

**REGIONAL BOARD MEETING
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ in Virginia)**

The Summit
November 19, 2011
10:00

Gathering

1. Welcome Geneal Wilson

Responsive Call to Worship

Worship the Lord in gladness, come before him with joy. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, with gratitude sing out his praise.

The Lord, creator of the heavens and the earth, provides food for the hungry with mercy.

Praise the Creator who works great wonders, who ennobles us from birth, who treats us with compassion.

How shall we thank God for our blessings?

Let us share our bread with the hungry; let us not turn away from the needy.

Clothe the naked and shelter the homeless, help those who have no help.

Sing a new song for the Lord. Where the faithful gather, let God be praised.

2. Lighting the Candle of Unity

3. Unison Opening Prayer

Almighty and ever-living God, you have richly blessed this land with the bounteous goodness from your hand. Accept these expressions of our caring as tokens of our abiding concern for others. With gratitude we count and celebrate life's blessings. We rejoice in your everlasting love which draws us together despite cherished differences. Grant that we may draw together in praise and go forth with compassion to serve. Amen.

4. Roll call of Board Members Debbie Wilson

5. Approval of the Minutes of the March 26, 2011 Board Meeting Geneal Wilson

6. Reading of God's Word Psalm 150:1-6

7. We receive Reflections and Joys from the Regional Staff Lee Parker
Ann Pulley

8. News on Ongoing Ministries Ken Burger
 a. The Summit

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| b. Craig Springs | Alisha Bennett |
| c. New Church Partnership Project | David Herrick |
| | Ralph Powers |
| d. Lynchburg College | Stephanie McLemore |
| 9. Regional Board Meeting Recessed | Geneal Wilson |
| 10. Meeting of the Virginia Christian Missionary Society convened | |
| a. Setting 2012 housing allowances. | |
| 11. Meeting of Virginia Christian Missionary Society adjourned | Geneal Wilson |
| 12. Regional Board Meeting reconvened | Geneal Wilson |
| 13. A Glance into the Future | Tom Larson |

WE FELLOWSHIP AND BREAK BREAD TOGETHER

(Order of the Day)

Offering of thanks in Unison

Most high, almighty, good Lord God, to you belong praise, glory, honor and all blessing.

Praise be my Lord God, with all your creatures, and especially our brother the sun, who brings us the day and who brings us the light: fair is he, and he shines with a very great splendor. O Lord, he signifies you to us.

Praised be my Lord for our sister the moon, and for the stars, which you have set clear and lovely in heaven.

Praised be my Lord for our brother the wind, and for air and clouds and for air and clouds, calms and all weather, by which you uphold life and all creatures.

Praised be my Lord for our sister water, who is very serviceable to us, and humble and precious and clean.

Praised be my Lord for our brother fire, through whom you give us light in the darkness; he is bright and pleasant and mighty and strong.

Praised be my Lord for our mother the earth, which sustains and keeps us and brings forth all kinds of fruits and flowers of many colors and the grass.

Praised be my Lord for all those who pardon one another for love's sake, and who endure weakness and tribulation. Blessed are they who peacefully shall endure, for you, O Most High, will give them a crown.

Praised be my Lord for our sister, the death of the body, from which no one escapes. Blessed are those who die in your most holy will.

Praise and bless the Lord and give thanks to God and serve God with great humility.

(Francis of Assisi, "Canticle to God's Creatures")

14. Global Ministry Partnership Jim Perry
15. Unity Christian Church Carolyn Schwarz
16. Budget for 2012 and 2011 Financial Update Randy Lail

WE DEPART FOR MINISTRY

Adjournment Geneal Wilson

Responsive Closing Prayer Lee Parker

O God, we give you thanks for all that you have done for us: that you have created us, and have given us the gift of life and set us to live in this fair earth; that you have given us work to do, and the strength to do it; that you have kept us all our days, and have brought us in safety to this present hour:

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices.

We give you thanks for all that others have done for us. For those who taught us when we were children; for those who in the days of youth gave us the guidance which kept us from going astray: for those who to this day love us and surround us with their care; for those who pray for us, and who bear us to the throne of grace:

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices.

We give you thanks for the gift of your Holy Spirit: for your Spirit to remind us of the words of Jesus, when we are in danger of forgetting them; for your Spirit to lead us into new knowledge and new truth; for your Spirit to tell us what we must do and what we must say; for your Spirit to inspire us with strength and courage for life and for living.

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices.

We give you thanks for all that your church has done for us: for all the teaching we have received within the church; for strength and guidance each week for life's way; for friendship and fellowship which we here enjoy; for the sacraments of your grace, and the prayers of your people:

Now that we all our God with heart and hands and voices.

We give you thanks for all that you have done for us in Jesus Christ, that in him you have shown us the length and breadth and depth and height of your great love for us; that in him you have opened to us a new and living way into your presence; that in him you have given us forgiveness of sins and peace with you:

Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices.

**The Next Regional Board meeting will be
March 10, 2012 at Lynchburg College**