

## **Vision Committee Report**

The Vision Committee is doing an inventory on what we believe is most important for the identity of a Region. I made 3 requests of our committee:

“1: Pray! Pray for our laity, pray for our clergy, pray for our churches, pray for our ministries, pray for the region. Pray that we might best listen and respond to God’s call and direction in our actions as the Vision Committee and the Regional Church Council.

“2: Listen and report. Please listen to the people that serve around you and report back what they think is most important and what is most needed from the Regional Staff, Ministries, and Council. Also, listen for people who have great vision and are interested in sharing new ideas for Regional structure, identity, and mission. I’ve been speaking with Josh Baird and he is interested in sharing with all of us a different understanding of Regional and General ministries. I was hoping that he would be able to speak with us soon, but he was on sabbatical and now is quite busy with his job at Disciples Volunteering with all the recent storms and natural disasters.

“3: Speak your mind. We need to hear from everybody and that includes each of you. I want to know what you think is most important about our Region. To get us started on this, I would like for each of you to send me what you think the 5 most important aspects of the Christian Church in Ohio should be. You can be as vague and open-ended to as specific as you would like. You can rank them or just give five. I just want to know where everyone is to see if we have common areas of focus.”

So far, I have received feedback from myself and 3 other members. As the information comes in, I’ll compile it so we have some starting blocks to visioning the next section of our Region’s journey. My hope is that by the next RCC I will have heard from enough members to see some patterns to report.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Steven Gower – Vision Chair