

CENTRAL CONNECTION

Upcoming Events

April 17

Pastor at RCOM

April 18-19

Pastor days off

April 23

10am - Sunday school

11am - Worship

UPCOMING

April 30

Potluck after worship

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more!**



Several of you have asked what all the Regional Committee on Ministry (RCOM) entails. RCOM is the team that is responsible for ordination for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Each region across our denomination has a RCOM that works with candidates coming out of seminary and ministers looking to transfer from others denominations into the DOC. I am one of those transfers. As you read this, I will be on my way to Fort Worth for the intermediate interview (2nd of 3).

At this meeting, a group of 15 or so ministers, Brite professors and regional staff members will sit around a table and ask me questions related to: my prior ministry experience, the results of a psychological evaluation I did in January, and my willingness to embrace Disciples theology and practice. I will be asked about DOC history and polity; I may be given scenarios to see if I know how to navigate situations within our structure and understanding; they will likely ask me my views on communion, baptism, the Bible, the role of the church, clergy and congregation. It will be an intense day. (Continued on next page)

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our Nation and World, Tammy Brockman, Nancy Atkison, Madison Wardell, Charlotte Reagan, Brylie, Bob Miller, CASA Kids, Laura Hunt, Tony Barker, Rios Family, Vivian Contareas, Sharon Brown, Raymond Gelo, Dieter Stratemann, Wes Morton, Crystal Shelton, Shirley Miller, Jerry Don Maness, Ken Backus, Debbie Major, Reese Handley, Christy Hoff, Casey Parr, Chris Tettleton, Angel Dyer, Chad Brown, Mary Walker, Patty Johnson, Charlotte Reed, those with respiratory illness, Lynn Scott, Kal Luke, Joe Kalal, Jimmie Sue Foster, Vickie Baker, John Darst, Connie O'Neal, Tina Ortiz Giger, Phil Staley, Morgan Heck, Ben Robertson, Mary Lou Davis, James Carminati, Connor Evans, Patty Dunn, Jana Bremenkamp, Carol Fitts, Joe Benton

Families of: Jean Shields

Worship This Week:

Elders: Kabisch, Veale

Deacons: Mesler, Seay

Communion: Major

Sermon Text: Luke 24:13-35

Sun School: 1Peter 1:17-23

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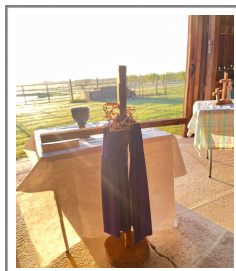
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The questioning will take 45 minutes to an hour and then they will have me leave the room as they talk through what I've said and how they feel about my future in the DOC. They can give me one of three answers at this point.

1. They can move me on to the final interview stage which would take place no earlier than January 2024. There's a bunch of paper work and steps to complete before the final interview process. (This is what we hope for!)
2. They can request I have a second intermediate interview if they feel I'm not ready for the final round of the process. (This is often what they decide for candidates.)
3. They can tell me they don't think I'm a good fit for a transfer of ordination into the DOC. (I don't think this is likely - but it is one of the three answers they can give.)

The process I'm in is not the traditional ordination process because I'm transferring in from another denomination (Cooperative Baptist Fellowship). It is more involved for seminary students who are just starting out in ministry. And yet, I have had numerous meetings with my congregational care team and clergy mentors. I have written several papers and filled out a ton of forms just to get half way through the process.

Pastor Lory



Pics from sunrise at the Lierly's house!

