



# 2012 Ministries of the Upper Midwest Region



Below are the ministries that emerged from the All Congregational Gathering on Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>  
If you are passionate about any of the ministries below please sign up to help.  
Thank you for your Leadership!

## Young Adult Retreat Ministry

Create times young adults can come together via internet or in person to retreat and meet other young adult Disciples in the Region. A time to talk about issues young adults face in the world today, laugh with one another and grow in faith. Also work together to plan a retreat for young adults at the Christian Conference Center –organize so youth or older adults can volunteer to provide the childcare & children's activities during the retreat.  
Contact Jack Knox [bccjknox@gmail.com](mailto:bccjknox@gmail.com)  
641-208-7628

## Disciple Shift

Looking at Transformation in congregations. A shift is happening in the church; Learn and share new ways to do mission, music, etc. Recently this group sent 10 people to a Shift music event in Wisconsin. Disciples Shift has a link and a cool webpage on the Regional website: [uppermidwestcc.com](http://uppermidwestcc.com) also on Facebook.  
Contact: Bill Kerns  
[bbmonkey@frontiernet.net](mailto:bbmonkey@frontiernet.net) 515-570-1762

## Green Chalice

Three years ago the Christian Church in Marshalltown started a journey of "seeing creation through new lens" (New eyes) Marshalltown CC is now a Green Chalice congregation. Join together and learn to look at yourselves in connection with everything around us. More info on Green Chalice congregations is located on the Christian Church in KY Regional website: [ccinky.net](http://ccinky.net) Contact: Gail Thiessen  
[pastor.gail@centraldoc.org](mailto:pastor.gail@centraldoc.org)

## Women's Ministries

Women! Empowerment, education, and mission for women of all ages all over the region looking for creative innovation and endless opportunities to get together for study, missions, and much more. Contact Wendy Bristow-Barrett [jwbarrett@q.com](mailto:jwbarrett@q.com)

## Camping Ministry

The Camp and Christian Conference Center located outside Newton, IA has been a Holy Ground for many as campers, counselors, and directors. This ministry will continue to work together with the camping program to help plan and support the Christian Conference Center. Join the fun. Contact: Bert Burns  
[bb@uppermidwestcc.org](mailto:bb@uppermidwestcc.org) 641-792-1266

## MSN (Ministry of Spiritual Nurture)

This ministry encourages individuals and congregations to more deeply follow Christ in ways that help in spiritual growth– the work flows from God's mystery - is Spirit led. Contact Paul Witmer, [paulwitmer@msn.com](mailto:paulwitmer@msn.com)

## Clergy Care Group

Identify needs, encourage clergy care, provide spiritual and emotional care for clergy and provide other supports as necessary. There was a questionnaire at last Ministers' institute. 'the laborer is worthy of their pay' and good care. - Julie Gibson, [jgibson@pcpartner.net](mailto:jgibson@pcpartner.net) 641-521-0129

## Youth Ministries

Encouraging and planning youth to get together with other congregations in their areas, coordinate activities and mission trips. Contact: Melanie Van Weelden  
[melanie4399@gmail.com](mailto:melanie4399@gmail.com)

## Prayer Circles

Work together to strengthen prayer in your congregation and in the Region. Form prayer circles in congregations, geographical areas, and all Disciples Together in the Region. Looking for people interested in prayer ministry. Contact Tammy Rottschaefter  
[tamara\\_rottschaefter@hotmail.com](mailto:tamara_rottschaefter@hotmail.com)

## New Church

Work together in the Upper Midwest Region to help start, assist, and encourage sustainable new churches in numerous ways. Contact Jerry Crenshaw, [crendad@gmail.com](mailto:crendad@gmail.com) 515-321-0383

## Internet Sunday School

Explore and create a powerful new way to sharing our Sunday School resources, i.e., wouldn't it be wonderful if a good teacher could teach the same great lessons for other congregations as they did in their home congregation via "Internet Sunday School". Learn technology that allows sharing between congregations and around the Region. Contact: Bill Spangler-Dunning,  
[bsdumw@gmail.com](mailto:bsdumw@gmail.com) 515-577-9050

## School for Congregational Learning

Work together to plan, organize, and create the largest annual gathering in the Upper Midwest Region. Help finding exciting workshops, keynote speakers, and leaders, explore what's needed in congregations and work to help meet the needs through this day of shared training, worship, and fellowship. Contact Bill Spangler-Dunning, [bsdumw@gmail.com](mailto:bsdumw@gmail.com) 515-577-9050

## Old Guys

Inspired by the 'old guys' in every congregation that he sees, Tim Johnson is calling those retired men who have an astonishing amount of skills, learning, and experiences, to come together with their many talents and help where needed. This mission group will contribute their skills and make a difference in this world. Contact Tim Johnson,  
[tjohnson1950@yahoo.com](mailto:tjohnson1950@yahoo.com) 515-205-2942.

## Elder Home Makeover

Disciples willing to work together creating to an outreach ministry to the elderly. It can be all ages, also involve youth to live out their faith. I.e., it could even be a three hour mission work camp for kids. "We need money and coordination." Contact Dan Frieberg, [dan@premiercrop.com](mailto:dan@premiercrop.com) 515-238-9789 Dan can send you a power point and details to any congregation that is interested in this ministry.