

Northeastern Region Steps Toward New Beginnings

Have you heard the good news about the Northeastern Region of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)? For one year, the Region has been experiencing a transformational resurrection. This has been ably led by leaders in the region.

We can celebrate the fact that more churches and leaders are participating in regional life; services of ordination and pastoral installation continue through the region; the Commission on the Ministry's first round of the required one day trainings has rotated across the region.

The following teams are functional and reflect the region's diversity: Communication, Intercessory Prayer, Trustees, Commission on the Ministry, Stewardship, Regional Assembly 2010, Personnel, CWF, Regional Elders, Clinical Practitioners, and the Northeastern Disciples Day and the Development Team.

The 2009 Northeastern Disciples Day is a new ministry which initiates the region's healing and reconciliation journey. In January 2010, the region is partnering with Church Extension's New Beginnings Ministry Team; this is a service offered by Church Extension to assess the strengths and challenges for a congregation as it seeks to engage in significant ministry in its community; the assessment is done with a cluster of congregations.

The Development Team has been working to address the region's long-term finances. So far in 2009, the congregations in the Northeastern Region have increased giving to Disciples Mission Fund by more than double, even in these uncertain times. We thank you and are grateful for your continued support of the whole church through Disciples Mission Fund. Though real challenges remain, there are many new signs of life in the region.

These new steps in the Northeastern Region are the result of grants of \$40,000.00 from the Office of General Minister and President, College of Regional Ministers, and Reconciliation Ministries. These one-time grants were made as an investment by our partners in the General and Regional Church to reboot the work of the Disciples in the Northeastern Region.

Will you and your congregation join the Northeastern Region in taking steps toward a new beginning? **One hundred per cent of the Christmas special offering is returned to the Northeastern Region**; please give generously in your special Christmas offering.