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Dear NC Disciples Women:

Why should you head up to Black Mountain this Aug. 10-12 for our annual Christmount retreat? Maybe for the thought-provoking ideas from inspiring keynoters or creative worship experiences. Maybe for the rousing music and singing, interactive group prayers, engaging Bible study, devotionals and workshops which will give you new ways to engage women of all ages in your local churches and communities. Maybe you are yearning to learn about current service projects or new ways to serve and to share some precious time with a diverse group of women from all over our state. Maybe you could use that heart to heart conversation with an old friend or a new one while rocking on the porch. Perhaps you would like to support our DWM ministries with your Blessing Box offerings or our Woman to Woman project by bidding on that beautiful quilt, by purchasing some of the DWM items for sale, or by buying a few tickets for your favorite basket! Maybe you are looking forward to that walk up a trail to breathe in the fresh mountain air for a moment of meditation or that stroll around the Sourwood Festival to enjoy the crafts, sights and delicious cuisine of a folksy, friendly small town. Maybe you are longing for communion with sisters of faith and an opportunity to be encouraged and uplifted by God's Spirit. Surely Aug. 10-12 is just the time to meet with God again through the grandeur of nature and the opportunities to grow as you are invited, ignited and **inspired** to enter a new place in your life and spiritual journey!

These are just a few reasons to invite several women to join you as you head to the DWM Christmount Retreat this year. A brief, tentative itinerary follows and a registration form is enclosed:

Friday, Aug. 10 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Registration; 5:00 p.m. Meditation and Welcome; 6:00 p.m. Dinner; 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Opening Worship and Keynote; 8:30 p.m. Fellowship and Recreation

Saturday, Aug. 11 7:30-8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer; 8:00 a.m. Breakfast; 9:00-12:00 a.m. Worship, Keynote and Business Session; 12:00 Noon Lunch; 2:00-6:00 p.m. Workshops, Group Activities, Free Time; 6:00 p.m. Dinner; 7:00-8:15 p.m. Gathering Music, Worship and Keynote; 8:30 p.m. Basket Party and Fellowship

Sunday, Aug. 12 8:00 a.m. Breakfast; 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. Worship and Closing Circle

Hope to see you – and those you have invited – in Black Mountain!

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