

Report to the Regional Assembly  
Regional Elder Program  
October, 2015

The program of regional elders has been in transition during 2015 as two elder positions remain unfilled and at least one of our long-time elders, Ray Austin, is completing a term as regional elder. Thanks, Ray, for your elder ministry.

Elders met at Griffin First on May 30<sup>th</sup> and welcomed new elders to our cadre. Charles Beadle and Jane Osborn assumed the elder ministry for churches in central and middle Georgia plus one in south Georgia. Mary Grant assumed the ministry with churches in middle and east central Georgia. In addition we had a meeting by conference call with Rev. Bell on September 15.

We still need a couple of elders to minister to flocks in south and northeast Georgia. Ana Guardiola has returned home after an extensive illness while visiting their daughter in Tucson. While there she was hospitalized for a time. She now feels well enough to resume her elder ministry, for which we are grateful.

We have a fine group of regional elders which include Helen Branch, Ray Austin, Ana Guardiola, Medie Still, Nancy Oliver Mary Grant, Charles Beadle and Jane Osborn, and Bill Thompson. Rev. Bell is securing new elders to fill the vacancies. Two have been confirmed: Jabari Butler and Chuck Jones. The third is being contacted as of October 24<sup>th</sup>. Some adjustments in assigned churches will probably be made at our next meeting, January 9<sup>th</sup>.

Current church assignments are listed below:

**Bill Thompson, (2015)**

Good Neighbor, John's Creek  
Johns Creek Christian Church, Johns Creek  
First Christian Church, Rome  
Central Christian Church, Columbus  
First Christian Church, Griffin

**Helen Branch (2017)**

God's City of Refuge, Atlanta  
First Christian Church, Decatur  
Ray of Hope Christian Church, Decatur  
United Christian Church, Dublin  
Bethel Christian Church, Eastman  
Bethesda Christian Church, Tennille  
Fountain of Hope, Atlanta

**Ana Guardiola (2015)**

First Christian Church, Marietta  
Iglesia Cristiana Getsemani, Valdosta (5 PM)  
First Christian Church, Warner Robins

**Frank McDonald (2017)**

Cherry Log Christian Church, Cherry Log  
New Covenant Christian Church, Lawrenceville  
New Hope Christian Church, Lawrenceville  
First Christian Church of Atlanta, Tucker  
First Zo Christian Church of Atlanta, Decatur

**Nancy Oliver (2015)**

Brookhaven Christian Church, Atlanta  
First Christian Church, Lawrenceville  
Chestnut Ridge Christian Church, Marietta  
Eagles Landing, McDonough  
Liberty Christian Church, Newnan  
Sandy Springs CC, Sandy Springs

**Charles Beadle/Jane Osborn (2017)**

First Christian Church, Macon  
St. Andrew Christian Church, Macon  
First Christian Church, Dublin  
First Christian Church, Sandersville  
First Christian Church, Waycross

**Mary Grant (2017)**

Community Christian Church, Fayetteville  
 Damascus Christian Church, Griffin  
 Williamson CC, Williamson  
 Central Christian Church, Augusta  
 First Christian Church, Augusta  
 Shiloh Christian Church, Snellville

**Open (2017)**

Friendship Christian Church, Athens  
 Peachtree Christian Church, Atlanta  
 Union Christian Church, Watkinsville  
 First Christian Church, Winder  
 Antioch Christian Church, Watkinsville  
 First Christian Church, Watkinsville

**Medie Still (2017)**

Guyton Christian Church, Guyton  
 The Christian Church (DOC) in Savannah  
 Antioch Christian Church, Sylvania  
 Hiltonia Christian Church, Sylvania  
 First Chinese, Norcross  
 Peachtree Corners Christian Church, Norcross

**Open (2017)**

First Christian Church, Albany  
 Sanctuary Disciples of Christ, Albany  
 First Christian Church, Eastman  
 First Christian Church, Savannah  
 First Christian Church, Valdosta

**Open (2017)**

Loganville Christian Church, Loganville  
 High Shoals Christian Church, High Shoals  
 Centennial Christian Church, White Plains  
 First Christian Church, Athens  
 First Christian Church, Bogart

Duties of the Elders are:

- worship twice each year in each of the assigned congregations
- maintain contact quarterly by telephone or email with the pastor of the assigned congregation
- represent the Region as requested at celebrative functions in assigned congregations
- be present in clergy meetings for the area
- be responsive in times of illness and hospitalization when requested by the Regional Minister
- share with the Regional Minister any pastoral or church related issues discovered during the care and presence process
- be an advocate for the Region and the larger church in the assigned congregations
- attend scheduled Regional Elders meetings with the Regional Minister
- carry out duties in manner consistent with the Code of Ethics for Ministers of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

I am unable to attend the assembly this year due to the scheduling of a family wedding on the same weekend.

In Christ's service,

Rev. Bill Thompson, Chair  
 Regional Elders