

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in North Carolina



Dear God of Heaven and Earth,

Thank you for the dawn of a New Year. We appreciate our life, health and strength, as well as your benevolence toward us. Please accept our love for you today as we call upon your most holy name!

We ask that your mercy and grace always abound toward us. Sometimes in our limited state, we do things that are contrary to Christian character. We are truly sorry, and ask for forgiveness. Please draw us closer to you, that we may grow into maturity by your precepts and the examples Christ left for us.

We pray for our local churches, districts, and our region that we may know and do your will. Help us to embrace Scripture, prayer, meditation and reflection in new and invigorating ways.

Keep us lifted in our thinking. Teach us to see the positive side of life, and avoid becoming victims of bitter and cynical mindsets. Holy Spirit, help us to embrace practices that keep our hope alive. The media does so much to frame our thinking. Teach us God, to listen to the wisdom of your heart more deeply than the latest soundbite.

We need a revelation of who you are in this moment. Touch us with your spirit, so that we may stand assured that our God is sovereign. And even though we do not always know how things will work out, we are confident that they will work together for our good!

Gracious God, you gave Jesus your authority to become our salvation. Help us, as your children, to accept the gift of eternal life by accepting the nature and character of your Son, Jesus! Receiving the gift of eternal life means to believe and accept you, and your Son. Your oneness is our example. Help us to become one church, unified, in sync, and in love with one another – just as you, your Son, and the Holy Spirit are one and remained one, when the destiny of creation hung in the balance.

There is so much that this region is capable of doing. We are able to lead people to Christ. We are able to help those left behind or in the margins of life. We are able to provide food for the hungry, and clothing for the naked. We are able to provide safe shelter for the stranger. We are able to speak truth to power. We are able to be ONE church in ONE region whose God is the Lord! We are able to stand against all injustices and violent nature with solidarity. We are able to embrace all languages, behaviors, and actions that unify us. We are able to engage politics without allowing politics to dictate our Christian ethics and integrity. We are able to disagree without enmity. We are able to love without dissimulation. We are able to live out the rich cultures of each pocket of our region without disrespecting the culture of others. We are able to be ONE, but we can only do this in you, our Divine Director, who shows us what it looks like to be ONE with another. Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, you are one, and today we pray for the Region of NC that same oneness. We cannot thrive without it!

Help us to stop fearing what we do not know and the change that time brings. Give us the fortitude to learn about one another, our cultures and our different theologies. Help us to walk out our ONENESS by refusing to harm another. Draw us closer to one another so that we may see the many things we have so closely in common, those things that really make us one. Draw us closer to one another so we can truly SEE one another, HEAR one another, LOVE one another and be present with one another.

There are many things in life that we may have to live without, but we the Christian Church (DOC) in NC do not want to live one more day without the unity we find in you, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Thank you for ushering us into this age of ONENESS! May it be so! In Jesus' name. Amen.

The Regional Minister's Prayer



NC Youth Update!

We have two awesome retreats planned for all middle schoolers and high schoolers, and both are coming up soon! Register today to reserve your spot! The cost for each retreat is \$90.

For our high schoolers, we actually have two opportunities!

1) The 2019 CYF Midwinter is February 1-3 at Camp Caroline. You can register online here (www.bit.ly/2019midwinter).

2) We also have an incredible opportunity for all 9th, 10th, and 11th graders. If you have an interest in planning and leading youth retreats, small groups, worship experiences or you have an interest in becoming a better leader, then you should consider applying for the 2019-2020 RCYW. More information can be found here (<https://ncdisciples.org/youth/>). All applications are due by January 31.

Now for our middle schoolers, we have an awesome Spring Retreat planned! The 2019 Chi Rho Spring Retreat is March 1-3 at Camp Caroline. You can register online here (<http://www.bit.ly/2019chirhospring>).

If you wish to register by mail for a retreat, you can download the Midwinter form and the Chi Rho form here (<https://ncdisciples.org/youth-retreats/>). You can mail the forms and RCYW applications to:

Luke Miles c/o: Hillyer Memorial CC
718 Hillsborough Street
Raleigh, NC 27603

As always, please don't let transportation or costs keep you away! We can work out car-pool situations, and we have scholarships available!



EPIPHANY FOR PASTORS - "YOUR LIGHT HAS COME"

During this workshop, Pension Fund will help you on the Road to Financial Wellness by providing realistic scenarios that will help you gain insight into what products work best for you. From early career to retirement, we know that the road ahead can be daunting. We hope to make it fun and informal while equipping you with the tools needed to be retirement ready. Lunch will be provided.



Place: St. Paul's Christian Church
3331 Blue Ridge Road
Raleigh, NC 27612



Date & Time: Jan. 12, 2019
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



RSVP: North Carolina Regional Office at
Lisa@ncdisciples.org by Jan. 4, 2019.

www.pensionfund.org

Is the Disciples of Christ Pension Fund really for me? How much will I need in retirement? How much will the Pension Fund provide for my retirement? How does my spouse benefit? How can I check my potential pension earnings?

Have you ever wondered about these questions? Plan on attending "Epiphany For Pastors- Your Light has Come." This informational session, led by Dee Long of the Pension Fund, is for clergy of all age groups (pastors, chaplains, and those under the care of the COM), and will address issues related to insuring your future financial stability.

The session will be held from 10:00 am to noon on Saturday, January 12 at St. Paul's Christian Church, 3331 Blue Ridge Road in Raleigh. There is no cost for the session and lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to lisa@ncdisciples.org by January 7 (**extended**).



"A Day Apart"

Keynote Speaker: Pat Montgomery

North Carolina Disciples Women's Ministries

Camp Caroline Retreat - March 8-9, 2019

You may also register online. Go to the ncdisciples.org website.



Deadline: March 1 (must be IN the regional office, not postmarked)

Registration for Overnight Retreat: \$80

(includes Friday Lodging & Supper, Saturday Breakfast & Lunch)

Registration for Saturday Only: \$55 (includes Saturday Lunch)

*Please note we are not charging a late fee,
but encourage you to register on time to guarantee meals.*

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/ZIP: _____

PHONE: (_____) - ____ - _____ EMAIL: _____

CHURCH: _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Registration begins on Friday at 3pm for overnight attendees OR Saturday at 8:15am.

Make checks payable & return form to:

Christian Church in N. C.

P. O. Box 1568

Wilson, NC 27894

Attend event at: Camp Caroline

3398 Janeiro Road

Arapahoe, NC 28510

SAVE THE DATES!



RECONCILIATION MINISTRY

CCNC Racial Equity Workshop

Dates: Feb 22-23, 2019

Location: Charlotte, NC

Cost: \$120 per person (covers training, lunch and snacks on Friday and Saturday)

Meals: lunch and snacks provided (breakfast and dinner on your own)

Lodging: Local Hotels-TBA

Scholarships are available!

Additional Details Forthcoming!

Rev. Dr. Jackie Henry: revjacmac@bellsouth.net

Rev. Jason Williams: jason@littletreenc.org

”So, Jesus sent them out “two by two.”

According to the fifth chapter of Mark’s Gospel, one day Jesus called the twelve disciples together to send them out into the world to proclaim the Good News. However, Jesus did not send them out alone. He knew the challenges and struggles of ministry. So, Jesus sent them out “two by two.”

Some two centuries later, ministry continues to be chocked full of challenges and struggles. And yet so many of our pastors feel isolated and alone as they seek to faithfully fulfill their calling.

In an effort to address this dilemma, the North Carolina Commission on Ministry has created “Covenant Partnerships.” This program partners a seasoned minister with a less experienced minister in a two-year covenantal relationship of support, nurture and companionship. Both parties agree to be in regular communication with one another to share the burdens and joys of ministry. These partnerships are assigned and regulated under the care of the Commission on Ministry.

If you are interested in learning more information about this program, whether as a seasoned mentor or a clergy person who longs for partnership, please contact Rev. David Mallory at davidtmallory@gmail.com or Rev. Dr. Lea Slaton at lpslaton@gmail.com.



Angels come in all Shapes and Sizes!

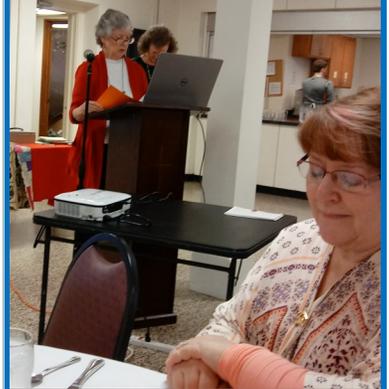
It was beginning to look a lot like Christmas recently at the Hillyer Disciples' Women's Christmas Candlelight Luncheon and Officers' Installation Ceremony. Hillyer DWM President Susan Gray welcomed everyone to the luncheon and recognized regional guests: Mary Evans, NC DWM President, Tonnette Artis, Coastal Plains District Coordinator, and Nancy Parker, Southeastern District Coordinator. She also introduced Amy Driver, NC Region 2017 Woman-to-Woman Representative to India, who was the program speaker.

During announcements, Mary Evans shared the excitement for the upcoming retreat at Camp Caroline on March 8-9, 2019 with Pat Montgomery as the keynote speaker, who is a retired art teacher from the Rocky Mount area. Pat Montgomery will bring her message using a potter's wheel and will bring small items for purchase, if desired. The 2019 Woman-to-Woman mission trip will be to Morocco with applications coming out next week. Bishop Melvin sent her personal thanks for the 785 school kits donated by DWM. A one-day Regional Assembly will be on April 27th at Barton College and the quilt will be raffled. Your support in our retreats and projects is most appreciated. Online access was given: website- www.ncdisciples.org or Facebook -/ <https://www.facebook.com/NCDWM/>

It was a beautiful setting with angels decorating the tables. This verse was at each place setting along with a pearl Angel ornament: "Angels come in all shapes and sizes, Maybe some you've met are in disguises. Look around at the ladies today, Don't you think many have an angelic way? Try to imitate the good things they do, And maybe you'll become an angel too!" Amy Driver gave her presentation on India to a very receptive group. Her PowerPoint presentation was filled with a gallery of colorful photos depicting a giving and proud group of Indian women who were happy to share their daily lives and struggles with Amy and us. Amy shared a couple of ways the women at Hillyer can help the women and young girls in India to earn income or training through a sewing career.

Hillyer installed their officers for the 2019 year with Donna Black being installed as the new DWM president. Thanks to the DWM ladies at Hillyer for your gracious hospitality. As other groups have activities, DEWs, and district meetings, I prayerfully hope they will invite regional cabinet members to attend. May 2019 bring you joy, happiness, and love as you share His love in service to others.

Mary Evans, President -NC DWM



Origins of Missiongathering Christian Church

by Bob Kennel

Ultimately, Missiongathering Charlotte came out of a desire to create a new church in Charlotte near where (**Eastway Christian Church**) began in 1961. As a new church start, Eastway was successful with their first pastor, a new Brite Divinity graduate, **David Blackwood**. He and his wife Charlotte Kennel Blackwood (my sister) were tragically killed in an Eastern Airlines crash in New York in November 1962 as David was in route to represent the Disciples of Christ at a World Seminar of Religions at the United Nations.

In the 1990s Eastway Christian Church moved to a new church site in Huntersville as **Eastfields Christian Church**. The Eastfields Church closed down shortly after the 2003 General Assembly in Charlotte, and the property was sold with the equity going to a new church restart as **Communion of Faith Christian Church**. After a few years Communion of Faith dwindled with many of the previous members "tiring out" and joining other churches. Communion of Faith made a gift of the equity to the North Carolina Region Capital Campaign, as well as approximately \$100,000 to new church development.

Beginning at the Charlotte 2003 General Assembly the pastor at Missiongathering Christian Church in San Diego (**Rich McCullen**) began initial thinking about a new Disciples church in the NODA area of Charlotte not far away from the previous Eastway site. That thinking was delayed by the great recession in the 2008 time frame. Later, began a nexus of planning between our North Carolina new church program and church developer Rich McCullen about a Missiongathering new church in Charlotte. With the 2015 General Assembly theme of "**Mission First**," a concerted effort was made to develop the Missiongathering church as a way of showcasing to both new and existing churches the Mission First objective. Regional Minister John Richardson was a strong supporter, and a visit to the first Missiongathering church in San Diego assured us of the potential in the NODA area of Charlotte as an appropriate 2000s follow-on to the mid '90s Eastway congregation.

The Missiongathering concept was to house existing mission groups on a seven day a week expression of faith within an existing facility. This new church development was financed by \$100K that had been previously gifted to the Region from Eastway to Eastfields through Communion of Faith. The Regional Church Growth Commission formally gained this commitment through a called meeting vote of the **Regional Board** and announced this at the Regional Assembly.

The Missiongathering facility is a former **1952 Methodist church building** prominently located a block from North Davidson and on North Caldwell several blocks from a train station on the new Light Rail Line between downtown Charlotte and UNC-Charlotte. The formal purchase was backed by the Region and Church Extension in Indianapolis. It was also recognized that the property had excellent value in this area of Charlotte. To learn more about this investment, just Google up "Missiongathering Charlotte" and judge for yourself the wisdom and value of this mission approach for any one of our churches.

In summary, the \$100K was provided by earlier Charlotte congregational decisions and Regional Board action; financial acumen was exercised at both Regional and General Church levels; and the current church has already twice been voted as "best in Charlotte." Pastor Andrew Shipley is doing an excellent job in showing the values of Mission-First.

Greetings from Creation Justice Ministries!



in January 2019 at www.earthdaysunday.org.

We are happy to announce that the 2019 Earth Day theme is The Next Generation Rises. The 2019 theme focuses on children and youth leading the way for creation justice. Our Christian education and action resources will feature stories, such as that of the youth who brought the Our Children's Trust climate change lawsuit against the federal government. The resource will be available for download



Week of the Laity will be celebrated January 20-26, 2019. Laity Sunday is a special time when the lay people of the church often pause to consider their varied gifts for ministry, inside and outside the walls of the church building. The 2019 resource was written by Lashaundra McCarty.

"Created to be Creators" is the theme of the 2019 Week of the Laity. This resource is now available to download.

Click or paste the link below:

<https://www.discipleshomemissions.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/2019-Week-of-the-Laity.pdf>

PEACE INTERN APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO LOVES PEACE AND JUSTICE? DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO LOVES CAMP?

Maybe you should encourage them (yourself?!) to apply to be a 2019 DPF Peace Intern!

Disciples Peace Fellowship is now accepting applications for our 2019 Peace Interns! Information about this extraordinary summer internship, the application process and all online application materials can be found at DisciplesPeace.org/apply.

All applications and references for this paid summer internship must be com-

pleted and submitted by February 10, 2019.

If you have any questions about the internship or the application process, please do not hesitate to be in touch with our DPF Mission Director, Brian Frederick-Gray, at DPFintern@gmail.com.





NEW GENERATION CHRISTIAN CHURCH...SUNDAY MORNING CONVERSATIONS!

Kids love Jesus too, but often struggle with balancing relationships, peer pressure and responsibilities to God and parents. My son, who is a Junior Church Music Major, called me after reading a book entitled, *Searching For Sundays*. This book challenges us to look at God in a different way and revealed an alarming statistic that most children do not want to be at church and that by the age of 13 children will stop attending church before completely leaving the church by the ages of 18-31. I took this as a personal challenge to institute actions to save our Youth. As a result, our youth leaders engaged our Youth in conversations, and yes on a Sunday morning. This picture depicts a prayer and praise service immediately after those conversations. So in this New Year, let us make a commitment to see our Youth as a part of today's church and not just the church of the future, and I decree that kids love Jesus too! See many of you at our Youth Fellowship opportunities coming soon and at other Regional activities.

-Rev. Addie Rawls, Senior Pastor

CHRISTIAN CHURCH HOMES SEEKS NEW PRESIDENT/CEO

(This position announcement was posted on December 18, 2018 at 8:57 am)

Established in 1961, Christian Church Homes (CCH) is a non-profit organization founded as an outreach of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), a mainline Protestant Christian denomination that is congregationally governed. CCH has now expanded and works with a variety of religious and secular organizations. CCH has been building and managing affordable housing communities where seniors can live and thrive in the comfort of their own homes. Having served more than 100,000 seniors for over 57 years, CCH has now grown to 61 caring communities that are “More Than a Home” to residents in nine states.

After many strong and effective years as President and CEO, Don Stump is retiring, and a new President and CEO is sought to begin around December 2019.

The complete position description can be found here and those interested in being considered for this position should send an email to Chuck Blaisdell, CCH CEO Search Committee Chair, at search@cchnc.org. Applications will be received until the position is filled.

2019 DATES TO REMEMBER

January 8-6:00pm: Hookerton District Minister’s Meeting-Proctor Memorial CC, Grimesland

January 12-10:00am: Pension Fund Clergy Epiphany-St. Paul’s CC, Raleigh

January 21: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - Regional Office Closed

January 22-6:30pm: Albemarle District/CMF Mtg.-FCC, Williamston

January 24-6:00pm: Hookerton District Mtg.-FCC, Farmville

January 26: Resolutions due for the 2019 Regional Assembly

January 30-10:00am: Camp Caroline Committee Mtg.-Camp Caroline

January 31: RCYW applications due to Luke Miles

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

February 17: 3:00-5:00pm– Mill Creek DWM Gathering - FCC, Goldsboro0

February 25: Local Church Delegates list for 2019 Regional Assembly due to the Regional Office

March 1-3: Chi Rho Spring Retreat-Camp Caroline

March 3: Regional Assembly Registration Sunday

March 8-10: DWM Spring “A Day Apart” Retreat-Camp Caroline

April 27: 171st Regional Assembly-Barton College, Wilson

Rev. Phil Jones Receives Brite Divinity School Award

Rev. Phil Jones recent recipient of the Alberta Brown Distinguished Minister Award from Brite Divinity School. Rev. Jones is the first Tar Heel Disciple to receive the award since its inception in 2002.

Rev. Jones retired from full-time ministry in 2017. He served St. Paul's Christian Church from 2005-2017 and is currently the Transitional Minister for First Christian Church, Farmville.

Before retirement he served in pastoral roles at First Christian, Smithfield, NC, Central Christian Church, Austin, TX, Ayden Christian Church, Ayden, NC and First Christian Church, Longview, TX.

In addition to his pastoral work, over the years Rev. Jones also taught in the subjects of Ministry, Homiletics, and Ethics at Vanderbilt Divinity School, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Pitt Community College, Barton College, and in the Lay Academy for our region here in N.C.

He is married to Catherine Cralle Jones, also a life-time Disciple and a practicing environmental attorney in Raleigh. The couple have two adult children, Hannah Elizabeth and Zachary Strat-



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, Fayetteville, Interim Minister Rev. David Mallory

Timothy CC, Ayden, Interim Minister Rev. Lee Parker

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.

Peace Among The Panthers!

As a local Charlotte pastor, I was invited to give the invocation (opening prayer) at the Carolina Panthers' game on December 17. I've done this before, but the last time—a few years ago—was on a Sunday afternoon in September, at the start of the season, and it was certainly NOT Monday Night Football.

This time around, it was a chilly December evening, and the crowds were filling into a stadium artificially lit and surrounded by the sounds of musical themes from sports shows. I was brought onto the field and outfitted with earbuds that doubled as ear plugs to block out the echo that can really cause confusion to anyone trying to speak in a venue like this.



While all that was happening, the sound engineer working with me, Greg, asked me, “What denomination?” I told him I was a pastor in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). He told me he was Lutheran. He also told me his church held its Christmas cantata night before and it was “just glorious.” Our cantata had been the night before as well (also glorious).

I was brought out onto the field, stood in the end zone, and at 8:02 delivered my 30 second prayer. I was there on the giant screen, a few stories tall, with my name and the name of First Christian Church all over the stadium in multiple ribbons of lights. The prayer went well, with all the nervousness of the moment. After that, I went back to Greg, who took the sound equipment off of me and graciously assured me it all went well. I bet he says that to all the pastors! I stuck out my hand to shake his and thank him for his help and his kindness and he took my hand, looked me in the eyes, and said, very consciously, “May the peace of Christ be with you.” Surprised, I smiled and replied (as we do!), “And also with you.” And the field, the players, the noise, the brightness of the occasion shifted into a setting of worship. Behind the end zone, two Christians were passing the peace and nothing else mattered. If they ask, I'll do that again.

—Jolin Wilks McElroy

First Christian Church, Charlotte, NC



Being Present on God's Holy Ground

Welcome to the New Year everybody! I often notice that a new year is the time that we reflect heavily about the future. Resolutions are created because we want the future to be better than the current present. We wonder what will the new year bring for our lives and what exciting adventures await for us in the future. Goals are made, both for us and the people we lead and serve. The New Year is all about the future. But are we present in the New Year?



The past five months, I have been serving as a Chaplain resident in Mansfield, Texas through the Clinical Pastoral Education program (CPE). Many life lessons have already occurred during this ministerial experience. One of the lessons comes in the form of a question, “Where is God’s Holy ground?”

The question, spurred by my supervisor, caught me off guard as I had no answer or understanding of what the question meant. You see, I am a very task-oriented person. I make lists upon lists of things that need to be done all the time. A huge part of ministry is about the unending list of tasks that must be completed, often on a daily basis: what needs to be done in the office, what songs will be used for worship, what is this week’s scripture, who’s in the hospital, any meetings coming up that need to be planned...the list of tasks in ministry are indeed endless. And when we are planning to accomplish a task, we are thinking about the future in which the task is now completed. And then we continue to set our eyes to the future because another task is always there to be completed.

This is how I approached chaplaincy at first. First, I took the time to figure out what were the tasks that needed to be completed. Then I moved toward completing the tasks every day. However, I eventually remembered that ministry, though full of tasks, is not about the tasks...it’s about God’s children, whom we serve and love.

I already knew this answer, but the tasks in our ministry can sometimes consume us such that we can forget this simple truth. My supervisor helped to remind me of this truth when she asked me, “Where is God’s Holy ground?” My supervisor reminded me that when Moses is called by God at the burning bush, God’s Spirit asked Moses to remove the sandals from his feet, for he was standing on holy ground. She then asked me, “what ‘sandals’ need to be removed in order for you to be present on God’s holy ground?” What a powerful statement!

God was asking Moses to be fully present with God in that moment. And God is asking all of us to remove our own sandals in order to be present with God now. For me, God is asking me to be present every time I meet with a new patient, with grieving families, with upset hospital staff. The ground for which you are currently standing has the potential of becoming God’s holy ground. May we learn to be present each day with ourselves and with those we serve and love as we continue to stand and walk with God on the Holy ground for which God has created. Amen.

-Rev. Kevin Toth

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***

DMF Tip for January 2019

In order for your church to receive credit in 2018, all DMF, Week of Compassion, Pentecost, Reconciliation, Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas Offerings need to be IN the regional office or in Indianapolis by January 8th.

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 > About Us > DMF Remittance Form > CCNC Remittance Form



General Assembly 2019

Des Moines, IA

MISSION FEST! We are looking forward to learning from each other at this General Assembly through the MissionFest! Does your congregation have a passion for serving that has resulted in a ministry? Could you share your successes and lessons learned with other congregations? Please let us know if you might be willing to share your experiences at our MissionFest! display in the exhibit hall during General Assembly.

For Mission Fest info:

<https://ga.disciples.org/exhibitors/mission-fest/>

SPEAKERS SET FOR WORSHIP! You may have heard that Rev. Dr. Nancy Gowler, senior pastor of First Christian Church in Puyallup, WA, will be preaching on Sunday night, but you may not know about our other exciting speakers for worship. (And don't forget to be there Saturday afternoon for our opening ceremony!)

Saturday evening: Rev. Terri Hord Owens, General Minister and President

Monday evening: Rev. Ruben del Pilar, lead pastor at Community Worship Center in Gardena, CA

Tuesday evening: Rev. Dr. Cynthia Hale, founding pastor of Ray of Hope Christian Church in Decatur, GA, and Rev. Mark Briley, senior pastor at Harvard Avenue Christian Church in Tulsa, OK

Wednesday morning: Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II, Senior Pastor of Greenleaf Christian Church in Goldsboro, NC

For GA 2019 Info: <https://ga.disciples.org/>