

## A Time To Replenish



I will satisfy the weary, and all who are faint I will replenish. Jeremiah 31:25

## 2020-2021 Region 8 Report

Intentional, organized, in-person meetings of Region 8 Clergy and Delegates have not occurred in this last year, not for a lack of trying, but because of an abundance of caution. Still, congregational and clergy support for the churches of the Region and ministry within the Conference continues in a variety of ways including: support of dinners/fund raisers in our congregations; continued participation in and support of Conference ministries (virtual and in-person); participation in and support of DuBois Center and its new Director and summer

programs; participation in and support of Uni-Pres Kindercottage and Hoyleton Youth and Family Services; mutual assistance in keeping up with the changing protocols regarding Covid-19 and, most recently, the delta variant; providing pastoral assistance in those congregations currently experiencing pastoral transition and in need of someone to officiate weddings and funerals; and sharing of ideas around vacation Bible school and Christian education curriculum and strategies.

It is our hope and prayer that the 2021-2022 programmatic year will provide more opportunities for in-person gatherings, worship, clergy and congregational support and, of course, missional work in and through our Illinois South Conference of the United Church of Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

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