

## Kevin's Korner

People of First Christian Church, we are part of something much bigger than ourselves. Yes, God! And that is exciting. But I am also excited that we are part of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and that is important! We are a movement of more than 3,000 congregations in the United States and Canada, committed to sharing the limitless love of God throughout the world. Our 31 regions, 14 general ministries, and ministry partners throughout the world make it possible for us to love and serve our neighbors from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth. ***"We are a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the one Body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us."***

And we have big news for all of us! In the past, we have gathered for a General Assembly of the church in various locations around the country. It has been expensive and difficult for many to attend these gatherings and most of us Disciples have never attended a General Assembly. That is sad - but this is changing, right before our eyes.

This Summer, for the first time, we will gather "all" of the church on Friday and Saturday, July 10-11, for the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), **ONLINE**. The theme of this General Assembly is "**Beyond: Love Surpassing**", based on **Ephesians 3:14-21**. It will begin on **Friday** from 4:00 to 5:15 PM. for Opening Worship. It will continue on **Saturday** morning from 9 to 11 AM for Worship, Orientation to General Assembly Business, and Preparing for Dialogue. Lunch break 11 to 12. From 12 to 2:00 P.M. will be Business Session, Topic for Education, Discussion, and Prayer. 2 to 3 PM will be Break and Visit Exhibits (online). Closing Worship will be 3:00 to 4:00 PM.

Wow! That will be a lot to pack into a short time. I hope you will attend! You can find more information by visiting this website: <https://disciples.org/2026-general-assembly-beyond-love-surpassing/>. To attend, simply register on the website and pay the \$30.00 fee. You will then be able to join the General Assembly during the scheduled times, online.

**Better Yet! We will gather at First Christian Church and participate together (online).** We can worship together with the larger church. We can participate in the business of the larger church. We can learn about ministries of the entire church. We will feel like we are part of something **Really Big – Beyond: Love Surpassing!**

So, mark your calendars today! Let's be the church, starting today, by praying for our church and ministries in Grand Junction, CRMR Region, and the General Church. This is exciting!

Blessings,

*Pastor Kevin*