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Christmas Greetings! Your Regional Office staff wishes to take this opportunity to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas. It is good to be in ministry with all of you.

Herb Knudsen, Beth Dobyms, Christal Williams, Scott Woolridge, Kathy Frus, Burley Herrin, Fay Bailiff, Beth Zumwalt, Marilee Beach, Dana Worrell-Jumper, Neil Sallee, Becky Lewis, Barry Parnell.

New Search & Call Requirements Beginning in January 2007, all ministers entering the Search and Call process of the church will be required to have a criminal background check as part of their profile and references.

The General Board approved this process in July 2006 upon the recommendation of the General Commission on Ministry. The background check will be conducted by the Oxford Document Management Company for a fee of \$140 Ministers will be asked to pay this fee as they enter Search and Call and then be reimbursed by the congregation or institution that calls them. The background checks will be integrated into a new web based Search and Call process that also will begin in January 2007.

For more information on this process to help congregations be safe environments for all, visit: http://www.disciples.org/dns/Releases2006/0_6168.pdf

Christmas Special Day Offering - 2 More Minutes for Mission Ever wondered how kids like summer camps? Ever wonder how ministers received their call to ministry? Click on the links below for 2 more Minutes for Mission to see how your Christmas offering impacts youth and congregations of the CCIW Region.

Link One: http://www.cciwdisciples.org/christmas/minute_s.htm Link Two: [http://www.cciwdisciples.org/2MinuteForMission .pdf](http://www.cciwdisciples.org/2MinuteForMission.pdf)

Do You Like to Read? For those who like to read, Beth Dobyms has been doing a quarterly list of new and interesting books. All kinds of books may appear. The group just published includes "Banker to the Poor", a book by Muhammad Yunus, who just won the Nobel Peace Prize.

An annotated list of the newest books can be found on the Women's Ministries page of our website. Click on Women's Ministries - Women's News Winter 2007, then scroll to Beth's Book Corner. Happy Reading!

Eureka College News Eureka College names two as Chaplain and Provost. The Rev. Bruce Fowlkes of Indianapolis will begin duties as Chaplain in January 3, 2007. Dr. Irene S. Burgess will begin duties as Provost and Dean also on January 3.

To view information on Rev Fowlkes, go to:
[http://www.cciwdisciples.org/dana/ECChaplain.p df](http://www.cciwdisciples.org/dana/ECChaplain.pdf)

To view information on Dr. Burgess, go to:
<http://www.cciwdisciples.org/dana/ECProvost.pdf>

Mission Trips Davis Memorial Christian Church, Taylorville, will be going back to Port Arthur-Beaumont, Texas, July 23- 30, 2007. Others are welcome to join to group. For information, contact Pastors Lonnie and Vicki Southern at 217-824-8181.

15th Avenue Christian Church, Rock Island, is going to Slidell, LA the week of January 27-February 3, 2007. They will be glad to talk with people interested in joining this trip. For information, contact Pastor Renee Bridwell at 309-786-6925.

Disciples News Service (DNS) Communication Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) would like to invite you to subscribe to their weekly e-mail news brief of events and information about the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). DNS is a free service to anyone with an e- mail address by simply going to <http://www.disciples.org/dns/dnssignup.htm> and signing up.

Regional Prayer Requests The Tri-Region Merger Discernment Conversation Team will meet February 12-13, 2007. Please add to your prayer list.

H. Leon Harter is progressing very nicely following his heart procedure.

Cindy and Larry Wagoner have a new granddaughter, Allison, born 11/4 in North Carolina to son Rob and wife Morgan. Cindy is a former employee of the CCIW Regional Office. Please add this new child on your list.