

**Blessed NOCC Community** I will be in Atlanta next week (returning Friday) at a retreat/conference led by people associated with the Center for Courage and Renewal. This is a group which is doing some very good work in churches, educational institutions, government, and business organizations around the matter of communication and community building among people with diverse viewpoints. Not that this is a pressing issue at North Oak. In fact we have some pretty solid experience with this. But community can always be deepened, strengthened, enhanced. My hope is to come back with some resources that can be helpful to us, and also helpful to YOU in your various contexts of work and service. So look for some of this in future sermons and newsletters.

Hey---it's not often that KC Disciples have a chance to see our General Minister up close. See below. January 12 and 13th will be opportunities to do that, and to be among the diverse and delightful folks who are our larger Greater Kansas City Disciples Family. We are not in this church thing alone right? Come and take a look at the many folks with whom we are church together in our town.

**MEET OUR GENERAL MINISTER JANUARY 12 2PM** Rev. Terri Hord Owens is making her first trip to Kansas City. I hope many of you will join me in an opportunity to gather as KC Disciples for a time of worship with her on the 12th at Merriam Christian Church 2PM, OR join me on the afternoon of Sunday January 13 330PM as she is the featured speaker at the 2019 MLK celebration at Community Christian Church (Plaza)

**WINSTEADS PLAZA** NOCC Youth will be seeing our GENERAL MINISTER on Sunday the 13th with burgers after. We are welcome to join them!

**VITAL CONVERSATIONS FEATURES CHARLIE ARNOT BOOK** On Wednesday January 9 join David Nelson and Charlie Arnot at the remodeled Antioch Library 1PM as Charlie's book "Size Matters" is the focus of discussion.

## **THE WEEK AHEAD**

Saturday 745AM Men's Breakfast at Kate's

Saturday 9AM Centering Prayer

Sunday Groups for all ages 9AM

Sunday NOCC Youth 530PM

Monday 6PM Troop 900

Tuesday 945AM Men's Bible group

Wednesday 7PM Music Ministry

Friday 6PM Scout Event

Saturday 10AM-2PM Scouts Pinewood Derby

**Wonder is the precondition for all wisdom.**

**Christian Wiman**

With you in ministry

Rob