



Regional Updates

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in North Carolina

June
2019

Hello Disciples,

As I pondered what I should share with you in this edition of our newsletter, I reviewed the Pentecost message from our General Minister and President and knew this was for us all. Enjoy her words, and I wish for you a fiery Pentecost season!

+Bishop Valerie Melvin, Regional Minister

Pentecost Message

As we approach the celebration of Pentecost, we are reminded that the Church grew with fire and passion, preaching Jesus crucified, Jesus risen, and Jesus let loose in the world. Peter preached this Gospel message on the day of Pentecost, and 3000 believers were added to the number!

As Disciples we are deeply tied to these spiritual roots, these essentials. We proclaim Jesus as Son of the living God, and we proclaim him to be Lord and Savior of the world. We know that Jesus is at the head of our table of communion, inviting all of us to share. We also know that we are baptized into new life with Jesus when we receive the gift of baptism.

And as you mark the day of Pentecost, I pray that you will catch the vision borne of abiding in Christ. Catch the passion of the renewal that happens when we share the good news of Christ's love with all of those around us, by not only loving them, but helping them and serving them as Christ loved us, holding close this good news as our foundation, and sharing God's love with our neighbors.

And if you are able, I hope that you will catch the passion of worship and fellowship with Disciples in Des Moines this summer, as we gather to abide in Christ at our General Assembly.



I am praying for you. Please do continue to pray for me and for the whole Church as we continue to share the good news of Jesus Christ and the joy that is ours because of Christ. Happy Pentecost.

The Reverend Terri Hord Owens,
General Minister and President
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
in the USA and Canada



Treasurer's Report for period Jan 1 – Apr 30, 2019
Summary of Operational Accounts Income and Expense

	April	YTD
Operational Income:		
General	\$ 14,296	\$ 70,677
Program	12,481	17,692
Camp Caroline	29,991	67,401
Total Income	\$ 56,768	\$ 155,770
Operational Expenditures:		
General	\$ 18,524	\$ 81,314
Program	441	867
Camp Caroline	23,047	93,760
Total Expenditures	\$ 42,012	175,941
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 14,756	\$ (20,171)

We are very grateful for the generous offering at Regional Assembly which exceeded \$13K. Overall, through April 30, we have a deficit of \$20K as compared to the \$35K deficit at the end of March. We continue in the right direction! Thank you for your support of our Region's ministries!

And now, let me take this opportunity to ask: Has your congregation considered making regular (such as monthly or quarterly) gifts to Disciples Mission Fund (DMF)? If not, please consider doing so. In that way, your congregation can support both the General and Regional ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Submitted by Kathy Smith, CCNC Treasurer

*Regional
Stewardship*



**Money Matters:
The 5 Tools of Financial Freedom
for Spiritual Growth**

**Thursday, 13 June 2019, at 4:00 p.m. Pacific
(7:00 p.m. Eastern)**



Do you struggle with money as part of your spiritual journey? Many people do – we feel guilt, shame and scarcity around money. Yet, money is a resource that funds mission and giving. Join us to transform your *fears* into *abundance*. When your personal money story has a spiritual dimension, you will be amazed at how “budget” turns from a scary to a richly rewarding word. Get your money matters in order now with Rev. Dr. Bruce Barkhauer.

On Thursday, 13 June 2019, at 4:00 pm Pacific / 7:00 p.m. Eastern, join us for this webinar and discover:

- How to face your fears around money so that you can thrive in your personal finances
- The biblical foundations of money so that you can thrive without resorting to a “prosperity Gospel”
- THE 5 Tools to Financial Freedom so that you can live with freedom and give generously to mission
- How to set goals so that you can have this freedom far into the future

Bio: Bruce A. Barkhauer was called as the first “Minister for Faith and Giving for Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)” in 2010, after 25 years of parish ministry. Since that time he has engaged the whole church in conversations about generosity and offered transformative ways for congregations to think about stewardship. He is the author of numerous articles, and books including the recently published *America’s Holy Ground: 61 Faithful Reflections on America’s National Parks* (published by Chalice Press, 2019).

Submitting Disciples Mission Fund and All Other Giving

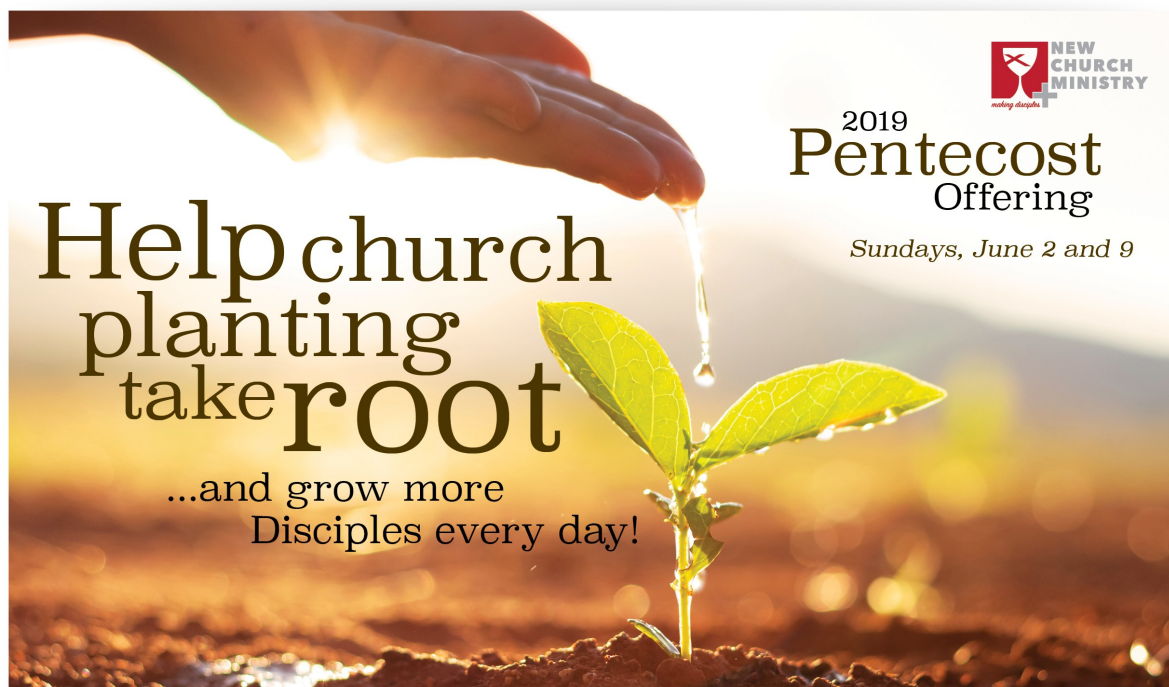
*Honor the Lord with your wealth,
with the first fruits of all your crops. **Proverbs 3:9***

- 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



It's a miracle, really . . . a small seed, sown on the wind, tentatively puts down roots. With proper nurturing, it grows, branching out in all directions, blossoming in time, providing sustenance, shelter and shade. A place of harvest and home.

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is like that. Little wonder that this year's General Assembly theme is "Abide in me" from the scriptural passage of John 15:5 (NRSV):

"Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me."

Through the 2020 Vision, the new church movement has already helped our Disciples family grow by nearly 1,000 new and affiliated faith communities. These communities, in turn, bear the fruit of God's work: caring for the needy, welcoming the homeless, feeding the hungry, teaching the young, and taking part in their neighborhoods' revitalization through transformational mission and ministry. Such is the sustenance, shelter and shade that blooms when the new church movement takes root.

Our church planters remain committed to answering God's call . . . to serve their neighbors, spread the gospel and make Disciples. They are supported in these efforts by New Church Ministry. Won't you help nurture them . . . and take part in this miracle?

Your gift to the **2019 Pentecost Offering on Sunday, June 2 and 9** will help fund the new church movement and the bounty it yields. Each year, half of this offering stays in your local Region or Area to start and uphold new churches. The other half is used across the United States and Canada to support the recruiting, assessing, training and coaching of new church leaders at events like Leadership Academy.

Thank you in advance for helping our new church movement continue to take root, bear fruit and grow more Disciples every day.

For additional Pentecost Offering resources including a brief video, visit:
disciplesmissionfund.org/special-offerings/Pentecost

Pentecost Sunday 2019 and New Church Planting

We all know the incredible story of the arrival of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost as found in the second chapter, of the Book of Acts; there is a rush of mighty wind and tongues of fire, and then all that have gathered can suddenly speak and understand the languages of each other. Several then begin to argue that they were all simply drunk, but then Peter addresses the crowd, and when he finished 3,000 people were baptized and joined the church. For several centuries the church experienced tremendous growth, however in recent decades most denominations including our own have seen a great deal of decline.

In 2001 the General Assembly in Kansas City Missouri passed the 20/20 vision plan to plant 1,000 new churches in 1,000 different ways by the year 2020. Since then we have planted almost 1,000 new churches and added more than 60,000 new members. How did we do it?, and more importantly how will we continue to do it?

That's where you and the Pentecost Offering come in. I would like to encourage all of the pastors in the NC Region to do everything possible to build excitement about the Pentecost Offering (June 2nd & June 9th) and to encourage your congregations to be generous; so that we can continue to train new church pastors and their teams, develop new resources, and plant and support new churches. Let's remember that half the money that is raised in our region, remains in our region. And let us remember the initiative to plant new churches does not end with the 2020 vision for the North Carolina Region, or for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Planting churches is part of who we are and what we do...

My friends I believe that God is calling and challenging our region to do great things...Let it Be!

Rev. Kevin Baker-Rooks

Chair Church Growth Commission

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)



On May 3rd-4th, the Piedmont District Convention Disciples Women's Ministry held their 2nd Annual Women's conference entitled ***Trusting the Expansion through Confirmation*** at the Piedmont District Convention Campsite located in Reidsville. The conference kicked off Friday, May 3rd with a musical concert led by First Lady Tia Battle and the Little Bethlehem Christian Church Women's choir. On Saturday, May 4th the conference was led into Morning Glory with Minister Charlene Pettie, Associate Minister of First Christian Church Reidsville. After our Morning Glory we "Walked it out" with a Latin music fitness session led by Rev. Erica Noell of Gospel Tabernacle, Eden NC. We had a great time exercising and getting our blood flowing! Our Mid-morning session was led by the dynamic Dr. Montenique Fenny a licensed clinical psychologist and a member of New Bethel Christian Church in Fieldale, VA. There were several vendors on hand so the ladies would shop for jewelry, handbags and baked goods. A travel agent was even on hand with travel information! We had three free trip giveaways!! Our afternoon session was led by Evangelist Victoria Holland of Empowering Lives Christian Church, Martinsville, VA. No woman left the way they came! To God Be the Glory!!

Tamar Lipscomb, DWM President, Piedmont District Convention

Noted Any Changes in the Last 92 Years?

Charles Crossfield Ware (1886-1974) was serving as our Executive Secretary (today's Regional Minister) when he published *North Carolina Disciples of Christ: A History of Their Rise and Progress, and of Their Contribution to Their General Brotherhood* in 1927. Thanks to the dedicated labors of this avid historian we have a record of the first 82 years of Disciples' history in North Carolina. Now, 92 years later, we've begun the task of updating our Region's history.



To begin the process, in March Regional Minister Bishop Valerie Melvin assembled a group of ministers, who share a long history of service to the Region and a passion for the Region's history, to form a Regional History Task Group. The working group (pictured below) is identifying sources and materials of value to the recording of our past. With Dr. Ware's past labors, that leaves only 92 years of catching up on the Region's history, but more than a century of the histories of the Assemblies.

How can you and your congregation help?



- ◇ Name a church historian or history committee to update your congregation's history since 1927.
- ◇ Help us identify fellow Disciples with a strong interest in/knowledge of the Region's history.
- ◇ Search attics and trunks for materials that can help us with the task.
- ◇ Urge your district leaders and Assembly leaders to prepare a narrative of their history.
- ◇ For information and/or to recommend Disciples to serve with the task group

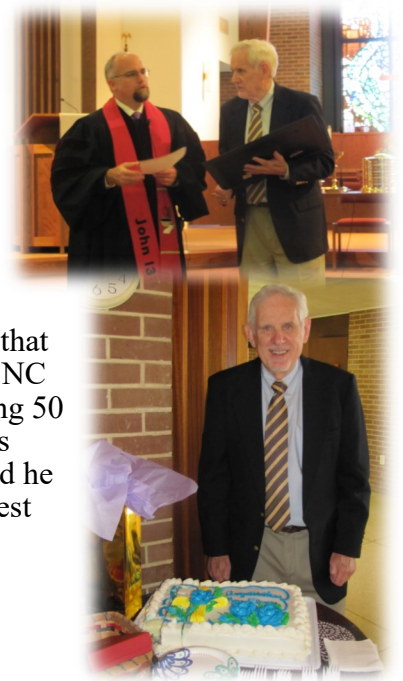
please contact:

- ◇ The Regional Office by telephone: 252-292-4047 or Jim Bussell by e-mail: jbussell402@yahoo.com

Honoring 50 Years of Service!



Rev. Dr. Michael Elmore, born in Cliffside, NC, recently celebrated his 50th year as an ordained minister. Michael shares, I was ordained in Kentucky in April of 1969. I have served Congregations in Virginia, North Carolina and Louisiana. Served as Director of Pastoral Care at Mercy Health System in NW Arkansas and was Regional Pastor for Great River Region of CC (Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas). He retired from that position. Michael served FCC, Fayetteville, NC between 1982-1986. It has been an interesting 50 years--years he has enjoyed. Michael and his wife Peggy are enjoying their retirement, and he is blessed to have his mother to visit in Forrest City, NC.



Pastoral Changes and Celebrations

FCC, Greensboro, Called Interim
 Rev. Philip Vernon Miller of Hopkinsville KY
 FCC, Ashville, Called Interim
 Rev. Dr. Diana Spangler-Crawford

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.

INSTALLATION SERVICE OF PASTOR ANDERSON HICKS

JUNE 9TH AT 5:00PM



What shall we then
say to these things?
If God be for us,
who can be
against us?

Romans 8:31 KJUS

Join Middle Fork Christian Church for the
installation of Pastor Anderson Hicks on
June 9th at 5:00 pm. There will be a
repass immediately after the service.

2216 E. First Street Winston-Salem, NC



The Role of Military Chaplains

*Pastor Tony D. McLaurin
Peace Memorial Christian Church, Fayetteville NC*

Military Chaplains are seminary-educated and trained officers appointed by the military to this role and endorsed by the military-endorser of their faith organization.

Chaplains serve in a plethora of environments, cultures and spiritual diversities. I have developed a profound respect for the many men and women that serve in our Armed Forces and especially chaplains. I, too, have served my country for 18+ years of

active duty service. Some serve in hospitals with the strict enforcement of not to proselytize a patient when visiting. The goal in visiting is to uplift the patient, not to win them to your denomination or faith. Chaplains are told to be observant during the visitations, one can determine the patients state of mind.

In times past, I can recall a chaplain telling me their motto was *"to minister to their own, facilitate others, and care for all."* As clergy, they perform religious services for members of their command. They provide marriage counseling and advise commanders on religious, moral and ethical issues—chaplains are influential and charismatic.

In addition, to their religious roles, they must complete several trainings prior to entering conflict zones. Chaplains transition from preaching in a chapel to preaching on the battlefield. To me, they find hope to share in hopeless situations and challenge soldiers to endure, to remain steadfast and believe that nothing is impossible with God. Before soldiers are deployed into hostile areas, they are given pocket bibles; Psalms 91 was often referred to as a soldiers psalm of protection. I salute and honor the many chaplains for the ministry they provide to our men and women of the armed forces.

The
137th Session of the Piedmont District Convention

Believing God for Greater

Dr. Byron L. Battle Sr., Moderator

Bishop Michael Penn, Pastor Anthony Holmes, Dr. Bill Lee, Pastor Robert Smith, Elder William Thompson, Dr. Stacy Spencer, Dr. Michael Cotton, Bishop Valerie Melvin, Rev. Marilyn Williams

St. John 14:12, Ephesians 3:20, 1 John 4:4

August 1 - 4, 2019

Find us on: facebook.

Camp Christian View, 3300 Wentworth Street, Reidsville, North Carolina 27320



paws4people Moral Injury Summit

WHEN: 6/20/2019 – 6/21/2019

WHERE: Cape Fear Community College
411 N. Front Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

COST: \$175-Full Registration Non-CEU-\$45.00 Student-\$25.00

CONTACT: Megan Laughinghouse (megan.laughinghouse@paws4people.org)

Moral Injury may be one of the most significant issues impacting the quality of life for our veterans and others suffering from serious trauma. Moral Injury occurs when a person's fundamental understanding of right and wrong has been violated, and results in profound grief, numbness, or guilt. This summit is bringing together people and professionals from a variety of different fields and backgrounds to discuss the best options for helping people heal from Moral Injury, including our unique approach of K9-centric Post-Traumatic Growth.

Objectives:

- Demonstrate a mastery theoretical and practical definitions of Moral Injury and its relationship to military and civilian trauma.
- Cite strategies and interventions for therapists, health care providers, and faith-based counselors that are applicable to moral injury.
- Explain the similarities and differences between PTSD and Moral Injury.
- Demonstrate an understanding of assessment tools to screen for moral injury for use with members of the military.
- Exhibit insight into various methods for Post-Traumatic growth and recovery.
- Demonstrate an understanding of complementary alternative approaches to helping those who live with Moral Injury.
- Explain the concepts and principles of applying Animal Assisted Intervention as K9-centric Post Traumatic Growth.

Audience:

Psychologists, social workers, counselors, public health workers, human service professionals, and any other individuals interested in the mental health of survivors of trauma and moral injury.

Rev. Jeff Smith, retired Disciples Minister, Jacksonville , Florida will be presenting during this Summit.

For More Information about Disciples Work with Moral Injury, visit:

<https://www.brite.edu/programs/soul-repair/>



North Carolina Council of Churches

Strength in Unity, Peace through Justice

Are you interested in learning more about the state of our state when it comes to opioids?

Are you interested in learning more about ways your congregation can get involved with the Opioid Crisis?

If so please join the Council at one of our Clergy Breakfasts for the Opioid Crisis, the Faith Community Responds. At these breakfasts, you will learn about the state of our state, what is harm reduction, and what congregations can do to get involved.

These events will be happening across the state:

June 13th- Greensboro

June 20th- Kitty Hawk

June 26th- Gastonia

June 27th- Asheville



Eventbrite link: <https://www.ncchurches.org/event-single/clergy-breakfasts-in-response-to-the-opioid-crisis/>

Precious Memories

The Rev. Dr. William Chris Hobgood, former general minister and president of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) passed into new life in Christ May 31, 2019. Hobgood was general minister and president from October 2003 to July 2005.

In addition to his work in the general Church, Hobgood was regional minister in Arkansas and the Capital Area and most recently pastor of Bethany Beach Christian Church in Delaware. The author of books such as *Welcoming Resistance: A Path to Faithful Ministry*, *Once and Future Pastor*, and *Born Apart, Becoming One: Disciples Defeating Racism*, Hobgood was a tireless voice speaking up against racism, making that a theme of his term as general minister and president.



"We were so blessed to have him as a leader in our Church. I was blessed to be in pro-reconciliation/anti-racism training with him several times," said current general minister and president, Rev. Teresa "Terri" Hord Owens. "His leadership in a transitional time called us to faithfulness in our witness as a pro-reconciling anti-racist Church."

Hobgood's daughter, Dr. Laura Hobgood, said "His anti-racism and justice work was always at the heart of his ministry." She noted his long affiliation with the Disciples Center for Public Witness as well as the mission trips his congregation took to assist with rebuilding after Hurricane Katrina.

Born in July of 1936 in Lotumbe in what was then the Republic of Zaire, Hobgood was the son of missionaries. He received his bachelor's degree from Transylvania College (now University) and his divinity degree from the College of the Bible (now Lexington Theological Seminary) while serving several Kentucky congregations in the late 1950s. He earned his doctor of ministry from Lancaster Theological Seminary in 1982.

SERF—A MOUNTAINTOP EXPERIENCE IN MARCH 2020

DWM/CWF Southeastern Regional Fellowship

Do you remember in the Sound of Music Julie Andrews sang, “Climb Every Mountain, Ford Every Stream, Follow Every Rainbow Til You Find Your Dream?” And who can forget the Supremes singing, “Ain’t No Mountain High Enough...To Keep Me From You.” At SERF you might just be like Mama Cass where you can “Make Your Own Kind of Music and Sing Your Own Special Song.” It will be a mountaintop experience spiritually and physically and we cannot wait to see YOU there. Our theme is “A Mountaintop Experience.”

Every four years the women from several Southeastern states (NC, VA, ALA, FL, TENN, KY, GA, SC) in the USA get together for a wonderful retreat. Back in 2016 SERF was attended by local CWF/DWM officers where they gathered and took back useful information for their groups of women. **In 2020, SERF is open to all women!**

Who is included in SERF and what does SERF stand for? SERF is for all women in the Southeastern Regional Fellowship of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) including the regional states of Alabama/NW Florida, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia. There are various groups of SERF in the Disciples Church. This retreat is for the Disciples Women in the states listed---giving women an opportunity to gather together and worship with your sisters from Florida, Alabama/NW Florida, Kentucky, Virginia, Georgia, South Carolina, Tennessee, and even women from your own state of North Carolina.

Members of a SERF team are meeting and planning some wonderful speakers, workshops, worship, fellowship, music with a band, fun, and what would a retreat be like without some shopping? Ladies, this retreat is going to be fabulous!

The planning committee would like to offer childcare for women with young children. If you have small children and want childcare provided, let your regional office know about your specific needs in the next couple of weeks so we can plan childcare for you for SERF. If you get a survey about child care for SERF, please fill it out and return it.

SERF will be on March 13-15, 2020 at Christmount Christian Assembly, Black Mountain, NC with the Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Hale – Founder and Senior Pastor of the Ray of Hope Christian Church, Decatur GA and the Rev. Terri Hord Owens, General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the US and Canada as keynoters.

There will be flyers, registration forms, and more information coming soon, so keep your vision for 2020 on SERF. Mark your calendars, ladies. The dates again are March 13-15, 2020. A Facebook page has been created and will be updated as more information is available. You or someone from your church may access it at: www.facebook.com/DW.SERF2020. A mountaintop experience is waiting for you.

“Isaiah 52:7 New International Version (NIV) How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, “Your God reigns!”

Let us walk the walk together,
Mary Evans, President of NCDWM

SPECIAL INVITATION FOR NC CLERGY...CAMP IS CALLING!

Have you wondered what a week of summer camp looks like?
Do you love the beach and the smell of saltwater? Or maybe you prefer a cool, mountain breeze and a hike?
Are you interested in working with young people? Or learning different ways to grow your youth group?
Have you worked in educational settings? Youth ministry?

Well we have two places that fit all of these needs and more! We are always in the need for summer camp counselors, and it benefits our youth greatly to have ministers from around the region to counsel camp!

Between Camp Caroline in Oriental and Christmount in Black Mountain, the Christian Church in North Carolina offers ten different summer camp opportunities. Last year we had over 300 youth attend camp, and I can't think of a better way to connect, learn, and grow that to spend a week with those kids at camp. In fact, many Disciples of Christ ministers will tell you that they heard their calling to ministry at either Camp Caroline or Christmount.

Camp Caroline and Christmount both offer you an opportunity to (especially if you've never been to camp before) spend a week at summer camp and learn what our region does to support our youth around the state.

I promise you'll be able to take what you learn at camp and apply it back at your church to help your own youth group. Not to mention, you get the opportunity to help a young person grow in their faith and explore their spirituality through nature, bible study, fun, and so much more!

Check out the schedule below to see if any of these weeks work for you. You might even recognize some of our directors from your own churches!

Camp Caroline

Uno June 14-16 (Grades K-2) - Carrie Ragland
CYF June 16-21 (Grades 9-12) - Catherine Campbell/Marci Fisher
SAS June 23-28 (Grades 4-7) - Suzanne Davis/Jeremy Hopkins
CTBM July 14-20 (Grade 8) - Tena Perry/Courtney Cartwright
Delta July 21-26 (Grades 6-7) - Lynne McHaney/Lauren Perry
Beta July 28-August 2 (Grades 3-5) - Courtney Hickman
Alpha July 28-August 2 (Grades 1-2) - Chrystal Butler/Finley Baldwin

Christmount

JYF June 17-22 (Grades 3-5) - Frank Robinson
Chi Rho June 17-22 (Grades 6-8) - Frank Robinson
CYF June 24-29 (Grades 9-12) - Kevin Toth

If you are interested in an opportunity like this, please contact Luke Miles, our Regional Youth Director. You can contact him by email (Luke@ncdisciples.org) or by phone (336.202.1354).



Regional Calendar

June 8	10:00am Design Committee Mtg. FCC, Wilson (Fellowship Hall)
June 9	Pentecost Sunday
	5:00pm Pastoral Installation for Rev. Anderson Hicks, Middlefork CC, Winston-Salem
June 12	10am Historical Task Force FCC, Wilson (Parlor)
June 16	Father's Day
June 17	1:00pm Executive Committee Mtg. FCC, Wilson (Parlor)
June 30	10:55am Commissioning of Pastor Donald Waltz FCC, Elizabeth City
July 4	Independence Day
July 9	Commission on Ministry Mt. Pleasant CC, Greensboro
July 20-24	General Assembly, Des Moines, Iowa
July 23	6:30pm Albemarle District/CMF - FCC, Washington
July 25	6:00pm Hookerton District Mtg. - FCC, Grifton
August 9-11	DWM/CMF Combined Retreat, Christmount, Black Mountain
August 20	2:00pm Financial Advisory Comm. Mtg. FCC, Wilson (Parlor)
August 24	9:00am Property Comm. Mtg. Camp Caroline

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

NC Commission On Ministry Appreciates the Value of Search & Call

Dear Disciples,

The NC Commission on Ministry (COM) exists to serve your congregations and clergy in the North Carolina Region. We are all yoked together in a covenant relationship, and we count you among our brothers and sisters in Christ. As a part of this relationship, we want to highlight a powerful resource that helps congregations in a time of great need: the Search & Call process provided by the General church of our denomination.

The work of the COM gives us a unique perspective into the particular callings of ordained and commissioned ministers. This allows us to see that congregations who fully utilize the Search & Call system in cooperation with your Regional Minister, Bishop Valerie Melvin, have the smoothest transitions and tend to find great strength in the process. Search & Call connects congregations to a diverse pool of ministers called to the gospel of Jesus Christ. We believe that Search & Call can provide every congregation with the greatest freedom and autonomy in a search process. By breaking down geographic and demographic barriers, it also frees congregations to connect with bright, capable, and committed ministers whom they may never find through other local connections.

Also, with all the excitement that selecting a new minister brings, it can be easy for congregations to overlook the kind of verification and accountability that is at the foundation of Search & Call; including background checks, input from references, education and experience information, and written statements about familiarity with the values of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and depth of spiritual character. With Search & Call, a search team can first meet many ministers via profile, which is a valuable time saver. This up-front information helps limit the possibility of worst-case scenarios and gives the church a regional support system in the event that a selection turns out not to be a perfect match. In a new relationship, no one ever wants to think about the worst possibilities in another person, particularly clergy, which is why Search & Call provides such an invaluable service by addressing those concerns before the relationship even begins.

Whether your church is in transition, has recently completed a ministerial search, or cannot imagine having a different pastor any time soon, as your servants we want to bear witness to the fruit of churches who fully use the Search & Call process and advise you that we have insight into some of the risks of those who do not. If a church does not follow this recommendation and does not use the Search & Call process, we encourage the church leaders to require their minister to meet with the Commission on Ministry in an effort to gain Standing, Commissioning, or Ordination as a Disciples pastor. We can help, and we share this letter only with the hope that all of our congregations grow in strength as we fulfill our calling in serving God with the good news of Jesus, our risen and ascended Lord.

Blessings to you in the love of our Savior Jesus Christ,
NC COM

NC DWM DISCIPLES WOMEN'S MINISTRIES &
CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP PRESENTS



A NEW TWIST ON OUR HISTORY

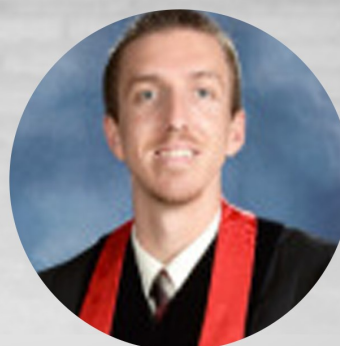
A C O M B I N E D R E T R E A T

AUGUST 9-11, 2019

CHRISTMOUNT RETREAT CENTER
222 Fernway • Black Mountain, NC



**REVEREND
TERESA HORD OWENS**
General Minister & President
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
in the US and Canada



**REVEREND
ANDREW SHUE**
President
NC Christian Men's Fellowship

Innovative Sessions • The Basket Party • Sharing Keynote Experiences
Engaging Prayer-Driven and Spirit-Led Worship

C H I L D C A R E A V A I L A B L E



N.C. Disciples Women & Disciples Men Ministries
Christmount Retreat Registration
August 9-11, 2019



Name _____ Phone _____
 Address _____ City/Zip _____
 Email _____ First time attendee _____
 Church _____ District _____

REGISTRATION

____ **Registration fee** if received by **August 1**: \$25.00 for one or \$40 per couple
 ____ **Commuter Fee**: \$16.00 **Registration Total** _____
 ____ **Childcare** may be available – please check if you will need childcare. (Cost TBD)

LODGING

All housing is non-smoking and pet-free. Reservation form must be received for each roommate.

Guest Houses (per person; linens provided) ____ **Check if difficulty walking**

____ Single \$220.00
 ____ Double \$110.00
 ____ Triple \$ 74.00
 ____ Quad \$ 55.00

____ **Watson Cottage** (linens provided, 1 queen, 2 bunk beds): \$65 each
 ____ **Davis Hall** Double bed room (no linens): \$40 each
 ____ **Davis Hall** Twin beds (no linens): \$30 each
 ____ **Cabin** (bunk beds, no linens, min. 3 persons): \$40 each
 ____ **Group Lodge** (bunk beds, no linens, min. 4 per room, max. 8): \$48 each
 ____ **Add linens**: \$7.00

Roommate(s) _____

____ **RV Park**: \$60.00 **Lodging Total** _____

MEALS

Meal reservations must be made by **August 1**. Coordinate meals with your group.

Friday: ____ Supper \$13.00 paid in advance, non-refundable
 Saturday: ____ Breakfast \$ 9.00
 ____ Lunch \$11.00
 ____ Dinner \$13.00
 Sunday: ____ Breakfast \$ 9.00

Special dietary needs: _____

____ I am not eating meals at Christmount. **Meal Total** _____

Mail registration form and deposit (check payable to Christmount) to:

Christmount
 222 Fern Way
 Black Mountain, NC 28711

Total _____
Deposit (50% of Total) _____
Balance Due _____

Something New Just for YOU...

CAMP BLUE RIDGE!

“Camp Blue Ridge” is the name we’ve given to the *childcare program* NCDWM is now offering at Christmount, August 9-11, 2019 only for parents registered for the Annual Fall Retreat.

So, what is Camp Blue Ridge?

On Site Childcare for children 5th grade and younger

Age Appropriate Art and Creative Play

Learning about Animals and Plants in the Blue Ridge Mountains

Puzzles

Games

Creek Side Play

Projects



Experienced Childcare Professionals

Four Sessions of Fun

CPR Trained Adult Caregiver

Nature Walk

Movie Night

Snacks

Designed and Implemented by Lead Teacher, Hannah Anabtawi

With over 10 years of experience working with children, Hannah has developed a deep passion for Early Childhood Education. She is a trained Montessori and Nature's Classroom educator and has taught Art to children of all ages from Charleston, SC, to Kittery, ME, to Charlotte, NC. She and husband Ash, an Active Duty Sailor, currently reside in Charleston, SC with their three year old daughter.



Register NOW for Camp Blue Ridge!



Christmount Camp and Conference Center

222 Fern Way, Black Mountain, NC 28711-9771



August 9-11, 2019 Men's

and Women's



Retreat

Childcare Registration Form

Please fill out this form and return it with your Registration Form.

As a parent or guardian, I understand and agree to the following:

Childcare workers (with complete background checks) will offer childcare to **registered** participants at the Fall Retreat. Four sessions of childcare with age appropriate activities at each session will be available for registered children. The cost is (\$5.00) per child per session.

Session One: Friday, August 9; 6:30-9:00. **ART AFTER DARK**

Session Two: Saturday, August 10, 8:30-12:00. **Creekside Playground!**

Session Three: Saturday, August 10, 6:30-9:00. **MOVIE NIGHT with S'More Snacks**

Session Four: Sunday, August 11, 8:30-10:30. **Table Toppers: Lego Table, Play Dough Table, etc.**

Childcare is available for children fifth grade and younger.

All children must be potty trained to be in childcare.

Dress for all sessions is casual play clothes, including outdoor play.

Snacks will be provided, and it is my responsibility to inform childcare workers about any allergies or food restrictions.

Childcare providers will not administer any medications. Children with contagious illnesses should not be placed in childcare.

I will provide for my child(ren) the following labeled items:

a drink/water bottle or sippy cup at each session

sunscreen and bug spray (both can be placed in a labeled zip-lock bag)

for session two, water/wadding shoes or shoes that can get wet

for session two, a change of clothes

for session three, a favorite stuffed animal or lovey item, plus a pillow if desired

Parents/Guardians MAY NOT leave Christmount property while their children are in childcare. Parents/Guardians MUST remain in the designated area scheduled for each adult session while their children are in childcare.

Parents will eat all meals with their child(ren). Children must be picked up from childcare before parents begin their meals.

Only registered parents/guardians may pick up children from childcare.

Although children may be picked up early from childcare, no child may enter the childcare space before the time listed above for each session.

PARENT SIGNATURE _____

PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN NAME (Printed) _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

CELL PHONE () _____ EMAIL _____

Child 1 Name _____ Age _____ Allergies _____

Child 2 Name _____ Age _____ Allergies _____

Child 3 Name _____ Age _____ Allergies _____

Child 4 Name _____ Age _____ Allergies _____



Race: From Brokenness & Fragmentation to Wholeness —Racial Equity Training for Clergy—

Resolution 116, passed at the 2016 Regional Assembly held in Greenville, NC, requires all commissioned and ordained ministers who desire to maintain their standing to complete this training.

August 16-17, 2019 - Goldsboro, NC

**Location: Goldsboro-Raleigh Assembly Headquarters
211 W. Hooks River Road, Goldsboro, NC**

Registration Deadline: August 9, 2019

Training begins promptly at 10:00 am Friday, August 16th ending at 6:00 pm. It resumes at 8:30 am Saturday, August 17th concluding approximately 4:30 pm. Participants are responsible for their own lodging and must be present during the entire training session. To request a scholarship, please call the Regional Office.

Cost: \$120 per person

Cost includes 2-day faith-based anti-racism/pro-reconciliation training plus lunch and refreshments each day.

Name: _____

Address: _____ City/State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Congregation: _____

Race: _____ Gender: _____

Special Dietary Needs: _____

Mail this form and check made payable to:
Christian Church in North Carolina
PO Box 1568
Wilson, NC 27894

Registration form is also available online at:
ncdisciples.org

Race: From Brokenness and Fragmentation to Wholeness - This 16-hour anti-racism/pro-reconciliation training is an interactive experience that explores the myths, the mystery, and the making of race in the United States. Based upon core concepts from national anti-racism training models, this training is specifically designed with biblical and theological foundations for people of faith. Practical tools for pastors and lay leaders are offered through cultural analysis, bible study and reflection. Emphasis is given towards the way churches can integrate anti-racism/pro-reconciliation concepts in missions and ministry.

2019 General Assembly July 20-24 in Des Moines

Worship, learning, fellowship and business all make up the biennial gathering of the WHOLE Church from across the United States and Canada. Come early for one of the [pre-events](#) offered by Green Chalice, Phillips Theological Seminary, Disciples Alliance Q and Disciples Church Extension Fund. (And stay after worship Wednesday morning for a [rally](#) at the state capitol.)

Join in the celebration that [begins at 1:30 pm](#) (CDT) on Saturday, July 20, in the Iowa Events Center's arena. Meet Disciples from across all expressions of the Church and ecumenical and international visitors. Worship with thousands of Disciples and hear inspiring [Bible studies](#) and [preaching](#). Learn in [workshops](#), in the [MissionFest](#) displays, from [exhibitors](#), during special [meal events](#) and [aftersessions](#). Find out what the [general ministries](#) have been doing the past biennium and what plans are for the future. And throughout the experience enjoy the fellowship of those who share the name "Disciple" while experiencing the amazing hospitality of the Upper Midwest region. [Register now](#)

New: Youth! Join the Virtual Choir

You're invited for the first ever Disciples virtual choir! [This remote collaboration](#) works by recording your singing and sending it in to us. We'll stitch together all of the singers into one giant sonic collage debuting at General Assembly! Can't travel to Des Moines? No worries! Our Church will see and experience your powerful voice & the young people throughout the Disciples of Christ. This is your chance! Show the world what God's doing through your generation.

New: Escape Room Adventure Game

Break out of the workshop mold with this wild and wacky adventure game. You and your team (bring a team of up to 10 or join a team at the door) will be "locked" in a church-themed room, with 45 minutes to find clues, solve puzzles and discover keys and combinations to "escape" before your time expires. Just to keep it interesting, you'll compete for a place on our Leader Board as other teams take on the challenge. Designed for all ages. Reserve your adventure at the Disciples Church Extension Fund booth, just inside the doors in the Exhibit Hall. Reservations available for adventures during After Sessions (Saturday through Tuesday 9 - 10 p.m.), and anytime workshops are in session. (Sunday-Tuesday, 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.) No experience necessary — with church or with escape rooms!

New: Hunger Simulation

Des Moines Area Religious Council's Hunger Simulation is an immersive interactive experience for you to learn what it's like to live with food insecurity. In the Hunger Simulation, you take on the identity of a real person experiencing food insecurity. You have 15 minutes to determine your food budget and get the recommended USDA MyPlate servings of fruits, vegetables, protein, grains, and dairy. You can do this by shopping at the grocery store, visiting the food pantry, and applying for SNAP benefits at the DHS office. Once the 15 minutes are up, you will reflect on your experience and share with the rest of the group. Tuesday, 1:30 pm Hall A [Revise your existing registration](#) to include this experience

MissionFest applications open until June 30

Mission is happening all over the Church from congregations to regions to general ministries. We're out to celebrate the many creative and varied ways Disciples are having an impact with and for God's children. Please let us know about your project(s) and you might be invited to share your work at the General Assembly in Des Moines! [More information](#)