



Regional Updates

MARCH 2019

As a P.K. (preacher's kid) I did not grow up very familiar with sickness and its paramour, death. I was immersed in church life but was not acquainted with the process and impact of either. The vitality of life was what I knew, and then my uncle Clifton died! He was the heart of all the children in our family. He played with us and taught us Scripture. He was our up-close-and-personal adult example of Christian living and God's unconditional love.

So, what happened? How could the God whom Clifton described as loving humanity more than life itself, allow my uncle to die? This depth of pain could not be explained with words; just let me say, death hurts!

While preparing for his celebration, something unusual happened. Psalm 116 was mentioned as one of Clifton's favorite texts and as it was read aloud, the teaching and love we learned from my uncle ignited within me. I calmed down as I remembered that even during the transition from earth to heaven, God's love is still present with his beloved! God cared for my uncle while he was transitioning to his rest. And realiz-

ing how much we enjoyed him, God was and is also with us to heal the pain and to show us how to live with memories that replace Uncle Clifton's physical presence.

When Jesus gave his life for a fallen world, God was silent and yes, heartbroken, but he was also present and loving. With compassion, God created a platform of memories for the world to remember Jesus, even after His death, resurrection, and ascension. God through Jesus showed us how to live on while we wait to see him again!

The lesson I have learned is that God is deeply concerned when one of his beloved people faces transition and for those who remain. In response, I will keep my promise when I gather with the people of God. I will offer praise for the transcendent love of God! May God be praised!

Based on Psalm 116:1-2; 12-19 ESV

Submitted by:

Regional Minister Melvin

January 2019 Operational Income

General	\$15,352	
Program	(125)	
Camp Caroline	2734	
Total Income		\$17,961

January 2019 Operational Expenditures

General	\$18,426	
Program	\$79	
Camp Caroline	\$28,225	
Less Total Expenditures		46,730
Net Loss		(28,769)

The above summary of the operational accounts of the Region shows that expenditures exceeded income by not quite \$29K during January. Note, however, that this is to be expected in January, when Camp Caroline has little income. The Camp expenses of \$28K include a \$15K insurance bill due in January, salaries for year-round staff, and utilities necessary for improvements, repairs, and maintenance work to be done.

Submitting Disciples Mission Fund 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.

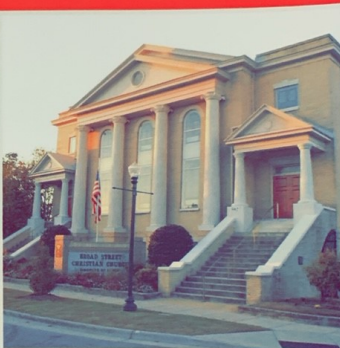
Both of the remittance forms can be found on our website:

ncdisciples.org > [About Us](#) > [DMF Remittance Form](#) > [CCNC Remittance Form](#)



THE NORTH CAROLINA REGION OF
THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES
OF CHRIST) & BROAD STREET
CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF NEW BERN
INVITE YOU TO:

THE ORDINATION SERVICE OF
JAMIE HADDOCK



SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2019
3:00 IN THE AFTERNOON
BROAD STREET C.C.
802 BROAD STREET
NEW BERN, NC

CLERGY ARE INVITED
TO WEAR RED STOLES

North Carolina Disciples Women's Ministries Presents

COASTAL PLAINS DISTRICT DAY



A TASTE OF COASTAL PLAINS

March 23, 2019

First Christian Church

207 NE Tarboro St. - Wilson, NC

Time: 10:00 am - 12:00 noon

Donation: \$10



Growing Through Fellowship
Embracing Lessons for Living
Breaking Bread Together

ALL ARE WELCOME!!

Central District
D.E.W.
(Disciples
Enriching
Women)
March 30th
*More
Details
Coming!*

For more
Information
Contact

Rev. Dr.
Zenobia
Fennell,
District
Coordinator

zenoent@aol.com

Marilyn Williams



The Region of North Carolina Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
and
Covenant Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Cordially invites your presence and prayers
For the Ordination to Christian Ministry
of

Marilyn Francene Williams

Sunday April 7th @ 3PM-5:00PM
at

COVENANT CHRISTIAN CHURCH
2911 SW Cary Pkwy, Cary, North Carolina 29713
Reception at the church following the service

All Clergy: Ordained/Commissioned/Licensed: Robes (optional)
Stoles: Red

Please RSVP by March 24th Email: office@covenantcc-cary.org

Hotel: Homewood Suites by Hilton
555 Crossroads Blvd, Cary, NC 27518 (919)-745-8589

Answering God's Call



Beginning Ash Wednesday and taking us through Easter Sunday and beyond to Regional Assembly join us as we reflect on this season of Lent and on what it means to go "Back to the Basics" as a Prayer-Driven and Spirit-Led region. Each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 7 am you will see a scheduled devotion posted on the regional Facebook page and website. For more information, please contact Rev. Kara Swartz at minister@hm-cc.org



Sponsored by the Christian Church in. N.C.

Choose Camps by Grade Completed

Camp Caroline location address: 3398 Janiero Road, Arapahoe, NC 28510

Uno for Grades K-2 *(with one parent)	June 14-16	\$250.00
CYF Conference for Grades 9-12	June 16-21	\$390.00
Sailing, Arts & Spirituality for Grades 4-7	June 23-28	\$390.00
Created to Be Me for Grade 8	July 14-20	\$465.00
Delta Camp for Grades 6-7	July 21-26	\$390.00
Alpha Camp for Grades 1-2	July 28-August 2	\$390.00
Beta Camp for Grades 3-5	July 28-August 2	\$390.00

Christmount location address: 222 Fern Way Dr., Black Mountain, NC 28711

Jr. Camp for Grades 3-5	June 17-22	\$395.00
Jr. Hi. Camp for Grades 6-7	June 17-22	\$395.00
CYF Conference for Grades 9-12	June 24-29	\$395.00

If you have any questions, please call or email Luke Miles (336.202.1354, Luke@ncdisciples.org).

You may mail in a form or register online at www.ncdisciples.org/summer-camps



Christmount Connection

MUSIC WORKSHOP

JUNE 13-16

Join others who love church music as together we grow spiritually through the ministry of music. This year's music is selected for small to medium size choirs. Learn singing and ringing techniques to enhance your skills. The event culminates with leading worship through music at First Christian Church, Black Mountain. Whether you're an experienced musician or a Sunday singer, there's a place in the choir for you!

Dr. Harry Gilbert returns to direct the choirs, accompanied by Handbell Director, Katie Gilbert, and pianist Ida-Anne Clarke.

More information and registration can be found at www.christmount.org/music-workshop

CAMP MATTERS AT

GENERAL ASSEMBLY!

This summer at General Assembly, Christmount is hosting a booth for ALL Disciples Camp & Conference Centers! If you are interested in representing Camp Caroline at the #campmatters booth this summer, please contact Rob Morris at Christmount to ask him how you might help.

Email: rob@christmount.org

WORK AT CAMP THIS SUMMER

Do you know a college student or young adult who might be looking for a great summer employment opportunity? Not only is Christmount hiring summer staff, but we have a list of Disciples camps across disabilities. If you know a college student

or young adult who would love to serve at Christmount or one of our 33 Disciples Camps across the country, let us know!

HAVE RV, WILL TRAVEL

Christmount is looking for RV Volunteers for the summer months again! RV Volunteers spend 20-25 hours each week helping around the facility in a variety of ways - office, food service, house-keeping, gardening, trail maintenance, coordinating group projects, and more. In exchange for the hours provided, the RV Volunteers receive a free place to stay, meals with the groups, and lots of love!

2019 **Light of Life** at Barton College

This spring's Light of Life speaker is Rev. Dr. Robert C. Saler, Research Professor and Executive Director of the Center for Pastoral Excellence at Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis, IN. Dr. Saler also directs Clergy Renewal programs for the Lilly Endowment and is an ordained minister of Word and Sacrament in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA).

Dr. Saler will be at Barton College on **April 4, 2019**, and will offer a public evening lecture (7pm-Howard Chapel) on the political, social, and theological legacy of Dietrich Bonhoeffer in our present national moment. Disciples ministers and congregational leaders will also be invited to a dinner (5pm-Kennedy Theater Atrium) with Dr. Saler in which he will speak about rest and renewal in the congregational setting, and will offer information about funding for pastoral and congregational sabbatical programs available through the Lilly Endowment. For more information, contact Chaplain David Finnegan-Hosey at chaplain@barton.edu or 252.399.6368.





Exciting news abounds! After several years of conversations, the DWM (Disciples Women's Ministries) and the CMF (Christian Men's Fellowship) have set a date for a combined fall retreat on August 8-10, 2019 at Christmount. Each group will enjoy separate workshops and activities, family style meals and joint plenary sessions.



The Christmount retreat will be a "test run" for us to see how everything unfolds and interconnects as we take this journey together. Our prayerful planning has yielded several positive outcomes for combining our retreats, and they are 1) traveling distances together 2) more effective costs 3) creating an atmosphere attractive to families while honoring sacred moments for each group 4) offering childcare 5) men and women will glean spiritual insight from our General Minister and President, Rev. Terri Hord Owens.

The landscape of our region is changing with new leadership and new energy emerging. The DWM and CMF see the need to adjust our mission and witness for our members, being more open-minded and receptive to meeting the needs of our church members and their families in relevant ways.

The registration and itinerary will be available soon. Please be in prayer for this endeavor and encourage our members to partake in this retreat and renew their spirits as we serve God in our churches and our communities.

Submitted by,
Mary Evans, NCDWM President
Rev. Andrew Shue, NCCMF President

Calendar Dates to Remember

March 8-10	DWM Spring "A Day Apart" Retreat-Camp Caroline
March 10	3:00pm Pamlico District Mtg. FCC, Vanceboro
March 16	Camp Caroline Workday
March 24	3:00pm Ordination of Minister Jamie Haddock-Broad Street CC, New Bern
March 30	DWM Central District D.E.W. (Disciples Enriching Women), Details-TBA
April 4	5:00pm Barton Light of Life Dinner-Kennedy Theater / 7:00pm-Lecture-Howard Chapel
April 7	3:00pm Ordination of Minister Marilyn Williams-Covenant CC, Cary
April 14	3:00pm Pastoral Installation of Pastor David Harrison-FCC, Winston-Salem
April 25	Hookerton District Mtg.-FCC, Greenville
April 26	10am-4:00pm Boundaries 101 Training for Clergy and COM Candidates-FCC, Wilson (Fellowship Hall)
April 27	171st Regional Assembly-Barton College, Wilson
May 7	6:00pm Hookerton District Minister's Mtg. - FCC, Greenville

Does your church or district have a special date to share? Send us an article or date, time and contact information. Your regional office wants to help connect the ministries of our churches with one another.

CUBA - Woman to Woman 2018

Dear Disciples of Christ in North Carolina,

What an honor and a privilege to be chosen as the North Carolina Christian Church Disciples Women's Ministries Woman to Woman delegate for 2018. During the last two weeks of October 2018 I joined a group of women from around the country along with Global Ministries staff to visit the beautiful island country of Cuba.

Upon our arrival, we were greeted with the warm tropical breeze and the warmth of the people who call the island home. We checked into our lodging at a beautiful old convent and greeted with a mural of our Lord and his apostles helping us to feel right at home!

Our eleven-day stay was filled with meeting other Christians who, though they are not Disciples, they offered nothing less than Christlike hospitality showering us with delicious food, great conversation through our interpreter and delightful music and laughter. We saw firsthand the devastating effects of the embargo that has been in place for many years. Despite having very little means, the people of the country showed true Abrahamic spirit in offering their best to us.

While we mostly stayed in the Havana area, we did journey out to other parts of the country to visit a Seminary with very austere accommodations, there again we were shown a generous outpouring of love and hospitality. It was here that we were treated to a wonderful performance of a choir of young people who sang with such beauty I experienced chills! Upon our departure from the Seminary we were surprised with a visit to the beach.

Other places we visited included the Cuban Council of Churches to meet with the government's Secretary of Religious Affairs. She was fascinating. We also met with the Director of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center that has outreach programs to help the entire community. One of the programs which came about from here is a women's support group for survivors of domestic violence.

Another church service in which we participated was the First Presbyterian Church of Havana. It

was here that we were thrilled to hear two different African Choir groups perform as well as witness a praise dance troupe who rekindled my fond memories of my dance while I attended seminary.

Of course, we also enjoyed a tour of Old Havana and saw many of the automobiles that date back to the 50's and 60's in mint condition. The entire experience left me with a deep desire to return to visit all those who became instant friends and fellow worshippers of our mighty God. It also instilled in me an even greater appreciation of Jesus' command to go out into all the world and make disciples! I have traveled extensively but when you travel with the purpose of sharing the love of Christ with others it takes on a whole new meaning! I am so grateful to have had this opportunity!

Our group elected to support the Seminary as well as the domestic violence survivor's group. I would love to come share more with your church and show you how you can help too!

We also plan to present a resolution to the General Assembly in July concerning the embargo. I am sure you will be hearing more about this.

Dios bendiga a todo ustedes,
(God bless you all)
Reverend Abby Catoe

Invite Rev. Abby Catoe to speak at your church about her 2018 Disciples mission experience in Cuba.



As two important tasks, the NC Commission on Ministry works with candidates for either commissioned or ordained ministry and regularly renews commissioned ministers.

Candidates for Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) ministry include:

- ◆ Lay ministers whose churches (and senior pastor if applicable) have requested that the COM help them become Commissioned Ministers (formerly known as Licensed Ministers)
- ◆ Apprentice Track[™]/16 Competencies[™]/Ministerial Certificate students who seek ordination on the Apprentice track
- ◆ Master of Divinity (M. Div.) students who seek ordination on the M. Div. track
- ◆ M. Div. graduates who have not yet sought ordination
- ◆ Ordained ministers with a completed M. Div. degree who seek Disciples “standing” as they transfer in from another denomination

Note: The COM recognizes Master of Divinity degrees from seminaries and college divinity schools accredited by the Association of Theological Schools. (You can look up a school using the list at <https://www.ats.edu/member-schools/member-school-list>.)

The first meeting with a ministerial candidate might result in the candidate being taken “Under Care,” and additional visits are required to continue in the process. For seminary students at Disciples schools, a letter from the COM indicating the Under Care status often entitles the student to a significant discount. This Under Care designation letter from the NC COM also helps the qualifying seminary student apply with the Pension Fund to enter the Student Gift Program with the benefit of \$70/month in pension fund credits donated for free toward Pension Plan retirement—see <https://pensionfund.org/uploads/Student-Gift-Program.pdf>.

If you are considering ministry, please know that the number of theological students in Universities and Seminaries (in all denominations) has currently declined, so the likelihood of receiving scholarships and grants, especially at “seated” schools (such as Brite Divinity School and Christian Theological Seminary) is better than ever. If you already have a Bachelor’s degree and are called to ministry, you can likely afford an M. Div.!

After being taken Under Care, the number and frequency of a candidate’s subsequent visits to the COM depends upon the entry level, goal, and progress of the candidate in responding to COM requests. During subsequent meetings, the COM and candidate discuss various reflection papers. The COM can also make additional requests.

Our NC CC Commissioned Ministers are commissioned to a particular role in a particular church for a specified time. They renew their annual standing by sending in an

annual ministry update and returning to speak with the COM when requested, typically once per year (unless the COM specifies otherwise). If a church decides that their commissioned minister should not renew, the church can send notice of this to the COM Chair. If a commissioned minister fails to respond to COM requests, his or her standing expires.

To maintain standing it is important that all NC clergy respond to personalized and general COM requests, take an initial Boundaries course and renew Boundaries every five years, take an initial Racial Equity training and renew Racial Equity every three years, and keep your contact information current with the Regional office.

The COM also wants churches to understand that the only NC CC clergy who currently undergo a background check are those who enter the Search and Call process and have their official profile circulated by the Search and Call office via the Regional Minister. The results of the \$160 background check are included in the prospective minister’s profile package. The Regional Minister can provide suggestions about how to interpret minor infractions. (The background check in the search and call system expires every four years.) The NC COM does not conduct a background check or a psychological evaluation, as many other denominations and some of our other Disciples regions do. The NC COM is in the process of drafting a resolution to require that all NC CC clergy have the thorough \$160 background check through our Disciples security partner, and we are researching and receiving input about this. In the meantime, we recommend that hiring churches use the Search and Call system to obtain ministers, and if you chose not to do so conduct background checks through your church insurance company.



“You were preaching a 45-minute sermon in a 25-minute zone, Pastor. I’m going to have to see your license and ordination.”



171ST Regional Assembly

“BACK TO THE BASICS”

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2019

Registration Opens at 8:00AM
Barton College–Wilson, North Carolina

FEATURED KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Purcell Bible Lecture

Sprinkle Preaching Lecture



**Matthias
Henze, Ph.D.**
Professor, Rice University
Houston, Texas



**Anna Carter
Florence, Ph.D.**
Professor, Columbia Theological Seminary
Decatur, Georgia

Fellowship
Business with Strategic Focus
Lunch Cafeteria Style

CHILDCARE PROVIDED

Represent - Wear your church, camp,
retreat or christian t-shirt!

For More Information: Rev. Gary Walling, Planning Chairperson at gwalling@fccwilson.org or (252.237.4125)
Bishop Valerie J. Melvin, Regional Staff at valerie@ncdisciples.org or (252.291.4047)



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BACK TO THE BASICS



**171st Regional Assembly of the
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in North Carolina
“Back to the Basics”**

**Barton College, 400 A.C.C. Drive NE, (Howard Chapel) Wilson, NC
Saturday, April 27, 2019
Registration Deadline: April 21st**

Everyone is required to register by the April 21st deadline to ensure your meal.

Although there is no registration fee* for our Assembly this year, churches and individuals wishing to support the Regional Assembly and Camp Caroline are invited to give a free will offering.



The E.G. Purcell, Jr.
Bible Conference
Lecture
Dr. Matthias Henze
Professor
Rice University
Houston, Texas



The Thedford G. &
Woodrow W. Sprinkle
Lecture
Dr. Anna Carter Florence
Professor
Columbia Theological
Seminary
Decatur, Georgia

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____ Church _____

Vegetarian _____ Food Allergies: _____

Are you Barton/ACC Alumni? _____ If so, year of graduation? _____

Return this form before deadline to:
Christian Church in NC, PO Box 1568, Wilson, NC 27894

* There is a fee for childcare

171st Regional Assembly of the
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in North Carolina

Barton College, 400 A.C.C. Drive NE, Wilson, NC
Saturday, April 27, 2019

Childcare

Please fill out this form and return it with your assembly registration form by April 21st!

Staff and volunteers will offer childcare to **registered** participants for the Regional Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in North Carolina. All parents will be asked to sign a waiver of responsibility for any children placed in the childcare program.

Please note: Childcare is available for children ages 2 through fifth grade. **The cost is \$20.00 per child** (4yrs to 5th grade); children under 4 are FREE. Parents need to bring snacks for their child(ren).

Also, and very importantly, the childcare providers **WILL NOT** administer any medications; children with contagious illnesses should not be placed in childcare.

PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN NAME__

ADDRESS _____ CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

CELL PHONE (_____) _____ EMAIL _____

Parents will eat lunch with their child(ren). You will need to pick your child(ren) up and take them with you to the cafeteria and then bring them back to childcare after lunch.

Child 1 Name _____ Age _____ Food Allergies _____

Child 2 Name _____ Age _____ Food Allergies _____

Child 3 Name _____ Age _____ Food Allergies _____

Children
are
A
♥ gift
FROM THE
Lord.
THEY are
A
reward
from Him.
PSALMS 127:3

171st Regional Assembly of the
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in North Carolina
Barton College, Wilson, NC Saturday, April 27, 2019
Schedule

8:00am Registration Opens at Howard Chapel Narthex
9:00am Worship
9:30am The Purcell Bible Study with Dr. Matthias Henze
10:45am Break
11:00am Business Session
12:15pm Lunch
1:30pm The Sprinkle Lecture on Preaching with Dr. Anna Carter Florence
2:45pm Closing Worship with Communion

About the Purcell & Sprinkle Barton College Annual Lectures

The E. G. Purcell, Jr. Bible Conference Lecture was established in honor of the Rev. Purcell following his retirement from Barton College (ACC).

Theford Sprinkle and Woodrow Sprinkle were members of Salem Fork CC, Dobson and this lecture was established by Dr. Steve Sprinkle in their memory.

These lectures are sponsored by Barton College and offer to the church opportunities to learn the latest biblical scholarship and ways to use this knowledge for spreading the good news.

Voting Delegates and Alternate Delegates

You have been named by your congregation as one of its Voting or Alternate Delegates or you are a Regional Board Member which makes you a Voting Delegate by virtue of your membership on the Board.

Ordained or commissioned ministers presently engaged in the practice of ministry, full or part time, with continuous accountability with a congregation, church-related organization, related institution, Regional unit of the church or another denomination hold voting privileges at the Regional and General Assembly.

Although there will be NO COST (there is a fee for child care) for our Regional Assembly this year, churches and individuals wishing to support the Assembly and Camp Caroline are invited to give a free will offering. We do require that you PRE-REGISTER with the attached form. Lunch will be cafeteria style and you will receive your meal ticket at the registration desk. Child care will be available at the Assembly. All child(ren) needing child care must be pre-registered. See attached form with rates.

Boundaries 101 Workshop

All commissioned, ordained, active retired, and pulpit supply ministers serving in congregational, institutional or regional ministries are required take a training class every 5 years.

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Congregation you are serving: _____

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

Other ministry employer: _____

Friday, April 26, 2019*

Boundaries 101 — *Facilitators: Regional Minister Bishop Valerie Melvin and Rev. Dr. Laura Johnson*
First Christian Church, 207 Tarboro St. NE, Wilson, NC 27893

Class begins promptly at **10 am** and typically ends by 4 pm.
Cost is \$35 per person and includes your workbook and lunch.

*For the convenience of traveling clergy, this class is being offered in Wilson, one day prior to the April 27 NC Regional Assembly at Barton College. The Commission on Ministry plans to offer Boundaries 201 in the Fall of 2019. You may attend either of these classes, even if you have already taken it in the past. You may take 201 even if you haven't had 101. The only requirement is that you attend a boundary class every 5 years.

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

Christian Church in N.C.

PO Box 1568

Wilson, NC 27894

Keep Your Churches Safe!

SafeConduct™ Workbench and other programs provide tools to cultivate responsible leadership and prevent sexual abuse and bullying. Services are available to all United Church of Christ, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Alliance of Baptists and Presbyterian Church (USA) churches, related entities, and camps.

Steps to take training:

1. Complete Administrator Guide and fax it to 216.736.3239
2. We will review, approve and then forward to Praesidium
3. Praesidium will email you your login information
4. Once you receive your login information, you may begin your training

The following FREE courses are available:

[Preventing Bullying](#): Learn what is bullying, why it's a problem, the different types of bullying, how it happens, and how to prevent a child from being bullied.

[Hello I'm Sam](#): Learn the types of molesters and the methods and how they use to manipulate their coworkers, parents, and children—all to meet their own needs. Also, how to spot potentially dangerous interactions between adults and children. *Available in Spanish and French.*

[It Happened to Me](#): Children and adults describe the devastating effects abuse had on their lives and the prevalence of abuse and specific characteristics that may put some children at higher risk. *Available in Spanish and French.*

[Navigate the Murky Waters of Sexual Harassment](#): Learn how to prevent, detect, and report sexual harassment.

[Preventing Sexual Activity Between Young Children](#): Learn about children and sexual curiosity, what is normal, how to prevent it, and how to respond if they occur. *Available in Spanish.*

[Preventing Sexual Activity Between Adolescents](#): Learn about peer pressure and bullying and what it can do to influence sexual behavior in adolescents.

[Keeping Your Camp Safe](#): Shows you where and when abuse is most likely to happen in a camp setting and steps you can take to keep kids at camp safe. *Available in Spanish and French.*

[Abuse Risk Management for Volunteers](#): Shows how molesters operate, the devastating effects of abuse, and the specific steps volunteers can take to prevent abuse and false allegations of abuse. *Available in Spanish and French.*

[Keeping Your Church Safe](#): Learn 5 specific ways your actions can keep children safe, the importance of a watchful eye, what to do in the case of suspicious situations, and how to respond to inappropriate behavior. *Available in Spanish and French.*

[Abuse Prevention Refresher](#): Build on knowledge and learn new information about how sexual abuse occurs, use red flags, prevent false allegations, prevent sexual activity, and apply what you know. *Available in Spanish and French.*

[Now You're a Supervisor](#): (Supervisors only) Learn what constitutes workplace discrimination, harassment, and retaliation and legal requirements and concepts.

[Duty to Report Mandated Reporter](#): Learn why reporting abuse and neglect is critical, legal responsibilities, what types of conduct must be reported, and how to report it. *Available in Spanish and French.*

[Preventing Elderly Abuse](#): Learn facts about abuse and neglect and steps to keep residents safe.

[Preventing Abuse Against Adults with Disabilities](#): Learn facts about abuse of people with disabilities, characteristics of potential victims, and steps to keep clients safe.

[Social Media Safety](#): Learn facts about increased opportunities for sexual abusers to communicate with their intended victims.

[Blood-Borne Pathogens](#): Learn how to reduce the risk of contracting a blood-borne disease.

Information about special related subjects is provided below. Also see the *Youth Activities* area and Volume 4 of our [Loss Control Manual](#), "Youth Activities, Day Care, Trips and Camps."



Barton College and the Center for Religious Studies will hold the "Light of Life Day of Enrichment" on Tuesday, March 10, 2020. This day will offer a time of learning and reflection for the church, clergy, church leaders, and the general public. The event will include Barton College's spring religion lectures in combination with the President's "Light of Life" series. The day will feature Dr. Judith H. Newman (Emmanuel College, University of Toronto) as the E. G. Purcell Bible Conference lecturer, Dr. Teresa L. Fry Brown (Candler School of Theology, Emory University) as the Thedford G. and Woodrow W. Sprinkle lecturer, and Dr. Patrick B. Reyes, (Director of

Strategic Partnerships for Doctoral Initiatives at the Forum for Theological Exploration) as the Light of Life lecturer. Please save the date and watch for more details on the event. For more information, contact Dr. Rodney Werline, Barton College, at rwerline@barton.edu.



Please expect a Disaster Response Team progress report in our April edition of the *Regional Updates*.

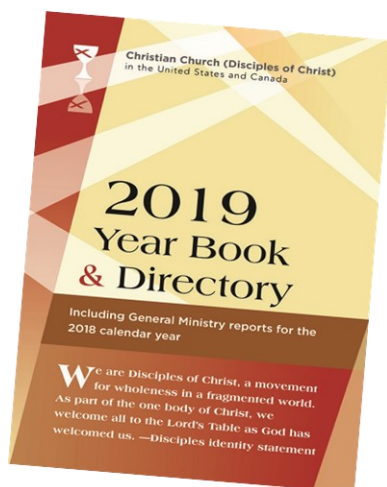


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- Ice Breakers
- Games
- Devotion Planning
- Conversations, Videos
- Talent Hour, Q/A Session,
- Advisors Chat & Pizza Party

Honoring our Covenant of Fellowship Connections!



The reporting window for the 2019 Year Book and Directory is now open! Visit disciples.org/yearbook to submit your congregation's report online, or to download a PDF form to fill out and mail, before the **March 15 deadline!** Instructions will be available in English, Spanish, and Korean.

The Year Book and Directory is full of connections between expressions of our Church, by providing an annual snapshot of congregational, regional, and general ministry life. Listing in the Year Book also fulfills congregations' reporting requirements to maintain 501(c)(3) status.

Your congregation's PIN: *You will need this number to fill out the form.*

Contact us at yearbook@disciples.org with any questions about the reporting process.

Annual Year Book connects Disciples congregations and ministries

(Disciples News Service)

How do we take a snapshot of our denomination? Where can we find some history on our congregation? How many Disciples congregations are there in my area? What do our general ministries do? These questions and more are answered in the annual Year Book and Directory.

The Year Book serves numerous administrative functions, compiling General Board reports and General Assembly resolutions, and serving as the official record of congregations receiving 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status through the Internal Revenue Service.

The data collected during the Year Book reporting process is invaluable for regional and general ministries.

Regions benefit from Year Book data, using the information provided to analyze regional health and vitality. "Transparency in information sharing is one sign of a healthy organization," says Rev. Greg Alexander, regional minister in Kentucky and president of the College of Regional Ministers. "The Year Book and Directory is a resource, when used in full transparency, that helps us have a clearer picture of how and where to focus our best energies in strengthening the whole church. It is the honest look at who and where we are that we need to give ourselves to be more effective witnesses to the Gospel."

General ministries use Year Book data to update their own records and mailing lists of Disciples congregations. Being listed in the Year Book is also a prerequisite for a congregation to participate in many general ministries' programs.

To have their information included in the annual Year Book, congregations must submit a report by March 15. The report can be submitted online, or by emailing or mailing a paper copy of the report to the Year Book office. Congregational statistics published in the Year Book include financial information, membership data, and giving records. The Year Book also includes a Ministers Directory of all clergy ordained and commissioned by the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

The annual Year Book is available for purchase and is prepared and delivered each summer. Physical and digital copies of the 2019 Year Book are available for pre-order now, and copies of the 2018 Year Book are still available.

Pastoral Changes and Celebrations

FCC, Charlotte

Honored Minister Pinning Service
for Rev. Dr. Nancy Carol Stahl, March 3 at 11am

Mill Creek CC

Retirement for Rev. Dr. Jerry Burton,
March 31 at 4pm

Wendell CC-Called Senior Minister

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.



Don't forget to join us on March 16 at Camp Caroline for the Spring Work Day. Please contact Casey (caseysperry2@gmail.com) if you are planning to come. We hope you'll join us!



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MAY WE BE THEM.
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Fifth Sunday Gathering 2019

With Guest Preacher

General Minister and President of the Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)

Rev. Teresa Hord Owens

**SUNDAY, MARCH 31
2 PM**

LUNCH AT 12:30 PM

3300 Wentworth Street
Reidsville, North Carolina 27320

Dr. Byron L. Battle Sr.
Moderator

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