

**Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
in North Carolina**

P.O. Box 1568 509 Lee Street NE Wilson, NC 27894



Regional News

2-1-2017

Happy New Year from the Commission on Ministry. Did you know that North Carolina was the first region among Disciples of Christ to establish a Commission on Ministry and, offers the longest continuing guidance with regards to the order of ministry (1859-present)?

We are a group of twelve lay and clergy men and women (plus the Regional Minister) who help the region live into the Disciples order of ministry document, upon which the 2016 edition of our regional Order of Ministry document is based. We usually meet in the Regional Office on the first Tuesday of January, March, May, July, September, and November, but flex some dates due to holidays. When we meet we typically see between seven and nine candidates for ministry or commissioned ministers making their periodic visits. NC has approximately sixty-five people who fit in these two categories, plus dozens of ordained ministers who are no longer required to regularly check-in with the COM.

The following Disciples are currently serving on the Commission on Ministry: Acting Regional Minister Bishop Valerie Melvin, Rev. Dr. Laura Johnson (Chair), Rev. David Mallory (Vice-Chair), Mr. Horace Williams, Rev. Dr. Jackie McHenry, Mr. Reed Davis, Rev. Dr. Lea Slaton, Rev. Dr. Rick Harrison, Ms. Ann Kwasnick, and Rev. Louis Threatt. Some members rotated off the commission in January 2017, and we are in the process of naming the three newest members.

In 2016, the Regional Assembly approved the revised Commission on Ministry Order of Ministry document. If you need a copy of this document, please contact me at revlaura@nc.rr.com or the regional office.

Rev. John Richardson led the Boundaries I and Boundaries II training sessions in 2016. The Commission on Ministry will soon check the list of participants to ensure that every NC minister completed one of the Boundaries courses. We require this course to be retaken every five years. If you are commissioned or ordained, and you did not have an opportunity to take the course in 2016, please contact me. The makeup date is April 28, 2017 (registration form on p2).

The Regional Assembly approved the resolution that we co-sponsored along with the Commission on Reconciliation and Anti-Racism to require ministers to take anti-racism/pro-reconciliation class every three years for continuing education. We are currently identifying course materials and instructors for this course and hope to offer it in 2017.

According to a document written by Dr. Allan R. Sharp, in 1915 the commission on ministry (then named the Committee on Ordination) informed the "Convention" meeting at Atlantic Christian College that they examined five qualities of a candidate considering ordination: Faith in Jesus, Knowledge of the Gospel and confidence in the word of God, Adaptability, Motive, and Willingness to endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ

Today, we certainly realize that ministry can be challenging, thus our prayer for all ministers and churches as we enter 2017 has a special emphasis on the number five of the historical list. Lord, may it not be necessary that ministers and churches experience difficulties, but if they must, may they endure and achieve unity and wholeness. Make us all adaptable and give us all proper motives—lives centered in Christ Jesus in whom we have trust and whose word we seek to faithfully proclaim. Amen.

By: Rev. Dr. Laura Johnson, Chair

Boundaries Workshop



Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Congregation you are serving _____

(If you are not serving a congregation, put congregation you are a member of)

Check the date you plan to attend. Classes for workshops will be held from 9:00am -3:00pm.

Facilitators: ***Rev. Dr. Laura Johnson and Rev. David Mallory***

These classes will be **held at the Regional Office in Wilson (509 Lee Street NE, Wilson, NC).**

_____ April 28, 2017 Boundaries Workshop 101

Note that you may attend the 101 even if you've already had it several years ago.

The only requirement is that you attend a boundary class.

The training will last 5 hours, with a 30-minute lunch, and cost \$35.00 per person. This cost includes your workbook and lunch. You may direct any questions to Bishop Valerie Melvin, Acting Regional Minister, 252-291-4047 ext. 204, valerie@ncdisciples.org

Please make checks payable and mail this completed form with your fees to:

Christian Church in N. C.

PO Box 1568

Wilson, NC, 27894

All commissioned, ordained, active retired, and pulpit supply ministers serving in congregational, institutional or regional ministries are required to participate in this training.



"From Out-reach to In-reach"
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For the past six years, a mission trip to Nicaragua has occurred under the sponsorship of Hookerton District with several churches represented including Greenville SC. However, this year, due to Hurricane Matthew's damage, the sponsors have decided to stay in North Carolina to work in locations including Greene County (rebuilding trailers), Lenoir County (rebuilding a home on a new lot outside of the flood zone), Lumberton and Fayetteville (rebuilding communities). The opportunities for volunteering continue to unfold, and other locations may be added as the need arises. This mission team would love to have others interested to joining this service of love. If you decide to volunteer, Doug Barrow will share all the information needed for volunteering. If you are new to volunteering, allow us to recommend an article "Knowing When to Go and When to Stay: A Guide to Volunteering" by Josh Baird, Director of Disciples Volunteering.

Article link: <https://www.discipleshomemissions.org/missions-advocacy/disciples-volunteering/sending-teams-in-mission/mission-stations/help-hope/>

For additional details about this mission project and to sign-up, please contact Doug Barrow of First Christian Church, Farmville at 252.258.8557.

A Day at Camp Caroline
Saturday, March 18, 2017

SPRING WORKDAY

9:00am-3:00pm

and

GROUND BREAKING

for Westview Cottage

3:00pm

Refreshments will be served!

FMI Contact Casey Perry

Phone: 252.299.3157

Email:

caseysperry2@gmail.com

2017 Special Offering February 19-26

You are here click here for resources

Week of Compassion

NEWS FROM CAMP CAROLINE



July 8-12, 2017, Disciples from across the United States and Canada will be gathering in Indianapolis as ONE. In Jesus' priestly prayer from John 17, he prayed, "20 My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, 21 that all of them may be one." (NIV)

The General Assembly is a gathering that reminds us that the Church is more than our congregation or our region. The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) includes many kinds of people and many points of view, but at our best, we are essentially and intentionally ONE in our belief in Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God.

Begin planning now to attend the 2017 General Assembly July 8-12 in Indianapolis. Registration is open at <http://disciples.org/ga>

CYF mid-winter is in two weeks!!!!!! We have a super keynote speaker coming in from Black Mountain, Beth Morris. She is a dynamic and inspirational leader. Beth will be talking about relationships and we will be exploring the understanding of truth. We are also having our second annual POLAR PLUNGE during their retreat. Word is, Rev. Andrew Shue is coming in from Southwood CC in Kinston to take the plunge too. Please donate to the youth fundraiser at <https://www.gofundme.com/camp-caroline-fundraiser>. Please encourage all your CYFers to bring a friend as we look forward to having a GREAT RETREAT and good fellowship building centered in Christ. Register today at <http://www.ncdisciples.org/youth-retreats/>

Special meetings Updates: The DWM "Women's Day Apart" retreat is planned and ready for March 10-11. At the beginning of the week, I met with a volunteer to begin looking into an integrated marketing plan to help evaluate and streamline our communications and better optimize our rentals year-round. Later in the week, I confirmed with leaders of The Lions Club of whom are seeking a place to begin a Pamlico chapter that we will host several of their leaders this spring, with the possibility of regular meetings housed here in the future. CycleNC which rides in and around Oriental has several cyclists beginning to book Camp Caroline for lodging and some food provisions while they ride all over Eastern NC. I am excited to host The Emmaus Walk team as they are having a planning retreat this spring before the men's and women's pilgrimages. Friday, I met with Rev. Dr. Robert Cayton, his wife Rose, and a couple of lead organizers with National Grange to be considered for a camping and retreat location for many of their youth and young adult development programs.

Physical and Programmatic Updates: We are having electricians bid on electrical upgrades to Latham House, Pelican's Rest, and each Cabin. We have had two internet service providers come to camp to begin looking at better wireless coverage in many meeting spaces and rentals at Camp Caroline. Several volunteers have come this week to help tend to property and help organize office spaces as well as help design a "resource room" established in the Lee Building for Camp Director and Camp staff support throughout the year. All of the pilings at the pier along the walkway have now been replaced and new support headers have been added for structural support. Community Pickleball continues to grow in interest and people, and this week we added two extra days to the Pickleball calendar, so we now have Pickleball opportunities 5 days/week. Thank you all for your continued prayers and support of the many ministries of Camp Caroline.

NEWS FROM CAMP CAROLINE (cont'd)



Pictures can tell us so much about care at Camp Caroline.

Check out the 19 new pilings all with bolted headers added. READY for POLAR PLUNGE 2017 and lots of fun Summer Camp 2017 fishing, crabbing, fellowship with "Pier Time", boating, singing, laughing, praying, witnessing, and CONNECTING with Christ and helping to build friendships in ministry.

This week we continued TLC around camp; we attended to Latham House, shop organizing, continued the mulching of all our leaves throughout camp and in major news, the old boat ramp awning has been removed.

In concert with the physical care we have had a busy week helping develop community engagement and support. We were visited by the main editor of towdock.net (MAIN news media for all of Oriental and Pamlico residents) on Thursday to do a focus piece on Pickleball at Camp Caroline. It was fun meeting with him; the gym was packed with players and he was blown away and very encouraging to offer support with community engagement. I look forward to meeting with him again next week for a focus piece on Camp Caroline. I made new connections this week with North Carolina Baroque Orchestra to help book their Summer Retreat with us. I met with committee members, town officials, summer camp directors, to look forward and continue to build strong relationships focused on care, sustainability, and staying connected. This week we spent time mulching and cleaning up for our retreat season to kick off with CYF Mid-winter and their annual POLAR PLUNGE. Please consider donating as the funds will help Camp continue to develop our recycling efforts. We already have recycling capabilities, but we need bins at each trash can on camp to enable our stewardship better.

As Always: Peace,
Casey



NC Disciples Women's Ministries

"Invited, Inspired and Ignited...Ready to Serve in Unity"



NATIONAL HOTLINE

888-373-7888

Ask Congress to strengthen anti-trafficking programs

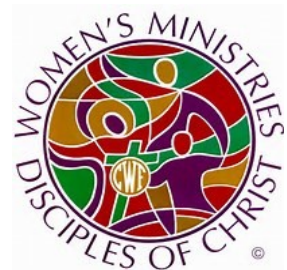
There has always been broad bipartisan support for programs that combat sex and labor trafficking and help survivors. In 2017, we hope to see that continue. Join us in calling on the new Congress to maintain critical federal programs that prosecute traffickers, assist victims, and prevent trafficking in our communities.

Please contact Congressional members and urge them to join hands across party lines and continue to battle this sinful crime against God's people. I urge you to continually pray that this form of evil that abuses and suppresses the vulnerable people of God's creation will cease.

Questions or comments:

Contact Rev. Melissa Acres

melisacr9@aol.com or 919-738-8798



Youth Updates...

1) Midwinter is in a just a few short weeks and we want you to register today! If you have a high schooler or you are a high schooler, please register on our website: <http://www.ncdisciples.org/youth-retreats/>. The retreat costs \$90 to attend. Our theme is Body Building for God as we continue to look at how God built us to worship him through our minds, body, and soul.

Midwinter is February 3-5 at Camp Caroline. The event starts on February 3rd at 8pm and ends on February 5th at 10am. Midwinter is open for anyone in the 9th-12th grade. Also, if you attended Midwinter 2016, you might remember the inaugural Polar Plunge! Roughly 25 brave souls jumped off the pier and swam to shore in 50 degree weather. We are bringing it back and our goal is to raise \$1000. You can donate on our GoFundMe page (<https://www.gofundme.com/camp-caroline-fundraiser>). If you donate, you can jump and join us! You can also donate and not jump...that's cool too!

We would like to see 75 people registered for the 2017 Midwinter at Camp Caroline so please register today and invite your friends and family to join you!

2) Also, at each Midwinter, we elect new members to our Regional Cabinet for Youth Work (RCYW). This group plans the high school retreats and summer camps and helps counsel camps during the summer. We have a lot of positions open this upcoming year. If you are interested in applying, please complete the application (http://www.ncdisciples.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/12/RCYW_Application.pdf) and turn it into Luke Miles (Lhmiles2@gmail.com) by Thursday, February 2nd at 5:00. If you know of a youth who exemplifies ministry-like qualities and shows a particular interest in leadership (particularly church leadership), please put them in contact with me.

3) We also have a retreat for all middle school youth in the region. The Chi Rho Spring Retreat is at Camp Caroline on March 3-5. The event starts at 8pm and ends at 10 am. You can register on our website: <http://www.ncdisciples.org/youth-retreats/>. I've heard they have a very handsome and wonderfully talented keynoter lined up :) Our goal is to have 50 people registered for this event! The theme is Sharing our Faith and we will study Acts 8:26-40 as our scripture focus for the weekend.

4) Summer camp is closer than you think. All registrations are currently open. Check out <http://www.ncdisciples.org/summer-camps/> for more information or to register today. You get a discount if you register before March 15th.

Hope to see you at camp soon! We are always looking for additional adults to come and join in on the fun! If you are interested and miss your days at camp, let me know and I can guarantee we can find you a place at camp with the youth of our region!

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Luke Miles

Director of Youth Ministries

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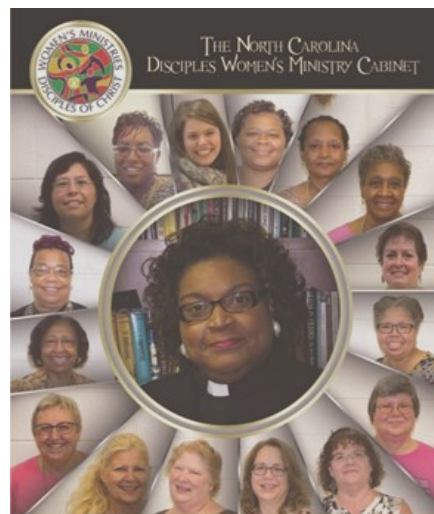


Beth Morris, Keynoter for RCYW Midwinter Retreat

A Day Apart

**North Carolina DWM
A Camp Caroline Retreat
March 10-11, 2017**

“Invited, Inspired, and Ignited – Ready to Serve in Unity”



Deadline February 20 (must be IN the regional office, not postmarked)

Registration for Overnight Retreat **\$75** (includes Friday Lodging and Supper, Saturday Breakfast and Lunch.

Registration for Saturday Only **\$51** (includes lunch)

Please note we are not charging a late fee, but encourage you to get your registrations in on time as we will not guarantee meals if registered after Feb. 20

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) - _____ - _____

Email: _____

Church: _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Registration begins on Friday at 3pm

Saturday attendee registration begins at 8:15am

Make checks payable & return form to:

Christian Church in N.C.
PO Box 1568
Wilson, NC 27894
Attn: **A Day Apart Retreat**

For More Information Contact:

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Jennifer Small jen.small@yahoo.com
Phone: 252.623.9765



Camp Caroline's address is:

**3398 Janiero Road
Arapahoe, NC 28510
Phone: 252.299.3157**

Don't forget your bed linen, bath towels, and Bible!

A DAY APART

Camp Caroline DWM Retreat Itinerary

March 10-11, 2017

THEME:

"Invited, Inspired, and Ignited - Ready to Serve in Unity!"

Come down east with one or two of your closest friends and renew your friendship.

Friday March 10th

- 3:00-5:00pm-Registration & Check-in
- 5:15-7:00pm-Dinner (FCC Washington)
- 7:15-7:30-Devotion & Ice Breaker
- 7:30-Activities: Card Signing, Movie and Popcorn, Chal-ice Art project

Saturday March 11th

- 7:30-8:30am-Breakfast Dining Hall (for those registered for both days).
- 8:15-Registration
- 9:00 -10:00-Business Session
- 10:00-10:15-Break-snacks (Gordon Street CC)
- 10:15-11:00-Activity, Craft, Free Time
- 11:00-12:00pm-Speaker-Diane Hooker
2016 Woman-to-Woman-South Africa & Ghana
- 12:15-1:15-Lunch and Basket Party
- 1:30-Closing worship and communion-Rev. Lee Ann Higgins





FMI Contact: valerie@ncdisciples.org or call 252.291.4047 ext. 204

website: ncdisciples.org

THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) in NC

proudly welcomes

The Rev. Dr. Jerry L. Sumney (left)

Lexington Theological Seminary, Lexington KY

The E. S. Purcell, Jr., Bible Lecturer

and

The Rev. Dr. William J. Barber, II (right)

The Theodor G. and Woodrow W. Sprinkle Lecturer

Host Church: First Christian, Wilson, NC

Saturday, April 29, 2017 8:00am-4:30pm

Save The Date!

**The 169th Regional Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in NC
Assembly to Include: Workshops, Business Session, and All-Assembly Lunch**

ADDITIONAL DATES TO REMEMBER...

- ⇒ 2/4/17-9:30am - DWM Cabinet Meeting at FCC, Goldsboro
- ⇒ 2/4/17-12:00pm - Women's Gathering at FCC, Goldsboro
- ⇒ 2/7/2017-6:30PM - Hookerton District Minister's at Timothy CC, Ayden
- ⇒ 2/9/7-10:00am - Commission on Ministry at Regional Office
- ⇒ 2/10/17-10am - Executive Committee Meeting at Regional Office
- ⇒ 2/11/17 - 10:30am - Regional Disciples Men Executive Committee at Regional Office
- ⇒ 2/15/17 - Regional Board Reports due
- ⇒ 2/25/17 - 10:00am-Regional Board Meeting at Regional Office
- ⇒ 2/28/17 - 169th Regional Assembly Voting and Alternate Delegates due
- ⇒ 3/5/17 - Assembly Registration Sunday

If you have regional or district news to share, please submit it to valerie@ncdisciples.org no later than close of business each Thursday.