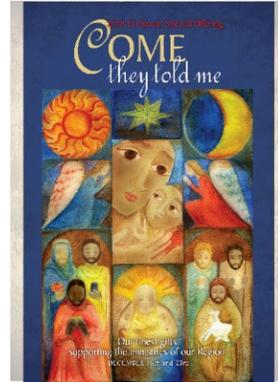


## Children's Moment

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Who are the Ministers of your church? *[Allow the children to name and perhaps point to the pastors of the church]*

Do you know anyone else who might be a minister of the church?  
*[Awkward silence]*



Let me tell you about some other Ministers of your Church. *[Show picture of Rev. Terri Hord Owens]* This is Rev. Terri Hord Owens. She is our General Minister and President. She doesn't work in this building and she may not have ever even been here, but she is a minister in our Church. She serves our church by representing us.

When lots of Christians get together from different types of church backgrounds like Methodists, Episcopalian, Baptist, Catholic, we call that an ecumenical gathering. And Rev. Terri Hord Owens represents us there. She explains who the Disciples are to others and she shares in ministry with them. She helps us cooperate with each other to care for the poor and hurting and respond to needs in the world.

Let me show you another picture of a minister in our church. *[Show picture of Regional Minister]* This is another minister in our Church. This is our Regional Minister. Our regional minister is sort of a pastor to pastors. Our regional minister helps congregations find new ministers and helps ministers find places to serve. When a congregation gets stuck, they find help the congregation get unstuck. And they pray for our congregation and they support us. And we might see them once a year or so, but they work every day for our church.

*[Include others. Consider: Leaders of our General Ministry Units, Hospital Chaplains, Military Chaplains, Prison Chaplains, Seminary Faculty, Ministers serving in social service ministries and Missionaries.]*

Who else is a minister in our church? I'd like to show you a minister in our Church *[Hold up a mirror]* That's right. You are a minister in our Church. Each of us has special abilities that we can use to serve others and let others know that God loves them. Each person who follows Jesus Christ has a special ministry to do.