Rev. Dr. Christal L. Williams
Regional Minister
Christian Church in Indiana
Disciples of Christ

The Rev. Dr. Christal L. Williams is a proud native of Cleveland, Ohio, whose prophetic voice proclaims God's love, grace, and reconciliation for all humanity. She embodies this message through her life's work as a pastoral pioneer, mentor, spiritual administrator, and intentional leader.

A graduate of the Cleveland School of the Performing Arts with a concentration on Vocal Music and Theory, Dr. Williams earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Jarvis Christian University in Hawkins, Texas, a Master of Divinity from Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis, Indiana, and a Doctor of Ministry from United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio.

Ordained at Southport Christian Church in Indianapolis, Dr. Williams currently serves as the Regional Minister for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Indiana, where she made history as the first woman to hold this position. Previously, she served as the first African American and Woman Regional Minister for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Tennessee, and as one of the Associate Regional Ministers for the Illinois-Wisconsin Region.

A passionate advocate for the Global church, Dr. Williams has participated in cross-cultural ministry throughout Guatemala, Mexico, China, Japan, South Korea, Bangladesh, India, Sri Lanka, Turkey, the Middle East, Europe, and across East, West, and South Africa.

Dr. Williams is the founder and president of Credo Women's Ministries, Inc., and Widening the Wisdom Table, LLC. Throughout her ministry, she has worked with more than three hundred congregations, mentoring countless leaders, and in nearly three decades has ordained more than 100 individuals into Christian ministry.

She is the author of *The Power of Asking: Unleashing God's Best for Your Life*, *Moving from Endangerment to Empowerment: Rediscovering the Word of God*, and *Beneath It All: A Conversation Specifically for Women*. She is also a contributing author to *Soul Stories: Wisdom and Leadership Strategies for Flourishing African American Women*, *Melodies of Faith*, *Symbols of Faith*, and *The Disciple*, an Upper Room devotional publication. Her words also appearing in many magazines, blogs, and articles.

Dr. Williams serves on numerous denominational and educational boards, including the Christian Church Foundation, Common Global Ministries, and the Board of Trustees of Christian Theological Seminary. She currently serves as President of the College of Regional Ministers. She is also a proud member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., the NAACP, and The National Convocation.

Her ministry is distinguished by leadership in community engagement, global missions, theological education, conflict transformation, mediation, Pro-Reconciliation/Anti-Racism training, and Parker Palmer Circles of Trust retreats. She serves as adjunct faculty at Christian Theological Seminary and Vanderbilt Divinity School and is a doctoral project reader for Lexington Theological Seminary.

Dr. Williams treasures her family, including one sister, two nieces, three nephews, and six beloved godchildren. Her life and ministry continue to be shaped by her favorite Scriptures: Isaiah 61, Ephesians 3:14–21, and 1 John 4:7–8.