spring conferences. In the spring, **district-wide garden parties** were hosted by Chattahoochee Christian Church, Columbus Central, Eastman First, Waycross First, and Watkinsville First. Though we had fun seeing old friends and new friends, we also enjoyed celebrating our sisterhood – with Biblical women, women of history, women of other countries (especially in Kenya, our mission study focus), and women in our lives today. The theme drew upon the 2006-2007 study material, "Common Roots." Leadership was provided by our women's commission members, Global Mission Partner Phyllis Byrd, and Woman-to-Woman Representative Delores James.

Each host church added its own flair with decorations, table settings, and menu. Other churches provided registration and book sale helpers, deacons, nametags, and breakfast snacks. 227 women attended the events (254 including repeat attendance by commission members). Offerings totaled over \$1100 to support women's ministries in the region. In gratitude for blessings recognized, women gave over \$100 in Blessing Box offerings.

In the spring, churches were asked to submit a report to the regional office for the Disciples Women's Social Action Emphasis on world hunger: **Bread and Letters Together (BLT)**. We were to report the number of dollars collected for hunger-related ministries, dollar equivalents of food given, and numbers of letters written through Bread for the World's letter writing campaign for January 2005-April 2006. We received reports from 10 churches; so these numbers, though generous, are not a true reflection of our region's hunger ministry. The Georgia churches reporting gave \$36,168 for hunger and wrote 854 letters. (Praise God!)

In early June, our region **hosted Bolivian women Petty Poma and Maria Navarro** as part of the Woman-to-Woman International program and in conjunction with the Mix in '06 Women's Event. Our visitors were hosted by the Guardiola family (Community CC, Fayetteville) and the Moorehead family (FCC, Watkinsville). Church and agency hosts included: FCC Decatur, El Aposento Alto, FCC Watkinsville, FCC Athens, Watkinsville Antioch, Fayetteville Community, Decatur Cooperative Ministry, and AIM. The 11-day visit was a life-changing encounter for guests and hosts. Now, when we pray for sisters around the world, we celebrate these special sisters in the southern hemisphere.

The long-awaited **Mix in '06 Women's Event** was held in Indianapolis June 21-25 with 31 women and girls from Georgia in attendance. We were proud to have two young women, Amanda Reynolds (Welcome Hope CC in Barney) and Katharine Phlegar (FCC Athens), representing us as stewards. Natalie Ragins from the Ray of Hope was one of the primary musicians and did an outstanding job. Women attended workshops, took part in service projects, listened to speakers, sang, worshipped, made new friends, renewed old friendships, shopped, talked, and were challenged and transformed by the event. Our many dreams were woven together through story, song, dance, and communion with sisters; and the ribbons representing our dreams were woven into a colorful tapestry which graced the Lord's Table on the Sabbath Day.

Evaluations were positive for the **annual women's retreat** held at Norman Park in October. The theme was "Identity Theft: Who Stole the God in Me?" with keynote speaker, Rev. Lois Artis. Rev. Artis explored ways in which we lose our identity and encouraged us to discover what we were born to do (our salsa, our passion). Through the stories of the woman at the well and Miriam dancing before the Lord, we were reminded to pay attention to what brings us joy and to open ourselves to glorify our creator. Friday night salsa dancing was a big hit – for those on the dance floor and those looking on. Saturday afternoon service projects were varied and provided opportunity for fellowship among the women. Saturday night's foot washing ceremony was an unexpected surprise, a first for many, and well-received. Morning prayers services for "The Healing of the Nations" and "The Healing of the Church" were led by clergy women. Participants were able, if they wished, to come forward for personal prayer time and anointing both at the morning services and at an afternoon prayer time.

Women gave an offering of \$1841.20 designated for AIM, a children's education project in Bolivia, and women's ministries in the Georgia region. \$8766 in Blessing Box offerings were dedicated in the "Celebration of Ministry" on Saturday afternoon. These gifts of gratitude will be distributed in ministries of blessing throughout the world. Rev. Ann Haines led music for the event and brought a creative backdrop designed and created by the women of Antioch Christian Church in Watkinsville.

This was the smallest retreat in recent years, with 120 in attendance. Those who came vowed to go home and invite others to be there next year. The retreat budget was planned based on a larger anticipated attendance; we had reserved the entire conference center with a nonrefundable deposit of \$2500 (only about \$1200 of this was secured through attendees). Consequently, we have downsized next year's deposit to \$1500 and will share the conference center with another group. If the retreat center can accommodate more than 150 women at the time, they will do so; we hope to have a race to register! We really do enjoy "having the place to ourselves," but since the deposit is due in 2006, this is a necessary decision. We want to be financially responsible and to be good stewards of the conference center – not tying up rooms which could be used for another group.

Despite the smaller numbers, there was a good spirit to the gathering. Connections were made with one another and with God; and it was, indeed, a celebration of our sisterhood in Christ.

Our **Georgia clergy women** are involved in chaplaincy, pastoring, social service ministries, work with children and the elderly, pastoral care and counseling, teaching, bi-vocational ministry, and more. Whatever the ministry, we have learned that support of one another is vital. Whether through prayer or in person, each woman knows that she is walking with other sisters on the path; this knowledge is life-giving during challenging times. We have had two potluck gatherings in the Atlanta area in 2006 as well as a 24-hour retreat in late August at Camp Christian. We are also connected by periodic emails, ongoing prayer, and region-wide events.

Several books were added to the **book club** this year by Commission Member Frances Shumake: Penelope Stokes' Circle of Grace, The Women Who Danced by the Sea by Marsha Mirkin, and Dorothea Benton Frank's Full of Grace. The club is intended to offer titles which will stretch our minds and our hearts, giving thoughts to ponder and discuss in our churches and through the online forum (www.gadisciples.org).

The Christian Women's Fellowship Commission has met 4 times since the last assembly. Five new members were elected at retreat. They met with the commission for the first time in early November, getting acquainted, setting goals, and gearing up for 2007.

Personal Celebrations and Growth Opportunities

As your Director of Women's Ministries, I have had a full year – rich with opportunity for ministry and overflowing with celebration for the gifts among the women of this region. Soon after regional assembly last year, I attended a **visioning conference** of regional ministers and general church leaders meeting at Simpsonwood Retreat Center in Atlanta. In a challenging time in the life of the Christian Church, I am encouraged by the depth of commitment, the hope, and the faith of our leaders.

The **annual conference for regional and general staff** with responsibility for women's ministries was held in Indianapolis in January. We gained excitement for the Mix in '06, materials for leadership at spring conferences, and many resources for ministry. We gave input about the priorities and direction of women's ministry, connected with sisters across the church, and "filled our wells" for the journey.

February included the "**Voices**" clergy retreat at Camp Christian as well as a workshop entitled "**Financing the Region,**" led by Gary Kidwell and Randy Johnson of the Christian Church Foundation.

Throughout 2006, I enjoyed **visits with church women, congregations, and pastors** through circle meetings, preaching opportunities, installations, ministers' luncheons, retreats, and more. **Spring conferences** continue to be an important venue for connecting. I am deeply appreciative of the way host and visiting churches embraced this year's garden party model – being willing to try something new and sharing their stories with one another at table fellowship.

I was honored to preach at the **Alabama/Northwest Florida Regional Assembly** in late April following our Spring Conferences.

I wished for better Spanish speaking ability as I drove our **Bolivian visitors** around Atlanta and on to Indianapolis in June, but I rejoiced in the fact that women find ways to communicate

beyond words. Even in the midst of language barriers, there are holy moments which will be remembered.

I was also blessed by the opportunity to create an exhibit at the Mix in '06 to **honor church secretaries and administrative professionals**. What I began with some uncertainty became an exciting project, though larger than I ever dreamed; it was fulfilling to see it come to fruition and to meet some of the dedicated women whom we honored.

On a personal note, I celebrated my husband's completion of his Doctorate of Ministry from Lexington Theological Seminary in May and had a wonderful time reconnecting with my sister's family in Germany in late summer.

Among my goals for 2007 are:

- Achieving a deeper spiritual life and a better balance between professional and family time,
- Expanding the reach of women's ministries in Georgia through contact with women and churches not currently involved and through learning and trying new models of ministry; and
- Fostering cooperation, support, and resource-sharing in women's ministries between our region and neighboring regions.

As Advent draws near, we are approaching the beginning of another church year. We anticipate the coming of the Christ Child. We open the doors of our churches to the needy and the stranger, knowing that God comes in unexpected ways. We open the doors of our hearts to what God will do in and through us. We open the doors of our minds to new ways of thinking, willing to try things differently, and eager to be the church God is calling us to be. Let us pray for transformation – in our homes, in our churches, in our communities, and in our world. Let us pray for peace.

Respectfully submitted,



Betty C. Brewer-Calvert,
Regional Director of Women's Ministries

Our 2006-2007 Christian Women's Fellowship Commission:

President, Ann Haines (Watkinsville Antioch)
Vice-President, Pam Gunter (Watkinsville First)
Secretary, Dottie Gill (Duluth Chattahoochee)
Service Coordinator, Valerie Alexander (Decatur First)
Study Coordinator, Ana Guardiola (Fayetteville Community)
Worship Coordinator, Cecelia Glosson (Waycross First)
East Central District Coordinator, Linda Tiller (Augusta Central)
Northeast District Coordinator, Frances Shumake (Winder First)
Northwest District Coordinator, Diane Lanier (Tucker Atlanta First)
Southeast District Coordinator, Lorie Crockett (Glennville First)
Southwest District Coordinator, Darlene Reynolds (Barney Welcome Hope)
West Central District Coordinator, Ginny Campbell (Griffin First)
Staff Support, Betty Brewer-Calvert (Decatur First)

Disciples Men
Archie Jenkins, President

This past year the DM of GA accomplished several of our goals.

We had a successful Retreat at Christmount in March. We were blessed to have our Regional Minister as our retreat leader. Ray did a great job. During the down time Saturday afternoon several men participated in a work project for Christmount. We raked and cleaned up leaves and limbs in and around the playground area.

We gave out our first Lifetime Achievement awards to 5 men who have given of their time and energy for many years to help the Men's Ministry in this Region.

The DM purchased shirts with our logo for resale. The money we raise is used to help the Youth and Miracle Day projects of our Region.

We also spent a Saturday improving the curb appeal at the Woodland property.

We presently are working on our 2007 Retreat, and hope to get a large turn out of men to participate.

I would like to thank all the Men in our Region who give so much of themselves to make our organization what it is today. I also would like to thank Ray Miles for his personal involvement with the Men's work.

Archie Jenkins
President

Outdoor Ministry Advisory Team (OMAT) Report to the 2006 Regional Assembly

The Outdoor Ministry Advisory Team (OMAT) is newly formed by action of the Regional Board just prior to this assembly. This new group will oversee outdoor ministries in our region and supervise the budget and personnel working at Camp Christian Conference Center.

Summer Camping Ministry

Camp Christian and Camp Kicklighter continued their ministries to children and youth this past summer. During this past summer many youth and adults gathered for camps in these two locations. They found FUN, FELLOWSHIP, and FAITH. While having fun the youth and experienced fellowship and also expanded their faith.

Camp Kicklighter continues to meet the needs of the youth of the Southeast District in Georgia. Evaluations from Camp Christian this summer were excellent. Students enjoyed their time at camp.

2007 Summer Camping Information

- We will have Counselor Training sessions this summer prior to each camp beginning the day before camp starts at 3:30 pm. Please pick up an application at the camp booth if you would like to counsel at one of our camps next summer.
- Our 2007 schedule is available in your docket and brochures are available at the Camp Booth here at the Regional Assembly.
- Publicity for the 2007 Camping Program will be in congregations in early January.

Meeting Minutes, October 21, 2006

CMAT & Christian Education Commission Joint Meeting

The meeting was held in Lavery Hall at Camp Christian Conference Center. In attendance were: Elaine Hightower, Marilyn Parks, Jimmy Peeples, Julie Phlegar, Jim Torbert, Michael Weeks
Christian Education Commission Members Present: Daryl Vandervort, Terressa Ewing

1. Introductions and Devotional was given by Rev. Michael Weeks.
2. Budget/Current Financials were reviewed.
 - a. Julie moved that we ask that the Regional Board to write off AIM's 2005 bill of \$6,000. Elaine seconded. Approved Unanimously
 - b. CMAT moves that the Regional Board write off the \$6,000 in accounts receivable from 2005.**
 - c. A question was asked about volunteers coming down to work in the summer in the kitchen and the group thought that it was a good idea, but felt that the cost to house, feed, and supervise the volunteers in the summer would not be that helpful for the bottom-line.
 - d. The group recognized that the cost cutting measures put in place last year had greatly streamlined the expenses for the summer.
3. Friendship Circle Report
 - a. Michael circulated the letters mailed from the regional office for the circle. One sent to past donors and another sent to camper parents 2004-2006.

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- b. Michael reported over \$10,000 collected so far this year in gifts to the new regional outdoor ministries Friendship Circle Fund. We have already collected 6k more than in 2005.
- 4. Adopt a month Mortgage Report
 - a. Adopt A Month is going well with January, March, and September Adopted as of this date.
 - b. Julie reported that the men and women of her congregation were adopting December and that the check would be in the mail on Monday.
 - c. The board pledged that 100% of the members would join with 100% of the regional board in supporting the adoption of March.
- 5. Proposal from Regional Board for OMAT
 - a. We discussed and reviewed our current Job Description and heard a report from the Regional Board asking us to change our name and to take on supervision of the Youth Activity Council and the Regional Camping Program. Discussion included the fact that the Regional By-Laws called for an Outdoor Ministries Commission and not for CMAT or the Christian Education Commission.
 - b. **Marilyn moved that we change our name to Outdoor Ministry Advisory Team and take on these responsibilities. Jim Torbert Seconded. No further discussion. Approved Unanimously.**
- 6. A Look back at the Summer 2006
 - a. As the new OMAT we reviewed the evaluation summary from the summer and noted that they were great.
 - b. We then reviewed camp use figures and noted the decline of 40 campers between the summer of 2005 and 2006. Michael reported that there is no problem with our program, but instead there are schedule conflicts for our campers because of the shorter summer set by the school systems. Some churches also reported a lack of campers in certain age groups.
- 7. We then reviewed the 2007 Summer Calendar
- 8. Rate Increase for Retreats
 - a. OMAT approved an increase in rates for overnight lodging, grounds fee and the addition of a swimming fee for retreats. The group reviewed two schedules for fees. One for Disciple Groups at a discount and one for non-Disciple groups (slightly more)
 - b. Marilyn moved to adopt the increase as printed on the 2007 Conference and Retreat Rates and the 2007 Disciple Conference and retreat rates. The motion was seconded by Jim and approved unanimously.
- 9. Hall Boundary Dispute letter from attorney was reviewed and it was noted that we continue to wait for a decision from the GA Supreme Court about whether or not Mr. Hall will be granted a new trial.
- 10. Nominations for team membership and design of OMAT was discussed
 - a. Elaine Hightower was asked to serve an unexpired term in the class of the 2007
 - b. Darryl Vandervort and Terressa Ewing were nominated for the class of 2009
 - c. Gary Wall will be asked to serve until another Disciple Men's Commission Representative or a man who attends D-Men Retreat from the NE Area can be selected, asked to serve, and approved. Therefore Gary was nominated for the 2009 class.
 - d. The motion was made by Marilyn to accept the slate and seconded by Jimmy. The slate was unanimously approved.

- e. The group then discussed whether or not the group wanted to call someone out as chair for the coming year. The group reached consensus that the Executive Director would continue to be the convener of the meetings.
 - f. Elaine Hightower and Michael Weeks will serve as the nominating committee for the 2010 class next year.
11. Closing was held outside as we took a tour of needed maintenance on the pool and saw the work being done at the ropes course.
12. Agenda Items for next time
- a. New Job description to include YAC and supervision of Summer Camping Ministry
 - b. The Design for OMAT will be reviewed and updated.
 - c. Maintenance Priority List

Our 2007 OMAT Meetings will be from 10:00 am to 2:30 pm on Saturdays.

Dates:

- **March 10, 2007**
- **August 25, 2007**
- **October 20, 2007**

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CAMP CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE CENTER

Camp & Conference Center Facilities Bless Many

Our camp and conference center ministries continue to bless hundreds of persons each year. We have served over 7,000 people in our sanctuary in the woods during the last five years and look forward to blessing many more in 2007.

We welcome many different sized groups and can accommodate family reunions and day camp events with the many outdoor and indoor opportunities we offer. 48% of the individuals who used Camp Christian were Disciples this year. We are excited to serve the many congregations and ministries of our church in this way as well as serving as a strong ecumenical presence in Central Georgia.

Please drop by our booth and see pictures from this past summer and get more information about having a retreat or conference. Summer camp brochures will also be available as well as applications for those who would like to counsel in one of our camps next summer.

Camp Usage Figures in # of persons served	2006
CCINGA Summer Camps	372
Disciple Retreats and Camps	234
Non-Disciple Retreats and Camps	682
Totals:	1288

Outdoor Ministries Advisory Team (OMAT)

We combined our Camp Ministry Advisory Team with our Christian Education Commission and formed the Outdoor Ministries Advisory Team to more efficiently fulfill our ministries to the region, during a recent meeting. You can read about the work of OMAT in this docket.

Camp Work Day April 28, 2007

We look forward to your congregation's participation in the camp workday this spring. Participants will help us with maintenance and preparing our facilities for our summer camping program.



New Challenge Course in 2006

We say a special thank you to the Servants for Christ Camp held last summer which began building a low ropes challenge course at Camp Christian. The course will be completed by this year's camp and ready for all our campers to use in 2007.

The Friendship Circle for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Georgia Outdoor Ministries



By action of the Regional Board the Friendship Circle became the official regional fundraising campaign for all Disciple outdoor ministries in Georgia earlier this year. That means we are now raising money for both Camp Christian and Camp Kicklighter outdoor ministries. An invitation to join the circle is available to you right now at the camp booth here at the assembly. If you are a camper parent, counselor, director, or have given to the circle you may have already received a letter from the region about giving to the Friendship Circle this year.

We selected the name “Friendship Circle” because every evening since the first summer camp in Georgia, has closed with a friendship circle. We feel that it is important to remember the many friendship circles that have been joined by those in Georgia who participated in outdoor ministry camps and conferences over the years--even before Camp Christian began its ministry more than 40 years ago. Everyone who ever attended a camp has fond memories of the closing camp friendship circle.

You will see in our budget and reports to the Assembly that our efforts have already yielded more than \$10,000 this year. We are encouraged in our ministry by the generosity of so many individuals who have given to the circle.

2006 Members of the Friendship Circle as of November 5th

Thank you to everyone who has given to assist the regions outdoor ministries.

\$1000-\$4,999

Nancy Zimmerman

\$500-\$999

Dave and Kathy McDowell
Del and Juanita Von Almen
Gary Wall

\$100-\$500

Jo Franklin
Hoyt and Betty Huff
Doug Job and Angela Pfile
Melba Kay
J. I. Miller
Sue Merritt
Julianne Phlegar
Bob and Georgia Raiford
Sid Shelburne
Frances Shumake
W.O. Thompson
Paul Vaughn
Fay Willis

\$36-\$99

Beth Anfinson
Margarette Chappell
Bob and Ida Ann Clarke
Robert Longshore
Sara Marbut
Laura Simmons
P. R. Smith
David and LaVon Tyler

Up to \$35

Ida Hinsley
Linda Jo Hunter
Susan Mull
Watkinsville, First Christian

The Friendship Circle Adopt a Month Mortgage Campaign

This year we are opening a new opportunity for individuals and groups. Each month we pay over \$4000 in mortgage payments for improvements and additions made to Camp Christian Conference Center which allow us to hold our year-round retreat and conference ministries. We believe there are individuals, Sunday school classes, men's groups or women's groups who would be excited to take on the challenge of one mortgage payment. If we find 12 groups or individuals who do this, we ensure the quality of ministry and facilities at the camp. The names of several individuals who have joined us in adopting a month are listed in our donor list. To them and the groups listed below we say thank you for your dedication to our shared ministry. If adopting a month interests you, please contact Dr. Ray Miles or Rev. Michael Weeks to arrange a gathering to invite others to join you in adopting a month.



Months Already Adopted (Some of them for the next 3 years)

January - Retired Ministers

March - The Regional Board & members of the Outdoor Ministry Advisory Team

September - Members of Sandy Springs Christian Church

December - Men's & Women's Groups from FCC, Athens



Congregational Giving in Support of Camp Christian Conference Center 2006

Thank You to Congregations, Groups and Individuals Who Give to Camp Christian Regularly

Many individuals give regularly through their congregations to assist Camp Christian with its ministry to children, youth, and adults. To you we want to say a special thank you. Your stewardship and generosity help the camp with its everyday needs of maintenance and improvements that are enjoyed by all campers and conferees. On behalf of all children, youth, and adults who use Camp Christian Conference Center we say thank you to these groups and congregations who have given to our current fund.

\$1000-\$4,999

Peachtree Christian Church,
First Christian Church, Augusta

\$500-\$999

Peachtree Christian, CWF
First Christian Church, Winder, CMF
St Andrew Christian Church, Macon
First Christian Church, Sandersville
Brookhaven Christian Church, Atlanta
First Christian Church, Athens, Disciple Men
First Christian Church of Atlanta, Tucker CWF
Union Christian Church, Watkinsville, Disciple Men

\$200-\$499

First Christian Church, Lawrenceville CWF
Community Christian Church, Fayetteville CWF
Central Christian Church, Augusta, CMF
Central Christian Church, Augusta, CWF
First Christian Church, Sandersville, CWF

Up to \$200

First Christian Church, Watkinsville, Youth
First Christian Church, Eastman
First Christian Church, Augusta
First Christian Church, Sandersville, Adult Choir

CAMP CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE CENTER

www.gadisciples.org/camp

2007 Summer Camping Ministry

The Camping Program of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Georgia

2007 Date	Event	Grade Complete
May 31- June 3	Servants for Christ	9 th , 10 th , 11 th , or 12 th
June 4-8	Junior I	3 rd , 4 th , or 5 th
June 8-10	Chrysalis	1 st or 2 nd
June 11-16	CYF Conference	10 th , 11 th , or 12 th
June 16-17	YADA	12 th or 18 to 30 something
June 18-23	Chi Rho	6 th or 7 th
June 25-30	Mid Hi Conference	8 th or 9 th
July 6-8	Genesis	Kindergarten, parent or grandparent
July 8-12	Balaam	For qualifying 11 th and 12 th graders
July 16-20	Junior II	3 rd , 4 th , or 5 th

Important Information:

- Genesis camp starts at 6 pm, Friday and ends at 10 am, Sunday.
- Chrysalis Camp will start at 10 am, Friday and end at 10 am, Sunday
- Balaam begins at 3:30 pm Sunday and ends at 10 am on Thursday
- Servants for Christ begins on Thursday at 10 am and ends Sunday at 10 am
- Camp Registration Forms and Camp Brochures with more information will be available in January 2007 from your church or on the Regional Web Page www.gadisciples.org/camp or call the Regional Office for more information, 1-800-755-0485.

Get more information on Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Georgia, Camp Christian Summer 2007 schedule from the camp brochure available at the camp booth.



Projected 2007 Camp Kicklighter Dates

June 10-15	CYF	June 17-22	Chi Rho
June 15-17	DSF	June 24-29	Junior

**Registration information will be available from your church in January 2007!
See the Camp Brochure for more detailed information about these events.
Information for Camp Christian is available on line at www.gadisciples.org/camp**

Communications Commission Annual Report November, 2006

The Communications Commission has been using the online forums to hold “virtual” meetings to save time and expense.

So far, the Messenger offering for 2006 is only \$930 compared with \$5198 in 2005, \$5185 in 2004 and \$3922 in 2003. We advertised this offering online, with Buddy Ray’s emails, and in the June and October Messengers. **The Christian Messenger**

Messenger issues this year were mailed in February, April, August, and October. A special online only edition was published in June. This issue was not widely distributed, since we have a limited email list. In 2007, we have budgeted four mailed issues and one online issue.

Michael Weeks continues to be the staff co-editor of the Christian Messenger, along with Bill Thompson. We are grateful for the increased flow of news articles for the web site, which often provide information for the print Messenger. Keep those articles coming!

Christian Messenger dates and deadlines are tentatively planned as follows:

- February Issue, submission deadline February 7, 2007
- April Issue, submission deadline April 11, 2007
- June Issue, submission deadline June 13, 2007 (**Online edition only**)
- August Issue, submission deadline August 8, 2007
- October Issue, submission deadline October 3, 2007

Website – www.gadisciples.org

In 2006, several improvements were made to the regional web site:

Forums

At the request of both the Regional Minister and the Women Clergy group, a complete forum system was added to the site. This system allows both public discussion groups on general topics and private discussion groups open only to those who log in with the correct password as determined by a moderator. The system also allows documents to be uploaded and shared and facilitates polls which can be used to hold votes. The hope was that the Regional Board could hold "virtual" board meetings as is being done in some other regions. Various documents could be uploaded to the Discussion forum open only to Regional Board members - these documents could then be discussed in the forum over several days as board members had time to log onto the site. Votes could even be taken online using the poll feature.

The Women Clergy wanted to use the forums to share prayer concerns, ideas, and foster general discussions. Since we were installing the software anyway, additional general forums for CWF (including the book club), CMF and Youth were added where Disciples around Georgia could discuss any topics they wished. Since they were installed in January 2006, 47 people have joined the forums and posted 97 entries in 36 topics. Neither the Regional Board nor the Women Clergy have made use of the Forums.

Blogs

Blogs (or weB LOGs) are a means for individuals to keep diaries or a series of short communications on a web site. We installed Blog software on the site in March of 2006 for Ray Miles, Michael Weeks, Betty Brewer-Calvert and the Regional Moderator (Currently Brad Miller). We post Brad's weekly e-mail missive to his congregation to his Blog when it is appropriate, which is 90% of the time. Other staff members post periodically. According to web statistics, Blogs are well read even though they are not posted to regularly.

Congregation Directory

The congregational list was automated this year so that it can be easily maintained by the Regional Office staff using an administration web page. We also added photos of the congregation buildings and links to Google Maps that can be zoomed and manipulated. In addition, a congregation "finder" map was created that shows all congregations in the state so that a visitor can find the congregation nearest their home.

New Look and Feel

After many years, the graphic design and layout of the site was showing its seven year age. Styles of web design had changed and higher monitor resolutions allowed for greater use of screen space. In May of 2006 we installed a completely new look that emphasizes the communion elements of bread and the wine in the banner. The home page design gives us three full columns of information allowing the display of more menu items on the left and more news and information in the middle and right while also allowing for additional white space and larger type. The new look also includes a space for a featured congregation each week that is automatically selected and displayed by the software using the data from the congregation directory.

Size and Traffic

As of 10/15/2006, the web site contained 903 pages of information including web pages and pdf documents. At least one section, the Church Vitality Section, was removed this year since that section was edited by Rev. Dean Phelps and was going unmaintained after his departure.

The site averages over 1,300 page views per day, much higher during summer camp.

These page views come from an average of 500 different individuals per day.

The average time these visitors spend on the web site is 21 minutes.

In the month of September 2006 we had 3,337 different users visit the site.

Not counting the home page, the most popular page on the site - by a huge percentage - is the main page of the Forum, which is interesting as very few people are actually posting discussions, most are just reading.

The second most popular page is the Congregational directory which was enhanced this year to include photos and maps. (Web site information provided by Buddy Ray.)

Members of the Commission are:

Term expires in 2006

Sean Barnave, Ray of Hope CC

Buddy Ray, Atlanta First (Tucker)

Term expires in 2007

Byron Wells, Chestnut Ridge CC

Bill Thompson (Chair), Cherry Log CC

Term expires in 2008

Dr. Charles Beadle, Valdosta First

Vacancy

We need nominations/volunteers to serve on the Commission in 2007, and persons who would like to join the editing team of the New Christian Messenger. We especially are looking for someone who has a background in public relations. Send an email to billthompson44@yahoo.com.

William L. Thompson, Chair

Commission on the Ministry Regional Assembly Report

The Commission on the Ministry has had a very busy year attempting to move persons through the ordination process, conferring licenses to persons involved in a variety of ministries, and granting standing to ministers transferring from other traditions. Each candidate receives the personal attention of the commission as guidelines for each category are reviewed.

A retreat was held in February in conjunction with the *Voices* minister's retreat held at Camp Christian. Subjects discussed dealt with ethical guidelines for pastor's, continuing education for ministers and licensed ministers, using the resources of the Christian College of Georgia as the educational arm of the commission for licensing, and review of Ministerial Guidelines for ordination, transfer of standing, and licensing.

Meetings were held through the year interviewing candidates and giving oversight to the nurturing of ministers in the region. In July Commission members previewed a study document offered by the General Commission on Ministry entitled "*The Order of Ministry for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)*" draft 7. This document is presently being revised.

The goals for the commission are

1. Set regular times for Commission meetings and retreat for the calendar year.
2. Review and rewrite Guidelines for Ministry.
3. Continue to lift up ethical guidelines for the ministry and emphasize continuing education for ordained and licensed ministers.
4. Create a nurturing environment for candidates seeking ordination.
5. Provide nurturing opportunities for all ministers.
6. Keep accurate records of persons active in ministry and affirming licensed ministers annually.
7. Maintain a commission on the ministry that reflects diversity and is well represented by clergy and laity.

There are currently 46 people related to the Ministry Commission in preparation for ministry in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and another 19 who are licensed and accountable to the Ministry Commission.

Persons granted transfer of standing during the year are: Chris Goss, Katie Hays, and Steve Womack. Those receiving licenses include: Travis and Betty Halford, Martha Womack, and Ed Tiller.

Respectively submitted,

Jack L. Snellgrove
Chairperson of the Commission on the Ministry

Reconciliation Task Force 2006

Statement of Calling and Purpose

Reconciliation is a process in which individuals and groups experience the wonder and joy of full community with God and each other. Reconciliation bridges the barriers caused by divisions of race, ethnicity, social and economic status, disability, gender, sexual orientation, age, culture, and geographic location. Authentic relationships are at the heart of reconciliation.

Reconciliation is not the work of any one individual, task force, church, region, or denomination; reconciliation is central to what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. Because we have been reconciled to God in Christ, we are all called to participate in the ministry of reconciliation:

“So if anyone is in Christ there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.” (2 Cor 5:17-21)

The purpose of this task force is to:

- Encourage prayer for reconciliation
- Offer Biblical principles for reconciliation
- Create tools for congregations to engage in the ministry of reconciliation, particularly in the area of racial reconciliation

2006 Report

Reconciliation Task Force participation has dwindled, but we continue to be faithful to our calling and continue to meet and discuss ways to keep racial reconciliation a priority issue for our Region.

In February we sponsored a trip to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change to celebrate Black History Month. After the tour we met at First Christian Church of Decatur for lunch and an open forum on racism. Participation was low, but we were blessed to have white and black youth and adults sharing their experiences and learning about each other.

Also in February, the Task Force compiled an annotated bibliography of books, journals, movies, and other resources for churches and individuals to study issues of racism and solutions for our communities. The bibliography is posted on the regional website and copies are available here at the Assembly at the Reconciliation Task Force Table.

We invite youth and adults in the region to participate in our next Black History Month Event – “Dinner and a Movie” on February 3, 2007, 5pm – 8pm at First Christian Church of Atlanta. We will fellowship (potluck starts at 5pm – bring a dish to share with others), view and discuss the movie, “A Long Walk Home,” starring Whoopi Goldberg and Sissy Spacek highlighting two women’s responses to the Montgomery Bus Boycott in 1955.

And lastly, we plan to focus on rebuilding membership and participation on the Task Force in order to build momentum and engagement in the ministry of reconciliation. If you are interested, please sign up at the Reconciliation Task Force Table, or see Kathy McDowell or Jocelyn Wheaton for details.

Respectfully submitted by Kathy McDowell and Jocelyn Wheaton, co-chairs Reconciliation Task Force.



“Hands Around the Table”

A Hands-On Project for Regional Assembly Weekend Sponsored by the Reconciliation Task Force of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Georgia

As a way of celebrating our differences and recognizing our unity, you are invited to be part of a special hands-on project this weekend. We will be designing a cloth for the communion table that will be used in our closing worship on Sunday morning. Materials will be set up at the special “Hands Around the Table” display in Jones Auditorium. Stop by when you have a few minutes on Friday or Saturday and “give us a hand” with this special project by tracing an outline of your hand with the art supplies provided. Add your own creative touches to make your handprint uniquely you. See and celebrate the results in worship on Sunday! After you’ve given us a hand with this project, please join our prayer chain by writing out your own prayer for unity and posting it at the display.

This project, which is sponsored by the Reconciliation Task Force, symbolizes the wonder and joy that reconciliation can bring. Reconciliation bridges the barriers caused by divisions of race, ethnicity, social and economic status, disability, gender, sexual orientation, age, culture, and geographic location. The gathered hands remind us that authentic relationships are at the heart of reconciliation.

As our nation grows increasingly diverse, the work of reconciliation becomes even more of a priority for Christians. Reconciliation cannot be the work of any one individual, task force, church, region, or denomination; reconciliation is central to what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. Because we have been reconciled to God in Christ, we are all called to participate in the ministry of reconciliation. (2 Corinthians 5:17-21)



Georgia YOUTH ACTIVITY COUNCIL

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Georgia

What is Georgia's Youth Activity Council?

The Youth Activity Council creates and implements youth ministries, including the annual youth assembly—Youth-A-Palooza, and fosters and supports programs to develop the full potential of youth as they participate in the congregational, district, regional and general levels of the church. The council additionally helps to nurture connections between congregations sharing ideas and fostering cooperation on a variety of youth ministries across our region.

The Council is composed of Adults and Youth selected to represent their congregations in the planning and leading of Regional Youth Events of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Georgia. One youth representative is selected by each congregation that wishes to participate. Adults are appointed by the Outdoor Ministry Advisory Team. The adults and youth serve as participants in the planning and implementing of regional youth ministries.

Please make sure that your congregation is represented by this important group of youth leaders in 2007. Information on selection of your representative is available on the website www.gadisciples.org.

2007 Youth-A-Palooza

The council has planned Youth-A-Palooza for **January 12-14, 2007** at St. Simon's Island, Georgia, Epworth by the Sea. We hope your congregation will participate. Registration forms have already been mailed to congregations. Additional information is available on the web, in your docket, or at the displays here at the assembly.

YAC benefited greatly from a multi-regional Youth Leadership Seminar held at Christmount Christian Assembly, last July. This event will be held again in the summer of 2008. Next year's group will take part in the several meetings when they will plan regional youth events.

2007-2008 Schedule

- March 3, 2007 Meeting
- August 3-5, 2007 Planning Retreat
- November 17, 2007 Meeting
- January 5, 2007 Meeting
- January 10-11, 2008 Youth-A-Palooza Pre-Retreat
- January 11-13, 2008, Youth-A-Palooza 2008

Now we want to say thanks to these leaders from congregations across the state. Thanks for your hard work and good luck with the assembly in January.

2006-2007 YOUTH ACTIVITY COUNCIL

Youth

Jennifer Faulconer (Norcross, Peachtree Corners) (12th)
 Alex Mowrey (Atlanta, Brookhaven) (12th)
 Jesse Stephenson (Columbus, Central) (12th)
 Samantha Stockdale (Lawrenceville First) (12th)
 Whitney Wingate (Albany, First) (12th)
 Josh Witkowski (Duluth, Chattahoochee) (12th)
 Emily Abernathy (Marietta, Chestnut Ridge) (11th)
 Katie Cook (Loganville, Loganville) (11th)
 Aaron Franklin-White, (Atlanta, Peachtree) (11th)
 JC Frazier (Flowery Branch, Spirit of Joy) (11th)
 Nicole Hicks (Warner Robins, First) (11th)
 Reesa Patelski (Valdosta, First) (11th)
 Rachel Robeck (Atlanta, Sandy Springs) (11th)
 Matt Thompson (Macon, First) (11th)
 Emma Witherington (Winder, First) (11th)
 David de Queljoe (Guyton) (11th)
 Henry Brewer-Calvert (Decatur, First) (10th)
 James Dubry (Macon, St. Andrew) (10th)
 Chris Giuffre (Lawrenceville, New Hope) (10th)

Christie Mott (Tucker, Atlanta First) (10th)
 Taylor Smith (Athens, First) (10th)
 Doug Landrum (Snellville, Shiloh) (9th)
 Carrie Norris (Watkinsville, First) (9th)
 Jessica Tanner (AIM) (9th)

Adults

Brandy Alsobrook (Decatur, First)
 Danny Gulden (Atlanta, Sandy Springs)
 Mary Michael Gulden (Atlanta, Sandy Springs)
 Joseph Hasty (Guyton, Guyton)
 Katie Hawkins (Watkinsville, First)
 Wildean Easters-McClelland (Valdosta, First)
 Julie Rynnion (Central, Columbus)
 Stephen Westbrook (Lawrenceville, First)
 Tammy Parrish-Dickson (Lawrenceville, New Hope)
 Martha Womack (Macon, St. Andrew)



Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Georgia

This group was formed following the 2001 Youth Assembly to help increase the fellowship and connections of young adults in and from Disciples churches.

Our group is composed of 18-30 something persons who are married and unmarried and are seeking fellowship with other young adults in Disciple churches.



Summer Event at Camp Christian Conference Center

Several adults participated in our annual summer retreat. They plan to get together again in January for a ski trip to Sugar Mountain. They will be joined by University of Georgia Disciples on Campus for this retreat. They invite all young adult Disciples to join them in North Carolina for this event and at their June 16-17, 2007 summer retreat.

Christmount: YADA/DOC Ski Sugar Mountain!

Jan 26-28, 2007 (The date of this event may possibly change)

Details:

Cost will be about: \$160-\$180 per person for 2 nights lodging and some meals at Christmount plus transportation

Lodging will be hotel style with 3 or 4 people to a room

Event begins at 8:00 pm on Friday Night and ends following breakfast Sunday

We will ski or snowboard all day on Saturday

Please email Michael@gadisciples.org if you would like more information on this retreat.

The Campbell-Stone Ministries

Did you know?

Campbell-Stone has been providing housing and services to older adults in Atlanta for over forty years! Our first community, Campbell-Stone Apartments in Buckhead, opened in 1964. The first resident at Campbell-Stone North Apartments in Sandy Springs, moved in to the community in 1978.

The name Campbell-Stone, comes from the founding ministers of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ): Thomas Campbell and his son Alexander, and Barton Stone. The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) was the first denomination started in the United States, founded in 1832.

Both Campbell-Stone communities provide **affordable** housing and services. Both are connected with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and have rental subsidy available to our residents. Many of our residents are limited in their financial means and without these communities would have significant challenges in meeting their basic need for a place to call home.

Campbell-Stone is a **not-for-profit** organization. We do not have shareholders. We do not focus our operations and business on the need to make money. While we are fiscally responsible in all aspects of our organization, we are guided by our mission and our firm belief that Campbell-Stone is a ministry to God's older children.

The Campbell-Stones are very different from most HUD communities for the elderly. We provide assisted living as an option for our residents. Both communities provide full-service dining options providing over 150,000 meals on an annual basis. Also, the Campbell-Stones are enriched by our Chaplain Ministries programs and The Fellowship of John, a benevolence program providing financial assistance to those residents with limited means. These services, among many others, truly set us apart!

Campbell-Stone in Buckhead is currently undergoing an \$11 million renovation to the community which, when finished in October 2007, will allow the campus to continue its rich tradition of providing housing and services for many more years to come.

Each year, over twenty seminarians address the spiritual needs of our residents. The Chaplain Internship programs provide training opportunities through partnerships with Candler School of Theology, the Tri Hospital Clinical Pastoral Education Program (St. Joseph's, Northside and Scottish Rite), and Peachtree Christian Church.

While the Campbell-Stones are sponsored by the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Georgia, our organization is a shared and ecumenical ministry with the majority of our residents and donors coming from different faiths, denominations and spiritual backgrounds.

Each year, the Campbell-Stones rely on the support of donors to fulfill the mission and ministry of our programs. Each year, our residents are blessed by the generosity of others. Each year, we ask for this financial support and find that both the giver and the receiver are enriched by the opportunity!

For further information, please contact Campbell-Stone Apartments in Buckhead at 404-261-4132 and Campbell-Stone North Apartments in Sandy Springs at 404-256-2612, or visit us at www.campbellstone.org.

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ANTIOCH

REELECTED 5/04 - 2ND
ELECTED 5/01 - 1ST
THE ROCK

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Christian College of Georgia Report to the Regional Assembly 2006

The ministries of the Christian College of Georgia influence and impact the lives of Disciples from across Georgia through a variety of educational and leadership endeavors. These ministries are directed by a volunteer Board of Trustees who represent congregations and ministries in the Region and who devote their energy and time to lead through service.

Early each year the College sponsors the “Voices” retreat for clergy in Georgia. In 2006, we welcomed Holly McKissick of Kansas City as our leader for an outstanding retreat with thirty-two participants. February 6-7, 2007, are the dates for the next “Voices” retreat; Gordon Atkinson, a Texan known far and wide as “Real Live Preacher”, will bring the keynotes. “Voices” is held at Camp Christian Conference Center. In the Spring, the College introduced a new event – *Workshops for Church Folks* – which emphasized both theological study and ministerial practice. This conference was held at Sandy Springs Christian Church. In November, the College sponsored a *Hospitality Workshop* to help congregations explore ministries with Refugees and Immigrants, using resources of the Christian Church (Disciples on Christ) and the United Church of Christ.

In collaboration with the Commission on Ministry, Christian College has launched the “Institute for Christian Ministry.” This Institute is a preparation program for licensed and commissioned ministers and candidates; the program is open to any Disciple who desires to participate. The Institute has a definitive Disciples of Christ orientation, and is offered through a course of study including thirteen topics, each offered in a series of three Saturdays over a period of five to seven weeks. Biblical Study, Pastoral Care, Teaching, Preaching, and Spiritual Formation are among the topics which are included. Students pay a modest tuition, purchase their text books, and participate in lively and informative classes which provide practical skills and encourage growth in ministry. This fall, nine students are registered in the Institute. Classes are held at Peachtree Christian Church in Atlanta.

The Ministries in Higher Education continue to grow in Athens at the University of Georgia, Gainesville State College, and Athens Tech. This ministry is flourishing in its partnership with First Christian Church of Athens, where the students enjoy a “Student Center” devoted entirely to their use. Increasing student leadership combined with the appointment of a two part-time Ministers helps to advance the connections among students, faculty, staff and Athens-area Disciples. Regular, weekly programs include Worship, Bible Study, Outreach and Fellowship. The ecumenical partnership with the Presbyterian, Lutheran, and Episcopal Campus Ministries affords even greater awareness for UGA students of their place and opportunities within the Church. The College continues to encourage the ministry of the Atlanta United Divinity Center, offering opportunities for seminarians in the Greater Atlanta area to stay connected with the Church and with one another.

Christian College has entered a significant season of Strategic Planning through which priorities are being established and goals and objectives for the future are being clarified. It is becoming clear to the Trustees and Staff that the future emphasis will focus on (A) Ministry in Higher Education, (B) Educating Licensed, Commissioned and other Lay Ministers, and (C) Nurturing the Clergy in the Region through various strategies. While there are many other potential priorities for ministry, it has become increasingly apparent that the College must establish a strategy for the future in order to maximize its effectiveness and exercise sound stewardship.

It is the privilege of the Christian College of Georgia to serve in close partnership with the Region and the Regional Ministers, and to serve the members and congregations within the Region. Trustees are selected to serve four-year terms, and may succeed themselves upon nomination by the current Board of Trustees.

Trustees selected by the Board of Trustees for the Class of 2010 are:

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SPECIAL CHURCH RECOGNITIONS

LEADING CONTRIBUTORS TO DISCIPLE MISSION FUND IN 2005

Congregations 0 – 50 participating Members
First Christian Church, Eastman

Congregations 51 - 100 participating Members
First Christian Church, Macon

Congregations 101 – 250 participating Members
First Christian Church, Decatur
First Christian Church, Marietta
First Christian Church, Sandersville
Cherry Log Christian Church, Cherry Log

Congregations 1000 and above participating Members
Ray of Hope Christian Church, Decatur

LEADING CWF/DISCIPLE WOMEN CONTRIBUTORS TO DISCIPLE MISSION FUND

Central Christian Church, Columbus
First Christian Church, Sandersville
First Christian Church, Valdosta

LEADING YOUTH GROUP CONTRIBUTORS TO DISCIPLE MISSION FUND IN 2005

First Christian Church, Athens
First Christian Church, Decatur

CHURCH GROWTH – BAPTISMS

Congregations 101 – 250 participating Members
Iglesia El Aposento Alto, Lake City

Congregations 1000 and above participating Members
Ray of Hope Christian Church, Decatur
Peachtree Christian Church, Atlanta

CHURCH GROWTH – ADDITIONS

Congregations 101 – 250 participating Members
Cherry Log Christian Church, Cherry Log

Congregations 1000 and above participating Members
Ray of Hope Christian Church, Decatur
Peachtree Christian Church, Atlanta