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October 22, 2018

"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you." Isaiah 43:2

Dear North Carolina Disciples Women:

For the last month our region has been engaged in disaster recovery due to the damage of Hurricane Florence and most recently, tropical storm Michael. The damage has ranged from debris and minor flooding to total loss and displacement. To date, with the miraculous help of Week of Compassion, we have ministered relief to 51 households, 20 congregations, two ministry partners, and several schools. In the face of such devastation our people experienced God's grace; we suffered no loss of life due to the storm. Camp Caroline also witnessed God's loving protection. Even though there was some flooding and 41 trees were either downed or topped off and damaged enough to fell, camp remained intact, and within three weeks was open for business. We are humbled with gratitude to our volunteers for their selfless labor and sacrifice of love in clean-up and repair work. Truly, the Region of NC is Resilient!

On last evening, Regional Minister Melvin, held a conference call with North Carolina Disciples Women concerning an urgent Service project. The timeline on this project covers the next two weeks, October 22-November 5. We are inviting our women to prepare school kits according to the guidelines established by Church World Service. Our goal is 1,000 school kits and this a time sensitive project. Any surplus kits will be used in other locations where needed.

While many schools have reopened since Hurricane Florence struck last month, seven North Carolina school systems remain closed, keeping more than 130 schools out of operation and nearly 90,000 students out of class. <https://governor.nc.gov/news/gov-cooper-directs-funding-reopen-schools-closed-hurricane-florence> (October 8, 2018).

Our District Coordinators will help the process by:

- ***Serving as your 'go to' person if you have questions about school kit assembly.*** For instructions on kit assembly, refer to the Hurricane Update (October 4), which is attached. You will find the information for school kit guidelines on p.3.
- ***Identifying a drop off location in your district and then arrange pick up or drop off for each district by contacting David Mallory,*** phone: 919-345-4305 or email: davidtmallory@gmail.com. The Regional Office in Wilson continues to serve as one hub for collecting and distributing recovery supplies.
- ***Dedicate all kits before they leave the district collection location.***

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Each of you can assist us by sharing this email with your personal listserv. Often, you have contacts that we do not. Our ultimate goal is that all Disciples Women know the urgency of this much needed project. Please be in prayer for the recipients of these school kits and the hardships they are facing. As your president, I am always amazed at the quick and loving response of our women when called upon to serve. I invite you to reply to mwevans1953@gmail.com letting me know you have read and received this letter.

Important 2019 Calendar Dates!

- December 1, 2018 – Deadline to pre-order the study material from Just Women. Even though Just Women discontinued its three volume annual publications, it is still providing our yearly Bible Study. For order info, go to <https://www.discipleshomemissions.org/product/pre-order-the-2019-just-women-bible-study/>

Or mail in to IDWM-Just Women Bible Study
PO Box 1986
Indianapolis, IN 46206-1986

The theme for the 2019 study is “The Church – Mission Possible!” Each study is \$15. If you pre-order by Dec. 1, shipping is free. After that date, there is a charge and orders are subject to availability and may run out. They are not printing that many extra so get your orders in early!

- March 8-10, 2019 (see attachment) – A Day Apart Retreat at Camp Caroline, Keynoter: Pat Montgomery. Pat is a gifted keynoter, using the imagery of the pottery wheel to spin and shape the clay of God’s word into our hearts and minds. Registration opens January 4 and runs through March 1. Our goal, 100 women!
- April 27, 2019 – Regional Assembly, Barton College, Wilson, NC. This is a one-day Assembly.
- August 9-11, 2019 – Christmount Retreat, Keynoter: Rev. Terri Hord Owens, General Minister and President, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in USA and Canada. Registration opens January 4 and runs through July 31. Our goal, 300 women!

Blessings to you as we undertake this important recovery project and continue to serve humanity.

In Christian love and service,
Mary Evans, President
NC Disciples Women Ministries