



Kansas Mini-Messenger

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This issue of the Mini-Messenger has information about the spring workshops in southeast Kansas, our Regional Assembly in October, and about several conferences happening on a larger scale than our region. Whether or not these events fill a need for your congregation, please pray for the participants, organizers, and leaders that each of these events will strengthen our congregations and our common witness, as we move toward wholeness in a fragmented world.

Southeast District Spring Workshops

As keynote speaker, author and musician Christian Piatt will help church leaders and pastors consider how to be relevant in our times. Workshop leaders include Brandon Gilvin, Associate Director of Week of Compassion, sharing What's Up In The World; Kirby Gould of the Christian Church Foundation, Developing New Streams of Funding For Your Church; and keynoter Christian Piatt, Relating To Younger Generations.

Workshops take place at Pittsburg First Christian Church. Registration begins at 9:30 and the day will close by 3:00. Two keynotes, two workshop sessions, and a Chicken Annie's lunch are included in the \$7 cost. Please register by Wednesday, March 7 by calling 620-231-1430 or emailing fcpittsburg@disciples.kscoxmail.com.

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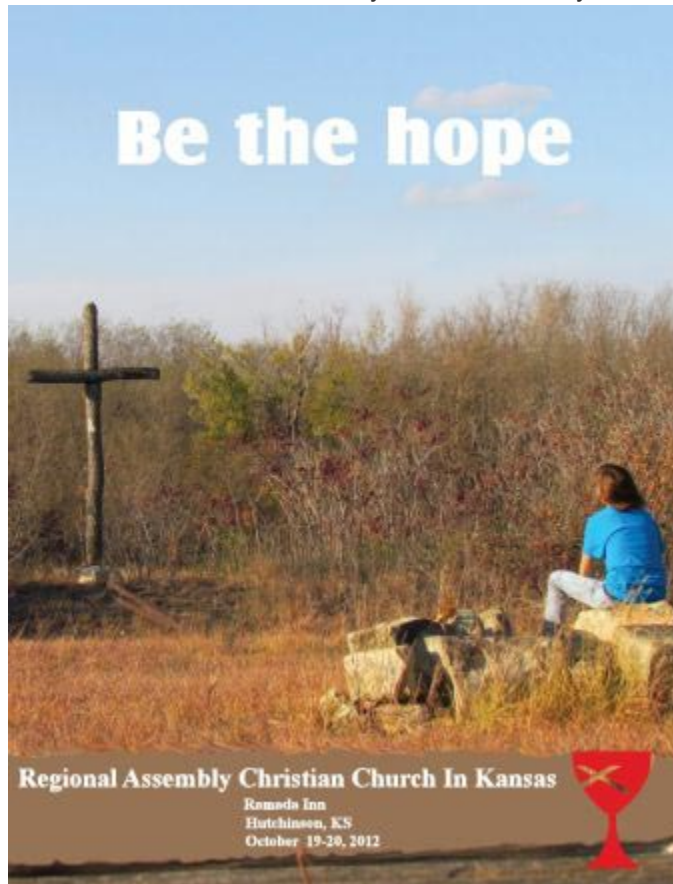
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Regional Assembly 2012

Is your church struggling to find vitality? Our culture has changed, and mainstream churches (Disciples!) often have trouble getting our bearings when it seems like all the news is bad news. Diana Butler Bass brings a message of hope and good news for churches like ours! She is the speaker for our 2012 Regional Assembly, Oct 19-20 in Hutchinson.

To prepare for Assembly, the Planning Committee suggests that church groups—classes, board and committees, elders, women's and men's groups, etc.—read her book, *Christianity For the Rest of Us*. Discussion questions for each chapter are included, a shortcut for busy group leaders!

The book is available at www.Cokesbury.com, www.Amazon.com, and other bookstores, and will be an excellent addition to your church library.



Preaching and Stewardship

The Rev. Dr. James Forbes will headline the first ever Preaching and Stewardship Symposium, June 12-14 at Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis. Also on the roster for this premier event are the Rev. Drs. Ron Allen, Lance Pape, and Carol Johnston, and the Rev. Bruce Barkhauer. Early bird registration of \$99 closes April 1. Seminary students may register for \$50, and CTS will house as many seminarians as possible for \$41/night.

[Click here](#) for information about the seminar, organized by our own Disciples Center for Faith

and Giving, with sponsorship from Christian Church Foundation, College of Regional Ministers, Christian Theological Seminary, and the Ecumenical Stewardship Center. [Register here.](#)

Disciples Men: Xtreme Faith—Bold Action

The women have Quadrennial—now Disciples Men have Xtreme Faith—Bold Action: Gathering 2012, set for July 13-15 at Bethany College in West Virginia. Great speakers and workshops, mission, fellowship—a worthy way to spend your time. Mission projects are centered around the Campbell Home in Bethany and other historic Disciples sites. Information and [registration are here.](#)

Children Welcome! From Stumbling Blocks to Building Blocks of Faith

This fifth Children Welcome! Conference is an opportunity for personal and congregational renewal as we explore how best to respond to the needs and gifts of children. The time will be filled with music, worship, the learning of new skills, theological discussions, Biblical reflections, networking and much, much more. Hillside Christian Church in Kansas City, February 23-25. [Click here](#) for full information and registration.

Is This the Fast I Seek?

Ecumenical Advocacy Days, March 23-26, Washington D.C. Sponsored by Church World Service, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), and many more churches and religious organizations. [More information.](#)