

## **COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN UNITY AND INTERRELIGIOUS RELATIONSHIPS**

Rev. Nick Baird-Chrisohon, Chair

The Committee on Christian Unity and Interreligious Relationships (CUIR) builds relationships with ecumenical and interfaith partners throughout the Tennessee-Western Kentucky area. Our committee encourages and facilitates connections through direct partnerships and interactions on the local level and participation in representative bodies at the national level. We are active participants in the denominational United Methodist Ecumenical and Interreligious Training (UMEIT) and their online gatherings UMEIT:Zoom.

This year, our team is delighted to welcome three new members. With new faces comes new perspectives and ideas, so we are exploring ways to offer ecumenical and interfaith training to local churches and district teams that seek to better know their non-Methodist neighbors. We also look forward to announcing our new initiative to visit churches, mosques, temples, and synagogues to those who are interested in learning about other faith traditions, beginning in summer of this year. It is our goal to offer opportunities for the theologically curious to experience the world of religion through the experience of shared hospitality. If you are interested in joining us, please email [n.bairdchrisohon@twkumc.org](mailto:n.bairdchrisohon@twkumc.org).

As always, we welcome any who are interested in ecumenical and/or interfaith partnerships to join our team.

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