HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT ALEX?

In 2020 the General Church released a resource to help mainstream congregational reporting and general operations with the creation of ALEX.

1. Phone Application for ease of use
2. Greater Congregational inter-connectivity
3. Data to improve strategic decision making

5 Churches in NE already use ALEX on a weekly basis, with many more using it monthly.

Email Nathan to learn more!

AFGHAN REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT

Disciples, we need you! Disciple’s churches are planning to work with families beginning in January 2022. But we need you – your time, energy, and interest – to make this possible.

- 10 Volunteers are needed per family.
- Our 4 Disciple churches in Omaha are planning to resettle one family. Can you help?
- Our 8 Disciple churches in Lincoln are planning to resettle 2-3 families. Can you help?

Please contact Rev. Chris Morton if you are interested in learning more about how the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is partnering across all three expressions of The Church: Local, Regional, and General.
CONGREGATIONAL CHANGE: A 20 YEAR VIEW

1. 60% of Churches (1-50 active people) have fewer than 6% of ALL attendees in the USA
2. Prior to the pandemic, many congregations were small and getting smaller, while the largest ones keep getting more attendees.
3. Despite continued declines in attendance overall, about 1/3 of congregations are growing and are spiritually vital.
4. While a larger congregation offers some distinct advantages, each size grouping has certain strengths.
5. Congregations have continued to diversify, particularly in terms of racial composition.
6. A dramatically increased utilization of technology can be seen over the past two decades, even pre-pandemic.
7. The fiscal health of congregations has remained mostly steady.
8. There is a clear and demonstrated path toward vitality with characteristics that are consistent across the two decades of our survey efforts.

The Entire Report, Twenty Years of Congregational Change, is 29 pages with a slant towards the question of “Church Growth” and insights about revitalization. More than 1,000 CC (DoC) congregations participated.

PRAY-FOR LIST

November 7
Nebraska Regional Board, Committees & Staff

November 14
Retired Ministers of Nebraska

November 21
Nebraska Chaplains:
- Rev. Nancy Gillett (UNMC)
- Rev. Melissa Strong (Methodist)
- Rev. Jerry Albright (St. Croix) Chaplain Rachel Johnson (Lincoln Regional)
- Rev. Gary George (Hospice House)
- Rev. Thomas Williamson

November 28
Other Nebraska Clergy
THANKSGIVING OFFERING
NOVEMBER 14TH & 21ST
Click for Resources NOW!

Pilgrimage to Ecuador –
Join the Virtual Tour Nov.10th – 19th for $25
The Tour will be hosted by: Ecumenical Foundation for Development, Integration, Training, and Education.
Registration is only one click away!

Disciples Church Extension Fund announces President

The Board of Directors of Disciples Church Extension Fund (DCEF) is pleased to announce that it has named Belinda King as the next President of the ministry. With nearly two decades of experience in business banking, commercial lending, investment management, and client service, King is the first African American and the first woman to serve as DCEF's President.

Learn more

Regional Office Calendar:
HTTPS://DISCIPLES-NE.ORG/CALENDAR/

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