

Christian College of Georgia – May, 2009

Report for the Regional Board Report

(Note: Due to medical conditions, I am unable to drive or ride great distances, and therefore will not be in attendance at the Regional Board Meeting – BH)

1. Disciples on Campus – The campus ministry wrapped up another successful year of ministry with and among college and university students and other young adults with a “celebration of graduates” on Sunday, May 3. The Reverend James Brewer-Calvert was this year’s keynote speaker. Campus Ministers Diane Bales and Courtney Montgomery Chandler were instrumental in seeing the semester through due to Bob Harris’ absence (medical). Both of these campus ministers did excellent work in leading the students in regular activities of fellowship, Bible Study (with the leadership of Joey Baker), worship, and Outreach for the entire semester. A highlight was the sponsorship of a CROP Walk with Church World Service. Another highlight was continued service of meals to the Athens Area Homeless Shelter.

2. Institute for Christian Ministry – The Institute continues to provide excellent preparation for ministry for persons seeking licensure or continuing education for licensed ministry in the Region. Two courses in 2009 were offered – Mission and Evangelism in Atlanta with Landa Simmons teaching; The Body of Christ (Ecumenism) in Macon with Vinetta Golphin-Wilkerson teaching. Responses from students continue to confirm that this curriculum is useful, practical, and inspiring for those involved in or preparing for ministry in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). The Institute will complete its first three-year cycle of studies this summer; the second cycle commences in September, 2009. More than forty-five students have enrolled in one or more courses during the first cycle of this curriculum, which is authorized as the educational curriculum for licensed ministers.

3. Plans are being developed for teaching via the Internet. The courses offered on-line would continue expansion of the curriculum based on “The Nazareth Consensus” to students in other Regions of the Christian Church, as well as to students who may not be able to attend Saturday classroom instruction as is currently offered. Buddy Ray is serving as a resource for this project.

4. Dr. Harris announced a thirty-year lease of Christian College of Georgia EBS Spectrum to Clearwire, a contract which will provide significant financial income to the College for the continuation of its program. The lease is in its final stages of approval by the FCC and the lessee. While the lease is renewable every ten years, the thirty year projected income exceeds \$1.77 million. This has been a timely strategic move given the fact that the state of the economy has significantly impacted the College Endowment. Bob also announced that the Development Committee will get underway with its work under the leadership of former Trustee Patrick Chandler. Fund-raising will be central to the College efforts as we move into the next decade of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. The College initiated its first “Annual Fund” in 2008, with over \$1500 in receipts. The 2009 drive is already underway.

5. The Annual Voices Retreat for Clergy will feature Keynoter Mark Miller-McLemore of the Disciples Divinity House in Nashville, and Assistant Professor of the Practice of Ministry at Vanderbilt Divinity School. This event will be held at Camp Christian Conference Center February 2-3, 2010.

6. The College welcomed two new Trustees for the Class of 2012 – Kris Jensen of Lawrenceville First, and James Simmons of the Ray of Hope.

7. Trustee and instructor Landa Harris Simmons has contributed a very popular resource – a Bible Study Guide for the popular Book The Shack. It is available on our website.

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