

Rev. Karen Renee Johnson Bridwell (Renee Bridwell)

Education:

Phillips Graduate Seminary, Tulsa and Enid OK, Master of Divinity
Phillips University, Enid, OK, Bachelor of Science

Ordination: May 3, 1992

Ordaining Region: Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Oklahoma

Current Standing: Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of the Pacific Southwest Region

Retired in 2020 and now currently serving as Volunteer

Committee on Ministry Pacific Southwest Region

Ministry Experience:

2017 – 2019	Regional Minister	Christian Church in Kansas (Disciples of Christ)
2008 – 2016	Associate Regional Minister	Christian Church in Kansas (Disciples of Christ)
2001 – 2008	Pastor	15 th Avenue Christian Church, Rock Island, IL
1992-2001	Co-Pastor (with Rev. Steve Bridwell)	First Christian Church, Marion, IL
1989- 1992	Co-Pastor (with Rev. Steve Bridwell)	First Christian Church, Hennessey, OK
1985 – 1987	Youth Minister	First Christian Church, Wagoner OK



Specialized Training

Fall 2018 Ministry in Transition Christian Church in Kansas
The training was designed to expose ministers to the unique opportunities presented during the interim period and other times of transition.

District/Area/Regional/General/Ecumenical/Interfaith Service:

Trustee	Phillips Graduate Seminary, Tulsa OK
Board	KS Christian Home, Newton, Kansas
Board	KS Ecumenical Ministries
2003 – 2007	Church Finance Council Trustee
2005 – 2007	Chair Vision Team of Church Finance Council

Illinois/Wisconsin Region	1992 – 2008
2000 – 2006	Personnel Committee (Chair 4 years)
1998 – 2000	Moderator
1996 – 1998	Regional Minister Search
1994 – 1996	2 nd Vice-moderator
1992 – 1996	Regional Assembly committee

Oklahoma Region 1978 – 1992
Various roles including CWF, Youth, Education, advocacy for women, mission,

1978-91, 99, 2009, 2014 Camp Director &/or Counselor 3 Regions All Ages 50-60 Camps

Community/Church/Organization Volunteer Service

2001 – 2008	Disciples Uniting Quad Cities, (DUQC has built senior housing)
2007 – 2008	Board, Churches United Quad Cities
2003 – 2008	Local Habitat for Humanity Volunteer
2006	Habitat mission to Biloxi MS
1998 – 2001	State's Attorney Task Force on Domestic Violence
1998 – 2001	Counselor, domestic abuse victim group
1994 – 1997	Marion Ministerial Alliance officer
1993 – 1994, 1997 – 2000	University Christian Ministries (SIU) board
1992 – 2001	Hospital Chaplain Corps (Volunteer) Marion Memorial Hospital Marion, IL Including two terms as President
1988 – 1992	Seminary, student leadership
1981 – 1982	Altus OK, ERA Action Team director