



Is it possible that Epiphany might come first? Could the revelation of Christ among us come before the manifestation of Christ among us? I ask because I believe I have had such an experience. As we embark upon Advent and the great celebration of Jesus' birth, an 'aha' moment has led me into a deeper understanding of what it means to be a covenant member of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in NC, and how this Regional connection impacts my life daily. "What do you mean, Valerie?" I am glad you asked.

When I came to serve the region, my immersion into this branch of the Disciples of Christ tradition brought both cultural and theological surprise. Much of the theology was synonymous with the Church of Christ, Disciples of Christ, but there were some distinct differences. While I tried to steady myself in this new flow of Biblical and cultural traditions, I sometimes felt like the wisemen who asked "*Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.*" The wisemen made the journey from the East because they sought a connection between what they knew and what was yet to be revealed to them. The star they saw was so bright, so brilliant, until they knew something unusual was happening somewhere, and it would not be found by stargazing in their own backyard. They had to go and look for it! On the journey, their encounter with the culture and religion of Jerusalem eventually led them to the Messiah. But along the way, they also experienced smaller epiphanies. Me too.

In reflection, it was my immersion into this new, challenging and mysterious way of seeing things that transformed my thinking, opening me up to the revelation of who God might be beyond my limited understanding. It was in answering the call to serve Disciples Women, to serve as the Church of Christ liaison, to serve on the Commission on Ministry, and as the Search and Call contact person, where I saw the light of diversity and the power of the Table. In each of these areas of ministry, I began to understand how each Disciple is free to receive Scripture as Christ reveals and each one is celebrated for being their authentic self. Love and respect were revealed to me

through strength and diversity. In this church, the light of epiphany opened up, showing me the great liberty (and protection) experienced when there is a balance of power and the Body of Christ leads together.

This epiphany illuminated for me the strength of our regional anatomy. Like the human bloodstream, when districts are healthy, their congregations receive information on a regular basis, fellowship, study, engage service projects and worship together. There is a fulfillment of the covenant and a reciprocation of accountability and responsibility. When the full region assembles, the voice of the church speaks to the ills of society with conviction and hope. Our presence lifts the down-trodden and comforts the broken-hearted. We engage relevant programs and resources to meet spiritual and human needs. We dream God's future and put forth our best gifts.

One of my latest epiphanies has involved watching our Regional staff work beyond their pay grade and perform beyond their job descriptions. I have also witnessed the love of churches who remain connected to the region even during tough times. They continue to give financial support and pray for new direction. They do so not because it is convenient, but because they believe in the power of covenant. Our covenant has resulted in ordinations, commissions, installations, the growth of our camp and conference attendance and a statewide recovery initiative after Hurricane Florence. The truth is, you, Disciples of Christ in North Carolina, have been an epiphany to me! I have seen the light of our Savior in all of your faces, and while we wait upon the full manifestation of Christ in our region, may we all follow the one whose love is perfectly manifested to us in this season.



+Valerie J. Melvin,  
Regional Minister

## Chief of Staff to join Office of General Minister and President

Rev. Lee Hull Moses will be joining the staff of the General Minister and President's office in Indianapolis in 2019 as chief of staff. Hull Moses is currently senior minister at First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Greensboro, NC, where she has pastored since 2009.

General Minister and President Terri Hord Owens says, "Lee has demonstrated her gifts for creative transformative leadership across the Church, as a pastor, board member, author and treasured colleague. As we work to establish the OGMP as a source of thought leadership for the wider church, she will be a valued colleague and partner. I am delighted that she has accepted this call for ministry."

Hull Moses earned her bachelor's degree at Albion College in Michigan and her masters from the University of Chicago Divinity School. She has since also completed coursework for an executive certificate in religious fund raising and is in the process of earning a certificate in nonprofit management.

In addition to her academic work, Hull Moses is the author or co-author of three books as well as a contributor to *The Christian Century* among other publications. She has also served on the boards of the North Carolina Council of Churches and the Disciples Divinity House at the University of Chicago.

Hull Moses and her husband Robert have two children, Harper and Jonathan. Her on-site start date will likely be in February.



# It's Time to say Thank You!

We pause to gratefully acknowledge the faithful support of our churches whose financial gifts have sustained our work and witness. For your commitment to our covenant, we say thank you!

## The 3rd Quarter Report of Disciples Mission Fund As of September 2018

1. Bethany CC, Arapahoe
2. +FCC, Asheville
3. +FCC, Ayden
4. +Timothy CC, Ayden
5. FCC, Bath
6. FCC, Black Mountain
7. Front Street CC Burlington
8. +FCC, Charlotte
9. SouthPark CC, Charlotte
10. Carr Memorial CC, Clinton
11. Salem Fork CC, Dobson
12. +Dudley CC
13. +St. Andrews CC, Dudley
14. Hood Memorial CC, Dunn
15. Little Bethlehem CC, Eden
16. North Spray CC, Eden
17. FCC, Elizabeth City
18. Wilbanks CC
19. Kitt Swamp, Ernul
20. +FCC, Farmville
21. +FCC, Fayetteville
22. St. James CC, Wilson
23. Mill Creek CC, Four Oaks
24. Selah CC, Four Oaks
25. +FCC, Goldsboro
26. +Greenleaf CC, Goldsboro
27. FCC, Greensboro
28. Mt. Pleasant CC, Greensboro
29. +FCC, Greenville
30. Hooker Memorial CC, Greenville
31. Red Oak CC, Greenville
32. +FCC, Grifton
33. Proctor Memorial CC, Grimesland
34. +FCC, Jacksonville
35. Armenia CC, Kinston
36. Gordon Street CC, Kinston
37. Grove Park CC, Kinston
38. +Southwest CC, Kinston
39. Southwood Memoria CC, Kinston
40. +LaGrange CC
41. +Wheat Swamp CC, Kinston
42. FCC, Lincolnton
43. FCC, Macclesfield
44. +Eureka CC, Mt. Olive
45. +Broad Street, CC, New Bern
46. +Highland Park CC, New Bern
47. Silver Hill CC, Grantsboro
48. Pleasant Union CC, Newton Grove
49. +Oak City CC
50. Pantego CC
51. Pfafftown CC
52. +FCC, Plymouth
53. Hillyer Memorial CC, Raleigh
54. St. Paul's CC, Raleigh
55. FCC, Reidsville
56. FCC, Robersonville
57. Golds Point CC, Robersonville
58. +FCC, Rocky Mount
59. Rocky Fork CC, Sanford
60. +FCC, Smithfield
61. +Eden CC, Winterville
62. Stokesdale CC
63. Stoneville CC
64. Vanceboro CC
65. FCC, Walnut Cove
66. FCC, Washington
67. Wendell CC
68. FCC, Williamston
69. +FCC, Wilmington
70. +FCC, Wilson
71. Wilson Mills CC
72. FCC, Winston-Salem
73. Middlefork CC, Winston-Salem
74. Winterville CC
75. +FCC, Valdese

76. Shiloh CC, Smithfield
77. Covenant CC, Cary
78. Body of Christ CC, High Point
79. Chapel Hill Christian Church
80. Wake Forest CC,
81. New Generation CC, Smithfield
82. +Messiah Community CC, Winston-Salem
83. +MissionGathering CC, Charlotte
84. FCC, Greenville, SC

+indicates increased giving in at least one area since September 2017.

### Where to Mail DMF and All Other Giving

*Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops. **Proverbs 3:9***

All DMF, Blessing Box, Special Offerings (Easter, Pentecost, Thanksgiving, Christmas), Reconciliation, and Week of Compassion monies should be remitted to the Office of the General Minister & President in Indianapolis. You have the option to send it online or make checks payable to Disciples Mission Fund and mail along with a remittance form to: **OGMP-Treasury Services, PO Box 1986, Indianapolis, IN 46206.**

Your gifts to the Christian Church in North Carolina, including Camp Caroline, should be mailed to the regional office with the CCNC Remittance Form with checks made payable to: **Christian Church in North Carolina (CCNC), PO Box 1568, Wilson, NC 27894.**

Gifts to Barton College, Lexington Theological Seminary, Christmount, Church World Service (blanket & tools), district dues, etc. should be mailed directly to them. Their address is on the CCNC Remittance Form.

**Both of the remittance forms can be found on our website:**

**[ncdisciples.org](http://ncdisciples.org) > About Us > DMF Remittance Form > CCNC Remittance Form**

## The Christmas Offering Appeal

Dear Regional Family:

The first 180 days sped along at a quick pace. I am extremely hopeful in God's abundance as I witness grace and resilience around the region. There are three priorities framing my first year: 1) touching each and every congregation of the region in some way to renew our covenantal relationship and to help congregations do what they cannot do alone, 2) updating technological communications to disseminate regular and relevant information that offers life-affirming opportunities, and 3) providing financial transparency with strategic planning for our emerging reality. The third priority is the basis for this appeal.

We are very grateful for the donations that we have received in the first 10 months of 2018! A region cannot exist without the financial support of the congregations within its boundaries. As noted elsewhere in this newsletter, 84 of 124 congregations have contributed to sustaining the ministry of the region through the third quarter of 2018. That is great news! But please allow me to give you a financial snapshot of where we stand presently:

### Treasurer's Report for period Jan 1 – Oct 31, 2018

Income:		
General and Program	\$ 200,463	
Camp Caroline	\$ <u>213,241</u>	
Total Income		\$ 413,704
Expenditures:		
General and Program	\$ 239, 990	
Camp Caroline	\$ <u>289,928</u>	
Total Expenditures		\$ <u>529,918</u>
NET LOSS		\$ <u>(116,214)</u>



You can see from the numbers above, however, that we are in need of additional donations in 2018, as we have spent \$116,214 more than we have received in the current year. And we came into this year with an accumulated loss from prior years of \$90K. This shortfall is possible through board authorized “borrowing” from funds which the board has previously designated to be held for the future. But those funds are limited. We are required to protect all monies given to us with donor restrictions placed on them. That is, we **cannot** “borrow” from DWM/CWF funds, from funds given for projects at the camp, from funds given for youth programming, etc.

The Executive Committee and Board continue to seek new ways to keep costs down and to find new sources of income. Cost saving moves include the sale of the office building in 2017 and the elimination of the position of Associate Regional Minister as of 2019. To increase income, we are applying for a FEMA grant to help with the costs of the damage to Camp Caroline from Hurricane Florence, and we are monitoring usage fees at the camp, raising fees where possible while always mindful that the camp is a ministry. But these actions are not sufficient to resolve our financial concerns. Bottom line: we need your help! Please consider prayerfully what you and your congregation can give to the Christmas offering to sustain the ministry of the Christian Church in North Carolina.

The theme of the 2018 Christmas Offering is “*Come they told Me.*” Our finest gifts support the work of regional ministries in North Carolina to connect congregations and foster faith development, gather Disciples in camps, conferences, and assemblies, nurture the development of a new generation of pastors, assist churches in calling new ministers, interpret the global mission of the Church, represent the Church in ecumenical gatherings, counsel and pray with those who are troubled of spirit, lead the Church to address racism, inspire leaders to experiment and create, and witness to the power of God to make things new. Come, let us bring our finest gifts to God in support of our region.

+Valerie J. Melvin, Regional Minister

**Link to Video:** <https://youtu.be/ov8HIjARKAQ>

**Link to On-line Giving:** <https://engage.suran.com/ncdisciples/s/give/new-gift>

## Commission in Ministry



Advent and Christmas Greetings from the NC Commission on Ministry (COM). We celebrate newly commissioned ministers, newly ordained ministers, and ministers granted standing in the region during 2018:

Andrew Shipley, Pastor of Missiongathering CC in Charlotte, ordained on 1/7.

Jimmy Lewis, Pastor of Grove Park CC in Kinston, ordained on 3/25.

Debora Stille, Pastor of Pleasant Union CC in Newton Grove, ordained on 4/8 with Eureka Christian Church of Mount Olive co-sponsoring.

Rev. Jason and Rev. Joanie Williams, Co-Pastors of Hood Memorial CC in Dunn, granted standing on 5/20.

Kevin Toth, 2018 M. Div. graduate of Brite Divinity School, ordained at St. Paul's CC in Raleigh with Wake Forest CC co-sponsoring on 6/23/18

Carrie Hinton, Pastor of St. Andrews CC in Dudley, ordained on 6/24/18.

Chris Burner, graduated in May 2018 with an M.Div. from Duke and a simultaneous MSW from UNC, ordained at Chapel Hill Christian Church on 7/7/18.

Courtney Hickman, Associate Pastor of FCC Wilmington, ordained on 7/8/18.

Nglol Rahlan, Pastor of Dao Blung Hlao in Charlotte, commissioned at Dao Blung Hlao with FCC Charlotte co-sponsoring on 8/5/18.

Amanda Kerr, 2018 Wake Forest Univ. Div. School, M. Div. graduate and Associate Minister of St. Paul's CC in Raleigh, ordained at FCC Greensboro on 9/23/18.

Sharon Jones, Associate Minister of St. Luke Princeville, commissioned on 11/6/2018.

Angela Whitenhill, Mental Health Initiative Manager for the Disciples' National Benevolent Association, ordained at Covenant CC in Cary on 11/11/18.

Gingerbread person, who was honorably ordained on 11/25/18 and hopes to serve as minister of Camp Caroline's Christmas tree.

We rejoice that God continues to call people into ministry. The COM is blessed to be invited into this holy space of discernment and reflection with these candidates and clergy. The COM has also approved ordinations that will take place in early 2019 with dates TBD. These worship services are for the whole region; therefore, if you want to attend an ordination/commissioning/standing service please join us. This worship is spiritual and special.

The NC COM also renewed many ministers' commissioning certificates, took other new candidates "under care," and provided care and support to other ministers. We also provided training to candidates about the call to ministry and Boundaries training to candidates and ministers. We supported the Racial Equity training. We launched "Covenant Partnerships," which is a mentoring peer program for new clergy.

If you are a commissioned minister in NC, but you have not been to the Commission on Ministry in the past two years, please call the Regional office to ensure we have your correct contact information. We remind commissioned ministers to send an annual report to the COM even if you have not been invited to a COM meeting; mail it to the region's PO Box, please. **We offer these reminders to all clergy: the Region needs your current address, primary telephone number, and email address; renew Boundaries every five years, and renew Racial Equity every three years.**

The Commission on Ministry appreciates churches who hosted us during 2018, including Wendell Christian Church in January, Rocky Fork CC in March, Wilson's Mills CC in May, FCC Wilson in July, Chapel Hill CC in September, and St. James Christian Church in Wilson in November. Your generous donation of space helped many COM members and area candidates save fuel and the environment. Thank you!

We pray all Disciples congregations and clergy in the NC region have a wonderful conclusion to 2018 as God's light shines brightly on our diverse and impactful body of believers—all followers of the Lord Jesus Christ. If you are hearing God's vocational call, please be in touch with the COM.



# The VOICE of Disciples Men

The Disciples Men regret the cancellation of our Fall 2018 retreat at Christmount, but we know so many of our men have been incredibly active in hurricane recovery efforts. The Disciples Men Executive Committee will meet February 9, 2019. Please make sure to submit your ideas to your district CMF presidents so that we can continue to brainstorm new ways of fellowship and outreach. We will finalize retreat planning for 2019 at this meeting. The Disciples Men have launched a Facebook page to help improve communication. Please like us on Facebook and take a look at the photos from our 2018 events!

Rev. Andrew Shue, NC CMF President

## SEARCH AND CALL UPDATES

We gratefully share with you the results of recent local church ministerial searches. Please pray for graceful transition upon each church completing their search, and those who will continue.

**FCC, Reidsville, Interim Minister**  
**FCC, Farmville, Interim Minister**  
**FCC, Walnut Cove, Installed Pastor**  
**FCC, Goldsboro, Interim Minister**  
**FCC, Winston-Salem, Extended Call**  
**Wendell CC, Interim Minister**

**Rev. Dr. Jackie McHenry**  
**Rev. Phil Jones**  
**Rev. Larry Neal**  
**Rev. Dr. Penny Ziemer**  
**Rev. David Harrison**  
**Rev. Dr. George Fuller**

If you are interested in more information about opportunities for ministry, please contact the Regional Minister. We kindly ask that churches and clergy respect the boundaries and ethical guidelines regarding the Search process.

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

### 2018

December 6-1:00pm: Endowment Committee Mtg.-Regional Office  
 December 8-10:00am: *We Are Resilient Youth Event*-New Generation CC, Smithfield  
 December 24-January 1-Regional Office closed for Christmas Holidays

### 2019

January 8-6:00pm: Hookerton District Minister's Meeting-Proctor Memorial CC, Grimesland  
 January 22-6:30pm: Albemarle District/CMF Mtg.-FCC, Williamston  
 January 24-6:00pm: Hookerton District Mtg.-FCC, Farmville  
 January 30-10:00am: Camp Caroline Committee Mtg.-Camp Caroline  
 February 1-3: CYF Mid-Winter Retreat-Camp Caroline  
 February 5-10:00am: Hookerton District Minister's Mtg.-Gordon Street CC, Kinston  
 February 9-10:00am: Regional Board Mtg.-Regional Office  
 March 1-3: Chi Rho Spring Retreat-Camp Caroline  
 March 8-10: DWM Spring "A Day Apart" Retreat-Camp Caroline

# Living into Reconciliation-Covenant CC and St. Paul's Journey Together!

In August of 2018, St. Paul's Christian Church and Covenant Christian Church gathered at Camp Caroline for a weekend retreat, which included worship, learning, fun and relaxation. Rev. Diane Faires and Rev. Chris Furr worked together to develop the theme, which was: Prepare the Way: Becoming an Inclusive Church. The hope was that each congregation could gain awareness about ways the established culture of our churches can be exclusive of particular populations, and acquire tools for re-configuring those systems and distributing power to all members of the community. St. Paul's has a number of Montanard families that form a vital part of the church's life; Covenant is becoming increasingly racially diverse. Often, we have blind spots in the way we structure our life together that unintentionally leaves some out. We wanted to learn more about that.

Rev. Jason Williams, one of our region's pastors and anti-racism trainers, agreed to be our keynote speaker. He began the sessions with a story about his own experience living in intentional community, and the assumptions he and his fellow housemates made in a situation fraught with racial tension. This scenario served as a lens for the weekend's sessions. "What does inclusion really mean?" he asked us. Jason helped us to see that inclusion means sharing power with others, especially to make decisions that affect them and the community at large. Often we make assumptions about what is best for others without working collaboratively and involving them in the decision-making process.

Inclusion, he told us, begins with listening. If we can't hear each other, we can't begin to understand. Rev. Williams led us through exercises on how to be an active listener, which included guidance on how to listen for understanding. We also discussed how to



manage our emotional re-

sponses when we are hearing things that are difficult for us to process. This is vital work for understanding the worldview of someone who comes from a different background.



The second session discussed power; who has power within our broader communities, and how it is shared, or withheld as the case may be. As congregations, we must be about this power analysis in our larger communities and within our congregations. Who holds power in our churches? How easy is it for newer people to have their voices heard? How do we raise up new leadership, instead of having the same small group of people holding the organizational power? We tend to think of power in negative terms,

but power is the ability to affect change. If we want everyone in our communities to have a voice and be truly inclusive, we must be willing to share power, especially in ways that may challenge the norms we have established in our communities.

In our final session, Jason divided the two churches in separate halves of the room, and asked us to break into small groups within our church groups. He then asked us to think about a program in the life of our congregation or the community and evaluate it with the tools we had acquired over the weekend. Did we have an outreach program that wasn't as inclusive as it could be? What about our worship services? What are ways we could give others power and agency over their own lives and the help they were receiving?

For example, the youth from Covenant discussed a project they had participated in, which involved serving the homeless in downtown Raleigh. As they discussed, they realized that those they were serving had little choice in what they received--that they hadn't taken dietary restrictions into account, didn't provide any options for preference, etc. They began to brainstorm ways this project could be re-imagined to be more inclusive of those they served.

In closing, each congregation still has important work to do for understanding what it means to be fully inclusive, active in listening, and vigilant in analyzing the power structures in our churches' mission, education, worship and fellowship. We give God thanks for the Spirit that was present as we gathered, and for the tools available to us within our region to do this important work together.

# HURRICANE UPDATE

Thank You North Carolina!! The response from our churches for those affected by Hurricane Florence has been humbling and amazing. Our task force put out pleas for Church World Service kits and you responded! We have been able to deliver: 357 Hygiene Kits, 360 Cleanup Bucket Kits, and up to this time 785 School Kits. Not to mention the many volunteers who showed up and continue to show up at Camp Caroline to put our campground back together. Your love and support are being felt by many across our state.

Not only have you supplied kits, but you and Disciples throughout the general church have been generous with gifts to Week of Compassion. At the time of this writing, Week of Compassion (WOC) has given over \$49,000.00 in the aftermath of Florence. WOC funds have been provided to Disciple households, Disciple Congregations and to partner support. We are a thankful people.

However, the work of recovery is not over; it is only beginning. Our Disaster Response Task Force in partnership with WOC and Disciples Volunteering is hard at work planning for the next steps in recovery. We know many of you are tied up and worn down by the endless paper work. We are working on ways to provide you with human resources who can help you with the paper process. Very soon, we will be soliciting the names of persons within our congregations who have skills they are willing to donate in helping to navigate the paper trail. Additionally, we know this is a long term recovery of several years, not months. With Disciples Volunteering we are exploring ways we can be a part of the long term recovery effort through hosting work teams from both within and beyond our own region.

We are also aware there are damages just now being discovered and families who we are just now learning were affected. It is NEVER too late for you to let us know about a family or damaged facility. If you know of a need that has not yet been reported, please inform us. We are so thankful for our North Carolina Region Disciples. You are a compassionate people. Thanks be to God.

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The Week of Compassion Dinner for Recovering Church Leaders was held at Grove Park, Kinston with Caroline Hamilton-Arnold (WOC), Josh Baird (Disciples Volunteering), the NC Disaster Task Force and members of Southwood Memorial, New Generation, St. Stephens and St. Mark.



# Regional Youth News

Merry Christmas and thank you for your support! Join us in 2019!



**It's been a great year! We can't wait for 2019!**

We have an amazing 2019 year planned for youth across North Carolina!

**Check out our upcoming 2019 events! Save the dates!**

1. CYF Midwinter (February 1-3) at Camp Caroline
  - Our theme is Reconciliation with keynoter Rev. Jason Williams
2. Chi Rho Spring Retreat (March 1-3) at Camp Caroline
  - Our theme is Family with keynoter Luke Miles

Register NOW for the above (↑) events at [www.ncdisciples.org/youth-retreats](http://www.ncdisciples.org/youth-retreats)

3. 2019 Summer Camp Schedule - [www.ncdisciples.org/summer-camps](http://www.ncdisciples.org/summer-camps)
4. CYF Fall Retreat (September 27-29) at Camp Caroline
5. Chi Rho Fall Retreat (October 4-6) at Camp Caroline

## 2018 Summer Camp



We had over 300 campers at summer camp! Register for 2019 summer camp at [www.ncdisciples.org/summer-camps](http://www.ncdisciples.org/summer-camps).

## Regional Assembly



The Regional Cabinet for Youth Work (RCYW) volunteered at Third Street Community Center in Greenville during the 2018 Regional Assembly.

**Want to meet our Regional Youth Director? Invite him to your church!**

He's available for captivating sermons, hilarious youth group games, and addicting camp songs, but mostly, he just likes meeting everyone! Reach out to him directly at [luke@ncdisciples.org](mailto:luke@ncdisciples.org) and 336.202.1354.

## JOIN THE 2019-2020 REGIONAL CABINET FOR YOUTH WORK

We are looking for high schoolers who are interested in becoming better leaders - specifically within their churches and local communities. If you are a rising 10th, 11th, or 12th grader AND you love church camp, your church, and working with your peers, then RCYW could be the perfect opportunity for you. If you have an interest in joining RCYW for the upcoming year, please visit our website ([www.ncdisciples.org/youth](http://www.ncdisciples.org/youth)) for more information and an application. Applications and references are due January 31, 2019.



Questions about youth ministry in the region? Please contact our Regional Youth Director, Luke Miles, ([luke@ncdisciples.org](mailto:luke@ncdisciples.org) or 336.202.1354).

## News from Camp Caroline

Thank you to the over 150 volunteers working diligently for over 1000 hours from the Region of North Carolina (DOC) and Friends of Camp Caroline since Hurricane Florence. Camp Caroline is still in recovery, and we look forward to helping shore up the last needs this winter with your helping hands and prayerful support.

Prior to the storm we had an amazing summer camp season and welcomed over 300 campers to Camp Caroline for a truly blessed experience. Many of the children connected to God in fun, engaging, and reflective ways that will encourage life-long Christ-Centered living. The children connected to God through nature and positive relationships with peers and adults.

Immediately following summer camp season we had a very busy August and early September welcoming returning churches on their retreats, the North Carolina Baroque Orchestra, Christian-community school retreats, Community Pickleball tournaments, and several new groups including college teams.

The new cottages are amazing addition to Camp Caroline. Please consider calling the camp as early in the year as possible because the cottages are book quickly. We look forward to hosting you all. Please call Melissa at the camp office at 252-249-0848 or Casey at 252-299-3157 to help set up your next retreat.

Thank you to all the churches who support Camp Caroline. We have several areas of the camp that need attention, if your church is looking to get involved, we suggest that you sponsor a project on campus. To do so, please contact Bruce at 252-559-3484.



You can tell by the smiles on our faces that we love Camp Caroline and the many individuals, Churches and groups that support the camp with their skills, talents, financial resources and prayers!



Two loyal Camp volunteers making improvements.



These two volunteers were part of a team of 14 volunteers from Fredrick, Va. that helped do repair work on Cowell Hall in addition to chainsaw work in the woods.



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*Bishop Valerie J. Melvin, Regional Minister*

*Lisa Tedder, Administrative Assistant*



December 4, 2018

Dear NC Disciples Women:

We are delighted to share with you the 2019 Woman-to-Woman Scholarship Application, along with two Recommendation Forms. If you have an interest in being the North Carolina Woman-to-Woman representative to **MOROCCO in October**, please fill out the appropriate forms and return them to the Regional Office no later than **January 11<sup>th</sup>** so that we might select the NC delegate and forward our recommendation to Indianapolis by **February 15<sup>th</sup>**. A member of the regional Woman-to-Woman committee or a previous Woman-to-Woman delegate is available to talk with each applicant personally to insure understanding of the covenant agreement in regard to international travels.

To complete the application process, read the guidelines for travel very carefully (access at [www.discipleswomen.org](http://www.discipleswomen.org)) then give one of the Recommendation Forms to your current minister and one to a colleague. Advise them to return the form promptly. **January 11<sup>th</sup>** is the deadline. The number of women allowed on the trip abroad is usually limited, so the sooner we receive your application and recommendations, the sooner we can choose a representative and pass that name on to the Office of Disciples Women in Indianapolis. **Please do not send an application to the ODW without going through the NC process first, they will send it back to us!**

The approximate cost for the trip is **\$5,000.00** (*not including personal airfare to/from city of departure*). Your NC DWM/CWF works to fund this trip, the applicant chosen is encouraged to raise funds as well. Local congregations and mission-minded organizations are always willing to help underwrite the trip. Some Woman-to-Woman delegates in the past have not had the money for such a trip but through the kindness of others, God made the way possible for them to travel. Go ahead and apply, you might end up with two stories to tell; 1) about the amazing benevolence of God and, 2) about how trust and faith are key ingredients for a miracle.

After the trip, you will be asked to fulfill your part of the Woman-to-Woman covenant agreement, which is to prepare and present a program to churches in the Region of North Carolina. These presentations will begin **April of the year following your travels**. This is traditionally when the DWM/CWF study material will include the country you visited as its mission emphasis. We will publish your logistical information throughout the region and the DWM/CWF's will contact you to arrange a time for a presentation. We highly encourage the churches to provide you with a place to stay if an overnight stay is necessary and pay your mileage at the CPI approved rate. When honorariums are given, they are remitted to the Regional office to replenish the Woman-to-Woman travel fund which will offer another woman an opportunity such as yours.

According to our former Woman-to-Woman representatives, experiencing Christianity in another culture is life-changing. Please give this your prayerful consideration.

### Application Timeline from the Office of Disciples Women:

**February 15 - Application is due.**

**March 1 - Notice of Acceptance to participants and regional staff.**

**May 1 - Deposit of \$600 and 2 copies of pages 1 & 2 of Passport due.**

**June 1 – 1/3 of balance of the registration fee is due and deposit is non-refundable.**

*Cancellations after this point are subject to airfare and hotel cancellation penalties.*

**July 15 – 1/2 of remaining balance of the registration fee is due.**

**August 15 – the balance of the registration fee is due.**

*\*\*Due to the necessity of spending funds well before journey begins,*

***the balance must be paid by August 15 or we will need to remove you from the list of participants. \*\****

Guidelines Link (click or paste): <https://www.discipleshomemissions.org/congregations/disciples-women/woman-to-woman-worldwide/w2ww-what-to-know-before-you-apply/>

*The NC Disciples Women's Ministries (CWF) Cabinet*

*Mary Evans, President*

*Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in NC*





2019 WOMAN-TO-WOMAN WORLDWIDE  
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION  
MOROCCO  
OCTOBER 2019 / APPROXIMATE COST: \$5,000.00  
North Carolina Regional DWM/CWF



**PLEASE PRINT, USE EXTRA PAPER IF NEEDED.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Congregation \_\_\_\_\_

Describe your DWM/CWF and general church activities at the local, district, regional and general levels.

Describe your involvement in community outreach and civic functions.

What are your previous travel experiences? In what capacity did you travel, e.g. tourist, mission group, business, etc.

What skills and gifts can you employ as a member of the Woman-to-Woman group during your travels abroad?

Do you feel comfortable speaking to groups of people? Do you speak multiple languages? What languages?

What are your speaking experiences and presentation skills?

**RELEASE FORM**

*I understand that if I am chosen to represent North Carolina on the Woman-to-Woman Worldwide trip, I should make myself available for the following year to share my experience through visits and presentations to DWM/CWF's and congregations in the region. I understand that I am responsible for my own insurance coverage, and I release the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in North Carolina of any and all liabilities. I further state that I have read the **Participant Guidelines**, understand them, and agree to abide by them. I am aware that all reasonable basic precautions are taken by Woman-to-Woman Worldwide staff. Additionally, I agree to read all preparatory materials.*

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**\*NOTE:** First consideration will be given to women who have not participated in other Woman-to-Woman experiences. Please complete the entire form. Incomplete applications may NOT be considered.

**Return by January 11, 2019 to: Christian Church in N.C., PO Box 1568, Wilson, NC 27894  
Ph. 252.291.4047/Fax: 252.291.3338 Attn: Mary Evans, DWM President**



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North Carolina Regional DWM/CWF

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Woman-to-Woman participants must share their experience with others in the year following the trip. What are the applicant's communication and presentation skills?

I recommend the applicant to represent North Carolina in the Woman-to-Woman Worldwide program.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please print your name and address:

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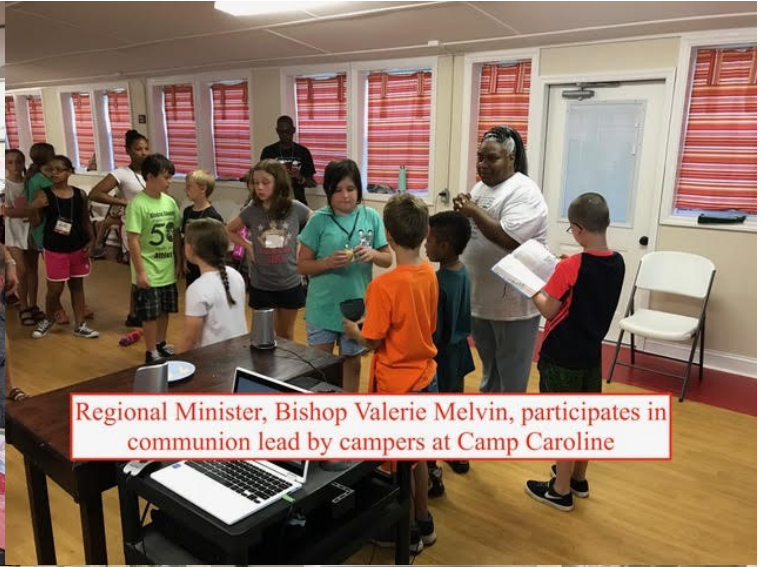
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COLLEAGUE FORM

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Our first Camp Caroline Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon in February was well attended.



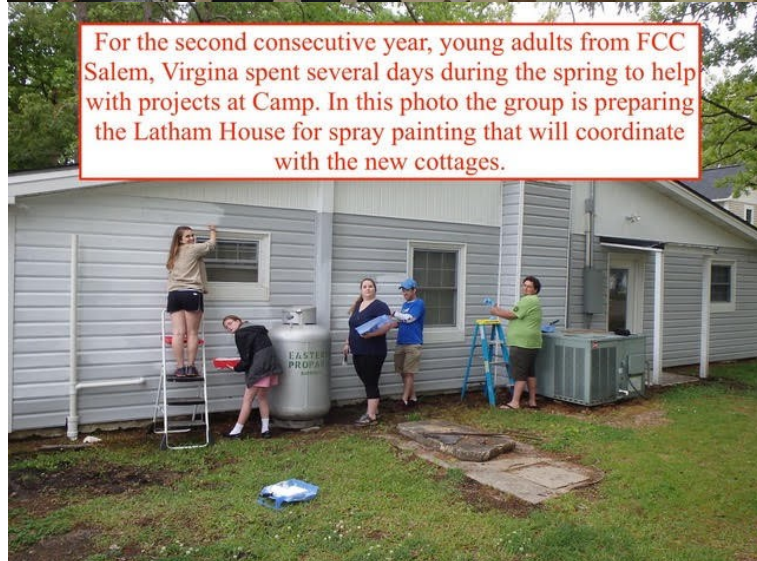
Regional Minister, Bishop Valerie Melvin, participates in communion lead by campers at Camp Caroline



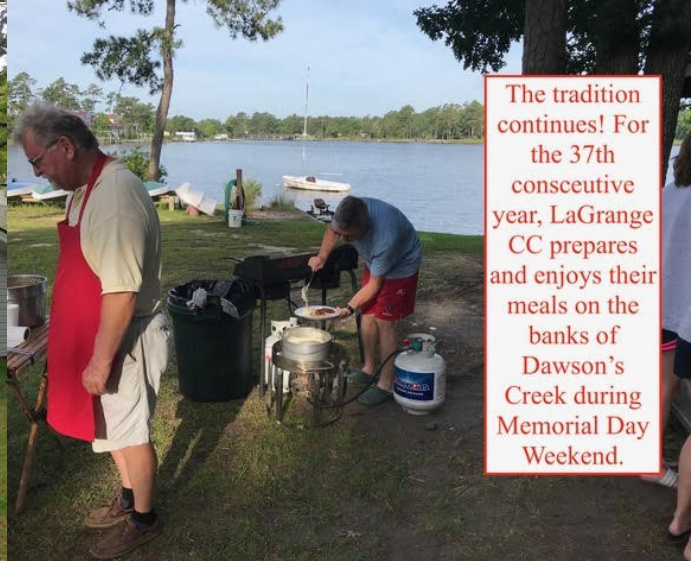
Ginger and Elsworth Lee, donated a professional backpack fogger for use in efforts to control mosquitos at Camp. The fogger was especially usefull during Hurricane Florence Cleanup.



Bethany Christian Church youth and leaders beautify the entrance to the Latham House during Camp Caroline spring workday.



For the second consecutive year, young adults from FCC Salem, Virginia spent several days during the spring to help with projects at Camp. In this photo the group is preparing the Latham House for spray painting that will coordinate with the new cottages.



The tradition continues! For the 37th consecutive year, LaGrange CC prepares and enjoys their meals on the banks of Dawson's Creek during Memorial Day Weekend.

