

Together we also provide the following ministries, which none of us could do alone:

- ◆ Continuing education events for clergy and congregations (e.g. congregational transformation, Disciples identity, stewardship, and Christian education)
- ◆ Four Clergy Cluster groups
- ◆ Pastoral care for ministers and their families
- ◆ Monthly newsletters and other communications
- ◆ Global Mission focus
- ◆ Connecting our congregations to the Mid-America Region and wider church
- ◆ Support of SEGA women's events
- ◆ Wider church representation in special services, installations, and ordinations
- ◆ Pro-reconciliation/Anti-racism library and programs
- ◆ Helping congregations settle serious disputes and deal with misconduct or disaster



These ministries are made possible primarily through the collaboration, dedication, and financial contributions of our congregations.

Thank you!



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The Southeast Gateway Area is directed and regulated by our Board of 33 members who are clergy and laity from our congregations, elected by our bi-annual Assembly.



Southeast Gateway Area

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Mid-America



[say' · guh] *-noun.* the members, leaders, and pastors of 41 Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) congregations in Missouri and Illinois who are in a covenant relationship with one another to be Church together

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For we are God's servants, working together..

1 Corinthians 3:9a (NRSV)

Who we are...

The Southeast Gateway Area is made up of 41 Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) congregations in the Southeast portion of Missouri and the St. Louis Metropolitan Area of Illinois. SEGA is one of four Areas which, combined, form the Mid-America Region, with whom we are also in a covenant relationship.



As outlined in our By-Laws, our purpose is “to minister in the name of Jesus Christ to and on behalf of members and congregations in the Area and to enable the church within congregations, the Area, the Region of Mid-America, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the ecumenical Christian community to fulfill its mission in the world.”

***To proclaim the Gospel of
Jesus Christ***

Search and Call

Area resources are available to those congregations in the process of seeking a new interim or permanent pastor, as well as to those pastors who desire a change. The Area Minister will assist both parties as they try to find a good match between candidates' strengths and congregational needs, striving to establish a strong and lasting ministerial relationship.

Disciples @ Eden

SEGA is proud to work with Disciples @ Eden, a group of Disciples students attending Eden Theological Seminary and their Area Disciples clergy mentors. In addition to providing a positive and supportive group of colleagues in learning, D@E presents its bi-annual STOLE Camp where students gather practical information on topics ranging from navigating the Search and Call process, to performing baptism by immersion.



Commission on the Order of Ministry

Our Ministry Division directs the credentialing process for the commissioned ministers serving in our Area. They meet regularly to review applications, interview candidates, and determine their recommendations to the Region.

Outdoor Ministries

The SEGA Summer Happening provides a unique opportunity for all in our area to gather for Christian fellowship, worship, and spiritual growth. This intergenerational program held at Camp MoVal in Union, MO offers a wide variety of activities including swimming, boating, archery, crafts, music, and nature walks. Our annual Eleven Point River Float Trip is an aquatic adventure chock-full of canoeing, tubing, and camping fun!



New Church Starts

One of the focuses of our Mission Division is the very special and exciting ministry that is a new church start. By providing support and guidance to new church pastors and congregational leaders, and directing funds donated by the Mid-America Region and existing SEGA congregations, we work to establish strong and successful new Disciples churches.

