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"I loved autumn, the one season of the year that God seemed to have put there just for the beauty of it."

Lee Maynard

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CHAIRPERSON

Christy Howard-Steele



*There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under the heavens:
Ecclesiastes 3:1*

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Renewal Season

September 1st begins the season for renewal of your FCM membership for 2022. FCM's renewal season for **2022** begins on **September 1 and runs through November 30, 2021**. Renewal rates are unchanged. Early bird renewal fees are in effect September 1 – October 31st. Regular renewal rates go into effect November 1st thereafter. Renewal encompasses both completing your annual report and remitting the appropriate fee. While your current 2021 membership does not end until December 31, 2021, the renewal season runs September 1 through November 30, 2021, to avoid yearend busyness.

Please be mindful that if you do not believe you will have the money to renew by November 30th, it is more helpful to both FCM and you to contact your Regional Vice President to request a partial or full waiver of your dues. Renewing your membership well into 2022 perpetuates an unnecessary hardship. You will still need to complete your annual report within the established time frame to maintain your membership status. It is our policy and practice not to deny members renewal because of financial hardships.

Ministry Listing: When you renew, you are entitled to a free website listing of your ministry under three of the website's listed categories. Check up to three (3) categories. You will be listed by state, city, name, phone number, email address and personal website if you have one.

To renew your membership for January 1 to December 31, 2022: follow the convenient method listed below. **Commissioning and/or Endorsement faculties end December 31, 2021, if you do not renew.**

***Please note** in order to renew, you need to sign into your profile on **Realm**. If you have previously signed in and created your unique password, you can just follow the steps below. **If you have not yet done this step, reach out to Tom or Carolyn in the Central Office at membership@fcmmail.org, the Chairperson (Christy Howard-Steele) at chairperson@fcmmail.org, or the Vice President of your region, and they will be happy to send you an email link to get you started.)**

Renew from your Realm Profile Account

- go to www.onrealm.org
- log into your Realm profile using your email address and a password you created
- from your profile page, go to the Community Page, click "Events"
- click on 2021 Membership Renewal
- type your name in the "Add Registrant" box
- select the type of membership you are renewing (general, commissioned, commissioned and endorsed, faith community)
- answer all the questions that follow
- pay the registration fee (credit card, debit card, or electronic check)



Thank you and blessings for your commitment to ministry and to FCM.

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PRESIDENT

Ron Davis



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I remember those days in early June, a time when wearing masks was mandated and travel was discouraged and difficult. For many of us, it was months, even years, since we had opportunity to see our extended family and friends. We were not able to eat at our favorite places, which was truly a bummer! Then, with the ramp-up of the Covid-19 vaccine inoculations, this summer became a refreshing season for our nation. We attended weddings, traveled and began hosting events in our homes. We couldn't wait to take the masks off and breathe in fresh air. On the FCM Circle, we began talking about having gatherings, dreaming of holding a national assembly next summer, and planning for our first in-person circle meetings during the upcoming winter. Exciting stuff!

Today, though, I am concerned about our upcoming gatherings and plans because COVID-19 is not under control. The Delta variant is fiercer than the original virus and a large percentage of Americans are not interested in vaccination. I wonder if we will reach herd immunity. I am fearful that the virus will continue to mutate into more potent forms, forms that will end many more lives. Who wants to turn the clock back to 2020? Who wants this pandemic to continue through the upcoming fall and winter?

In January I was offered the vaccine and was grateful for the opportunity. I drove to the hospital to get the jab on the first day that I could schedule an appointment. I have a senior citizen in my home, so it was important to me to vaccinate so that I would not pass anything on to her. I also took the additional step of urging my spouse and children to get vaccinated as soon as possible. For me, vaccination is an act of love that shows value for human life. Getting vaccinated gave me the peace of mind that I needed to gather again with family and friends.

Unfortunately, in America, the Covid-19 vaccine and the decision of whether or not to be vaccinated, has been politicized. But I believe, in the faith community, decisions and discussions around vaccinations ought to be examined in terms of how we best love God and neighbor. In the parable of the Good Samaritan, the Samaritan – the one who sacrificed his own agenda and was willing to be inconvenienced for the sake of another – was the one who loved his neighbor best.

Wearing a mask may make life more inconvenient; and getting vaccinated may result in unpleasant side effects; but, these things are the best hope right now for a return to normalcy. Abiding by the scientific recommendations for safe gathering can enable the type of fellowship, worship and life in community that we've been unable to have for 18 months.

As a community of faith, we are one body called by God on a spiritual journey together – a journey to seek justice, love mercy and walk humbly with God. If you are one who has not given thought to how your faith intersects with decisions around Covid-19 and community safety, please give this issue thoughtful consideration...for the sake of self, of others and the sake of the ministry that God has for us all.





CHAIRPERSON

Christy Howard-Steele



Growing Pains

FCM's membership has steadily increased over the 12 years I've been a member. In 2011 the membership was just under 400. Now the membership is more than 600. While this is fantastic, it is also creating a strain on our mostly volunteer organization. For example, we need to create more ways and opportunities for us to get to know one another. We need the rich history of FCM to be savored as we continue to grow and evolve. COVID, by eliminating in-person gatherings, also impacted our ability to get to know one another. We remain hopeful that we will be able to hold our Assembly in 2022. As more people come to FCM seeking commissioning, the workload of the regional vice presidents (RVP'S) has increased to the point that rather than being able to primarily be a pastoral resource and community builder for regional members, an increased portion of the RVP's time is spent on processing commissioning applications. The same is true about endorsement. In response to this growth, we have created the roles of area representative, regional commissioning liaisons, and specialized ministries liaisons. However, many if not most of these positions remain unfilled. While the Circle has decided to hire an administrator to manage the collection of commissioning paperwork and Realm, **we need more members to step up their willingness to volunteer!**

One way, we are seeking to get to know you better is through your annual report. We are adding a question on the annual report where you can indicate your willingness and interest in volunteering to serve in the various roles that facilitate FCM being FCM. Brief descriptions of these roles will be compiled and posted on Realm. Below is a preview of the question you will find on your annual report:

Taking into account your skills, experience, gifts, and graces, please indicate your willingness and interest to be considered to serve in any of the following roles when available.

- ◆ Regional Vice President
- ◆ Chairperson
- ◆ President
- ◆ Secretary
- ◆ Treasurer
- ◆ Commissioning Chair
- ◆ Regional Commissioning Liaison
- ◆ Ethics Committee Member
- ◆ Newsletter Editor
- ◆ Area Representative
- ◆ Specialized Ministries Liaison
- ◆ Ministerial Colleague
- ◆ Mentor for Commissioning Applicants
- ◆ Mentor for Endorsement Applicants
- ◆ Faith Community Ambassador
- ◆ Endowment Committee Member
- ◆ Realm Administer
- ◆ Realm Assistant



FCM ENDOWMENT

Anthony S. Ercolano, Circle Representative



FCM Endowment Fund

Did you ever have a dream?

That you would be able to perform your son's wedding?

That your daughter could be ordained?

That you could draw others closer to God?

That you could bring consolation to a hospitalized patient or a grieving family?

That you could set a welcoming table for all of God's children—without exception?

That you could make a difference and change our world?

This is the mission of FCM! And the future of our mission is in your hands.

Your support of FCM's Endowment Fund can help ensure that FCM will be around for future generations to dream their dreams.

Once the Fund reaches its first \$100,000 (and we are really close to that mark—just look at the thermometer), the accrued interest from the Fund can be applied by the Circle to FCM projects and programs that will benefit all our members.

Donations that grow to \$10,000 or more may be designated **Named Funds**, which the donor can designate to honor people or institutions by name. Gifts of \$25,000 or more are **Legacy Named Funds**, whose earnings can be directed by the donor to support their specific goals, pending Circle acceptance.

Won't you help put us over the top?

Visit our Endowment page, federationofchristianministries.org/fcm-endowment-fund. Make a donation, or a stream of them. Consider planned giving. Your Endowment Committee is here to help. Write to Endowment@fcmmail.org.

The dream is in your hearts—and in your hands.

Anthony S. Ercolano, D.Min.
FCM Endowment Fund
Circle Representative





ENDOWMENT FUND



VALUE AS OF 8/20/2021: \$92,077.00
OUR GOAL: \$100,000

Donate to the FCM Endowment Fund
HELP US REACH OUR \$100,000 GOAL...NO GIFT IS TOO SMALL!

INSPIRATIONAL MATCHING GIFT

We have an offer of a \$10,000
"Inspirational Matching Gift"

We made the match!
Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Regular Donation

Go to the FCM website www.federationofchristianministries.org or go to your personal account on Realm www.onrealm.org and make your donation.

1. Sign in to Realm or, if in the FCM Website, use the "Donation" button to get there.
2. Click on "Giving" (left hand column) and this will take you to donation page
3. Click on the "+ Give" button
4. You will see a pull down (FCM General Account); click on the pull down arrow
5. Click on the "FCM Endowment Fund" button

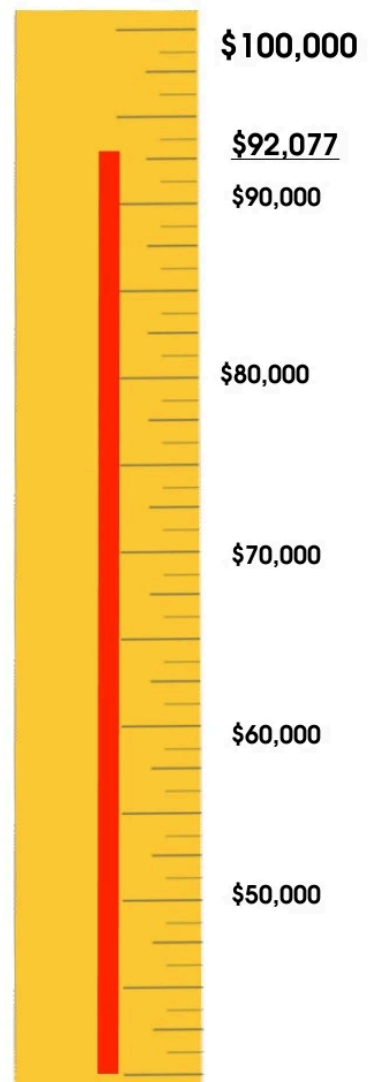
Tribute Gift

Is there a friend, family member, teacher, or mentor you would like to honor on their special day or send an expression of sympathy?

Consider a small donation to the **FCM Endowment Fund**.

A notice of your gift will be sent to the honoree or a member of their family. You will also know that your gift will help ensure that FCM will be able to support future generations of ministers and congregations.

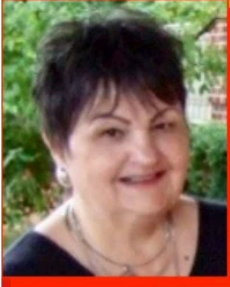
For more information go to the FCM web site under FCM Endowment Fund for the online **Tribute Gift Form** or endowment@fcmmail.org



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Measuring Our Success



COMMUNICATION

Antoinette Marold, FCM



Ministry Listings on the FCM Website

September 1, 2021 is the beginning of the 2022 renewal process for FCM members and faith communities.

If you would like to be listed under the FIND A MINISTER drop down on the FCM website you must mark the appropriate boxes on your 2021 Report/2022 Renewal form.

FREE to FCM members are listings under 3 categories You must be a commissioned or endorsed member to be listed under the Ministers for Weddings drop down.

FCM Faith Communities have a separate drop down. You must be a FCM Faith Community to be listed in this dropdown. Faith Community renewal includes an ad advertising their community. To request an ad design information form, contact Antoinette at communication@FCMmail.org

Only members who request posting on the website by marking the appropriate area will remain or be listed on the FCM website.

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FCM REGISTRY

www.fcmregistry.org

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS & HOLY UNIONS

Forms to register Baptisms, Weddings & Holy Unions can be found at www.fcmregistry.org

All FCM members presiding at Baptisms must register the Baptism with FCM

Weddings and Holy Unions can also be registered but are not mandatory

FCM Certificates

These lovely certificates are available from the FCM Central Office. Please specify your choice: Baptism, Marriage, Holy Union, and the number of certificates you need. Certificates are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Each certificate is printed on certificate weight paper in blue ink; they carry the FCM logo and seal.

FCM Major Membership Anniversaries September-October 2021

The members listed below have worked long and faithfully to build FCM to its place today. If you wish to congratulate them, search them online in Realm. The list is compiled by Carolyn & Tom at the FCM Central Office.

20 Years

Brendan Duffy, Northeast

15 Years

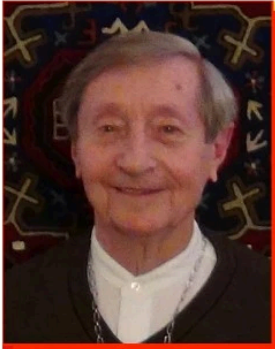
Dennis Scanland, Great Lakes

10 Years

Living Beatitudes Community, Great Lakes
Oscar Romero Inclusive Catholic Community, Northeast
Michael Meyer, Great Lakes
Chris Pfleeger, Northeast
Michael Tompkins, Pacific
Daneen Warner, Southern

5 Years

J. Robert Claus, Pacific
Peadar Dalton, Pacific
Lee Erikson, Pacific



Oneness and Unity are Appropriate Themes for FCM Journal

by Tom Leonhardt

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Marita Grudzen, Chairperson of the Federation of Christian Ministries' (FCM) Faith Communities Committee, during the July Circle Meeting, proposed the development of an FCM Journal for the benefit of members and non-members alike. Just as medical journals collect and distribute research and material to benefit the entire medical community, church and faith journals act as a source of information for all faith communities. Since FCM's membership represents a variety of denominations and faith traditions, FCM is well suited to publish such a journal. It could serve as an educational tool; act as a repository for material on a broad variety of faith-related topics and be a central location for the organization's beliefs and principles.

I propose that the starting point for an FCM journal be an emphasis on finding unity through the bond of peace, a central tenet espoused in scripture and foundational to Christian belief. Christianity, like other faith traditions, has developed in ways that are a departure from the founders' spiritual grounding; and I believe that Christianity has strayed from the concept that we are one.

The Gospel of John, accepted by all Christians as a canonical document, is clear that we are one with our Creator and Redeemer. John 14:20 reads, "You will know that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you." John 17:21 expresses Christ's plea that we remain unified: "That all may be one as you, Father, are in me, and I in you: I pray that they may be one in us."

For much of my life I thought those passages meant that the oneness is realized in our behaviors of harmoniously working together; and, while harmonious labor is not what has happened historically in interdenominational interactions, it is an admirable goal.

Unfortunately, church doctrines divide and devolve into "I'm right, you're wrong!" This is a binary divisiveness opposed to John's Gospel which reads, "Love one another as I have loved you." The command to love does not require that all must think the same way; yet this is what we have often demanded of one another from the earliest days of the Christian faith.

Trinitarians agree that Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, One God, three persons, articulates the essence of Divinity; and it is clear in the referenced scripture passages that we who are made in the Divine image are *manifestations* of Divine unity. All creation is simply a manifestation of that Divine, multi-faceted source.

Achieving the unity to which we are called will require the efforts of all in ministry, particularly pastors. It means ending anathemas and deemphasizing the doctrines that divide. It means underscoring the founding faith principles of unity through the bond of peace, and recognizing that there are various paths to God-Realization, including through traditions other than Christianity. There is One Consciousness, which Christians call Christ Consciousness, but other faith traditions identify with other terms. Exploring this topic in an FCM journal, for the benefit of all, in pursuit of unity, would make an FCM journal a worthwhile endeavor and worthy undertaking.



International Conference on Fratelli Tutti

FCM members...GMU President Gerald Grudzen and Marita Grudzen

view at: <https://www.youtube.com/c/InternationalConferenceonFratelliTutti>




The following was copied from FCM member, Joe Ruane's Facebook post with his permission. The information can be found at the following address - <https://www.youtube.com/c/InternationalConferenceonFratelliTutti>

Since Thursday I, with 3,000 others, spent time at an inter-faith conference on Pop Francis' Fratelli Tutti over YouTube. It was held by Global Ministries University (which I helped start in 2001, and am still involved with) and Tangaza University, Nairobi, Kenya, with the Institute of Islamic Studies (IRDIS) State Islam University, Susan Kalijoga Yogyakarta, Indonesia (UNI), Pontifical Council of Interreligious Dialogue (PCID), The Harmony Institute, UMMA University, Maryknoll Office of Global Concerns, and the Pontifical Institute for Arabic and Islamic Studies (PISIA).

The central Hub was in Nairobi, with hubs in Rome, California and Indonesia and other speakers from France, Nigeria, and Jakarta. There were 84 presenters, with 13 religious leaders representing Catholic, Islam, Jewish, Jaine, Hindu, Sikh, Universalism and a few other religious groups.

Topics covered included Racism, Environment and Climate Crisis, African and India and the impact of the coronavirus on the economy, health and politics, the Cry of the Earth and the Cry of the Poor, Building Solidarity through Fratelli Tutti, and how the various faiths related to the encyclical.

The talks can be found on YouTube. It was a busy but enlightening three days. It is a good lesson on ecumenism and our mutual relationships with each other and the earth.





NORTHEAST REGION

Carl Yusavitz, Vice President



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As our region continues to grow, we are grateful for those of you who have chosen FCM as your spiritual home. Since our last newsletter we have added five new members to the Northeast Region.

This Covid-19 year has prevented us from getting together personally, but hopefully, that will change in the months ahead. Please pencil in the dates of our upcoming July 2022 assembly in Chicago. Depending on the CDC guidelines, we hope to start our small regional gatherings again this fall and winter.

No new regional members were commissioned at the July Circle of Directors meeting, which was unusual. We currently have five members working on their commissioning applications for the Circle meetings in November. Congratulations to regional members **Terra Epps** and **Julie Corron** whom were recently endorsed for chaplaincy ministry in Maryland and New York, respectively.

Congratulations also to Commissioned member **Holly Bonner** who received her D. Min. from New York Theological Seminary in July. If you or anyone you know is celebrating a ministerial milestone or accomplishment, please let me know, so that the whole region can celebrate with you!

We are grateful to Commissioned member **Kimberly Ann Borin** for her "Healing heart meditation and workshop" on August 21st. Commissioned member **Dave Pasinski's** workshop on the immigration crisis at our Southern Border will draw from his personal experience there. It is scheduled for September 11th at 9 AM (EST). Please plan to join us.



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Southern Region

Diane Dougherty, Vice President



Congratulations to H. Don Morris & Linda VanPutte Newly Elected Co-Vice Presidents of the Southern Region

email: southernvp@FCMmail.org

Congratulations to the Newly Commissioned Members

SAVE THIS DATE - August 31, 2021 Zoom Commissioning



Ashley Acken, Mebane, NC

Ashley believes she is called to work as a chaplain, most particularly, to sit with people on the margins who are deeply suffering from the brokenness of the world. She believes there is spiritual work that cannot be defined by denomination and appreciates the inclusiveness of FCM.



Andy Ross, Wake Forest, NC

Andy feels he is an ambassador and facilitator for the presence of what he has come to call God but goes by many other names and no name. As an interfaith independent minister, he feels it is time to partner with other organizations that are dedicated to diversity and peace. In that context, he feels he will continue to grow as a minister and represent an organization, such as FCM, providing inclusive ministry for all people.



Lord David Tirtowa Lembo, Frederik, MD

David Lembo believes that belonging to this organization, will "empower, nurture and inspire me for a compassionate, equitable, mindfully purposeful and inclusive ministry". Throughout his ministerial experience, he noted how strange it was that "the Good News which was offered to humans to heal and cure the sin-sick soul," be withheld from such sufferers even when they beg for it. He clearly stated that withholding the grace of God's love and mercy was "not only unequal, but also unethical", and desires to be supported in his effort to be inclusive in ministry.



Congratulations to the Newly Commissioned Members cont'd

SAVE THIS DATE - August 31, 2021 Zoom Commissioning



Mary Murphy, Nashville, TN

Chaplain Murphy is seeking commissioning with FCM because "of its commitment to the discipleship of equals. I feel I want to be a part of a community that is moving the church towards the Beloved Community that we as Christians are called to become."



Ashley Cooper, Lewisburg, TN

Ashley is being called to re-enter ministry and has chosen FCM. Both she and her spiritual director, FCM member Maria Gullo, believed the Spiritual movement is right for our time and Ashley, as a lesbian minister finds FCM's inclusivity important. She desires commissioning through The Federation of Christian Ministries because the organization is a representation of the Kingdom of God practicing love and inclusivity.

In-Person Commissioning Celebrations...Congratulations!



Nancy Boyd and Jennifer Carpenter & Beth Knight

Welcome New Members

- Tammy Davidson, Oldsmar, FL
- Jim Hyatt, Lexington, SC

Congratulations Newly Endorsed

- Evan Edwards, Raleigh, NC
- Yuri Yamamoto, Raleigh, NC
- David Browning, Palmetto, FL
- Joe Musco, Dunedin, FL
- Michelle Joachim, Chesapeake, VA
- Phillip Crenshaw, East Point, GA





GREAT LAKES REGION

Shannon Queenan, Vice President



A View from the Great Lakes

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Connect and Reflect is what we call our regional Zoom meetings (coming up August 16 and October 19). Thanks to the members who are attending and to those who have shared their wisdom by leading prayer.

Bob Funaro is working with members in Michigan, **Ron Davis** has agreed to gather the folks of central Ohio, and Kentucky has an in-person gathering planned for September 9. If you want to be part of a local group gathering, let me know and I will help you! At the last meeting, the group agreed to plan an in-person regional retreat for Fall 2023! I know that seems like a long way off, but it will be here before we know it! Maria Stein dreaming!!

Bridging Divides was a wonderful workshop led by **Cory Lockhart** on Saturday, July 10. The afternoon together focused on having difficult conversations and helped build communication skills rooted in non-violent communication. It was a wonderful opportunity provided by FCM for members.

Circle of Directors met July 15-17 via zoom. It is the time of year when we have a few leadership changes. Please read the rest of the newsletter to meet new FCM leaders! We are cautiously optimistic about planning our national conference in Chicago for 2022! Watch this space for more information. We will meet again in November!

Commissionings The Circle commissioned 3 people in the Great Lakes in July. Congratulations to **Mary Coffey**, **Lurena Hutchings** and **Chris Johnson** in Ohio and Michigan. We will hold their ceremonies in the next couple of months. Anyone interested in becoming commissioned? The next deadline is October 25. Let me know how I can help you through this process.



JENNIFER HILL'S COMMISSIONING AT CINCINNATI CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL CHAPEL

DREW FRAWLEY BEING BLESSED BY A COLLEAGUE AT ASCENSION ST. VINCENT KOKOMO

Endowment Fund is close to reaching its first goal of \$100K. It has been initiated to support the ongoing growth and health of this organization for the next 50 years! The Endowment Fund is easy to support with a small monthly donation. You can go to Realm and sign up.

Final Thoughts As summer wanes and the uncertainty of the pandemic has raised its head again, how are you staying grounded? What steps are you taking to listen more deeply to your own need for boundaries and connection?? One of our Great Lakes members, Randy Dawson attends the Wild Goose Festival in Hot Springs, NC each year to refresh his soul! Here is where to find more info: <https://wildgoosefestival.org> Be well!!

*I leave you with this thought from Rumi:
"Out beyond ideas of wrongdoing and rightdoing there is a field. I'll meet you there."*

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Mts. & Plains REGION

Mary Vidas, Vice President



Mountains and Plains Recently Commissioned Members

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Note from Mary:

Thank you all for your warm welcome! I am honored to have been named VP of FCM's Mountains and Plains Region. I am looking forward to offering my support, learning from you and growing our souls as we journey together.

We welcome the following gifted and dedicated individuals as newly Commissioned Ministers from the Mountains and Plains Region.

Please reach out to them with your congratulations and prayers as they continue their dynamic and engaging ministry.

Caralisa Farinde: Caralisa is currently completing her CPE Fellowship with Veterans Affairs North Texas (Dallas, TX). Caralisa has worked as a PRN Chaplain traveling to various locations. She has served as Children & Youth Pastor for 6th Avenue Baptist Church (Birmingham, AL) and served on the Sunday preaching/teaching rotation including performing weddings, funerals and providing counseling. She holds a BA in History from University of Alabama (Birmingham, AL), an MDiv from Samford University (Birmingham, AL) and CPE Residency at Princeton Baptist Medical Center. Caralisa shared she was "excited to be part of FCM, an organization that accepts and supports the ministry gifts of women."

Reverend Stephanie Johnson, M.Div.: Stephanie is pursuing an MDiv in Interreligious Chaplaincy at United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities. She has worked as a Discipleship Staff member at Bethel University and Junior High Assistant Director at Calvary Church. She also held the position of Director at R2Youth Center and was the Experiential Learning Coordinator for MN Intermediate School District 287. Stephanie shared that central to her ministry is "reflecting the humility of Christ while pointing in the direction of love," and that she values the FCM Community, it's inclusivity and support as she continues to learn and grow in her spiritual care ministry.

Roger Ward: Roger is a Staff Chaplain at the VA Hospital (Albuquerque, NM). His ministry experience includes serving as a Deacon at Living Water Montrose Church, working with homeless veterans, and those living with HIV/AIDS, and service as a public school teacher in Houston, TX. A Board Certified Chaplain (NAVAC, The National Association of Veteran Affairs Chaplains) with specialized certification in Drug and Alcohol Addiction, Roger holds a BA from Chapman University (Orange, CA), MA in History from University of Houston and MDiv from Southern Methodist University (Dallas, TX). Roger shared that FCM was the "more inclusive, progressive organization he had been seeking; one that accepts, embraces and nurtures a wide variety of spiritually minded people."



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PACIFIC REGION

Tracy Peterson, Vice President



The Pacific Region asks you to join us in celebrating the Commissioning/Ordination for **Mi Chun**. The celebration is scheduled for September 18th via Zoom. Mi was approved for Commissioning/Ordination during the July Circle Meeting.

We are also delighted to welcome **Susan Palwick** from Reno, Nevada to the Pacific Region of FCM. Susan we are so happy you have joined the Federation! Welcome aboard!

I will be hosting another bi-monthly Zoom meeting for the Pacific Region on October 9th at 10am PDT. I'll be sending out a link the week before to invite you to join me. Our topic of discussion will be: What can we do to support those around us?

And I leave you with these closing thoughts:

Make Me a Blessing, Lord!

Make me a blessing, Lord! Help me
To help those needing help, to be
A blessing to my fellow men.
Instruct me when to speak and when
To hold my speech, when to be bold
In giving and when to withhold;
And if I have not strength enough
Then give me strength Lord, make me tough.
With my own self but tender toward
All others. Let there be outpoured
On me the gentleness to bless
All who have need of gentleness.
Give me a word, a touch to fill
The lonely life, faith for the ill,
And courage to keep hearts up though
My own is feeling just as low.
When men have bitter things to meet

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NEWSLETTER EDITORS

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The FCM Newsletter is published bi-monthly by the Federation of Christian Ministries, a non-profit religious body. As the informational publication of FCM, its mission is to keep members current with the organization and its activities, to provide ideas to further ministry and to promote community building among local FCM groups and the national organization. All current members receive a copy. Articles and feedback are welcomed and can be sent to: newsletter@FCMmail.org by the 8th of each month (February, April, June, August, October and December). FCM member-submitted articles should aim for 500 words and 2-3 selected photos in MS Word and JPG formats.

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