



Welcome to the [2022 Ministers Institute](#) of the Disciples of Christ Upper Midwest Region!

Here you will find all the workshop details. Click [here](#) to register.

9:30 a.m. Tuesday, January 25th (all times are central time)



Self-Reflection and Renewal in Tough Times

Join a time spent in contemplative-ish prayer coupled with alcohol ink painting. This workshop is led by Rev. Marian Hart who has spent the first year of her retirement as a pastor living next to the Cedar River and listening to God through the wonders of wildlife and the changing of the season. *This workshop is offered in-person only.*



Discussion of Gender-Based Perspectives on Professional Healthcare Chaplaincy

Rev. Dr. Peter Bauck will lead a discussion of a paper by White, et al, in the Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion, 2021. This workshop satisfies 1 hour continuing education for BCCI certification in the research category. Peter holds a MDiv from Yale University Divinity School, and a PhD in pastoral care from Luther Seminary. He is a board-certified chaplain with thirteen years' experience as a healthcare chaplain. His research experience includes projects in Health Care Ethics and quality improvement projects for spiritual care. *This workshop is virtual. In-person attendees may also choose to attend virtually.*



Writing a Narrative Budget and Year-Round Stewardship

This workshop is led by Rev. Dr. Bruce A. Barkhauer who since 2010 serves as the first "Minister for Faith and Giving for Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)". Since that time, he has engaged the whole church in conversations about generosity and transformative ways for congregations to think about stewardship. He is a graduate of Christian Theological Seminary, and Doctor of Ministry studies at Ashland Theological Seminary. *This workshop is virtual. In-person attendees may also choose to attend virtually.*

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Building Teams and Connecting

The goal of this workshop is to have fun and to gather ideas to help church leaders to reconnect and engage their church community. Rev. Mark Hall, a lifelong Disciple and a board-certified chaplain will lead the workshop. Mark graduated from Seminary in 1986 and served as a Disciple in the U.S. Army Chaplain Corp for 20 years. In 2003 he continued to help others as a hospital chaplain at the Iowa City Veterans Hospital.

This workshop is offered in-person only.



Juggling ministry, tent-making, and time

Like many others, we are having to pivot with congregations not being able to afford full-time ministers. This session presents some of the "hacks" from the DOC new church series and applies to both full-time and part-time pastors. Pastor Terrell L. McTyler who serves as the Minister of New Church Strategies for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will lead the workshop. Terrell works to increase missional efficacy and efficiency towards starting sustainable, world-changing churches and

making disciples. Terrell is a pastor, writer, speaker, mentor, coach, and musician that lives by the mantra, "It's a sin to be good when God has called you to be GREAT!"

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Ways to Generate More Money

Kirby Hughes Gould, vice president of the Christian Church Foundation's North Central zone will lead this workshop with ideas on stewardship and financial management for the church. Kirby joined the Foundation in 1997. She previously served on the development staff of both the National Benevolent Association and the Oklahoma Christian Home. Kirby is a commissioned minister of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and a Certified Fund-Raising Executive, Chartered Financial Consultant and Advisor in Philanthropy.

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1:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 25th (all times are central time)



Book Study - *The Post Quarantine Church: Six Urgent Challenges and Opportunities That Will Determine the Future of Your Congregation*

Rev. Loren Strait, pastor at Covenant Christian Church in Urbandale, IA will lead a discussion of the book by Thom S. Rainer. Rainer understands that no one knows for sure what the long-term effects of the pandemic will be on churches and Christian ministry. Rainer raises good questions for church leaders to prayerfully consider. Loren is a graduate of Disciple institutions: Culver-Stockton College where he received a BA in Religion and Philosophy,

and Christian Theological Seminary where he received his MDiv.

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How we lose and find motivation as chaplains and ministers during tough times

How do we maintain our energy for ministry when our inner resources don't match the outer demands of our work and we are overwhelmed? In this workshop Rev. Scott McRae will explore how an understanding of energy and awareness is crucial for recognizing how we both lose and find motivation. By looking at two biblical themes, and two awareness models, we will explore contemplative ways that we open ourselves to the sacred and to the inspiration that comes with it. Scott is a CPE Educator at University of Minnesota Medical Center in Minneapolis. Scott previously served 16 years as Director of Spiritual Care and Education at Park Nicollet and Methodist hospital. Scott is ordained in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. He earned his B.A. from Augustana College in Illinois and his MDiv from Yale Divinity School. Scott also runs Sojourners Institute in which he offers programs and educational events related to spiritual development and spiritual direction.

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Preparing for Retirement

Are you retiring? Thinking about retiring? How will you inform your congregants and prepare them for change? How will you prepare yourself for change? How to discern God's guidance through change? Rev. Liz Woodward, CCUMW Partner Regional Minister is passionate about how to prepare yourself and your congregation for your retirement.

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2:45 p.m. Tuesday, January 25th (all times are central time)

YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS THIS!



Day Peace, Black Iowa Streams

Day Peace, originally from Detroit and now a professional comedian in North Iowa will give us thoughts on social justice – stand-up comedy style!

Day gave our own Rev. Margaret Hutchens her first shot at "sit down" comedy. At the time Margaret couldn't stand because of a broken ankle. She sat down to do stand up!

Day has been a professional comedian for 10 years with a philosophy with “Who doesn’t like to laugh?” Day’s advice to people is don’t chase dreams - manifest them. Day released a comedy album, *Peace of Mind Comedy*, in April 2020. Day’s hashtag is #funnyandblessed. Day is a husband, father to two boys and a baby girl.

Day is part of Black Iowa Streams, also known as BIAS. Using humor to have their voices heard and address issues is what this local group of Black comedians is doing. BIAS is a non-profit organization (501c3) of black artists, comedians/ content creators in Iowa.

Day’s stand-up will be in-person and live-streamed for virtual participants.