



Regional Updates

September
October
2019

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in North Carolina

Welcome to October!

I greet each of you with joy and hope in Jesus Christ.

There is a prominent announcement on this page about Regional Assembly 2020. Our Assembly is gathering at our place, Camp Caroline, how neat!

No detail is being left unattended to accommodate your arrival. Our theme, "God Saw That It Was Good," embraces the creation care motif to guide our weekend. As details become available, we encourage you to register and reserve your lodging early. Stay tuned for RA2020 updates. Isn't this exciting!!!

+Valerie J. Melvin, Regional Minister



REGIONAL ASSEMBLY 2020

Camp Caroline

3398 Janiero Rd, Arapahoe, NC
28510

Please Save
the Date

April 17th-19th

God Saw That It Was Good

Activities will include Worship, Bible Study and the
Green Chalice program

Commission on Regional Assembly Chairperson, Rev. Gary Walling

Email: seniorminister@fccwilson.org

Treasurer's Report for Period July-August, 2019
Summary of Operational Accounts Income and Expense

	July	Aug	YTD
General & Program:			
Income	\$ 11,003	\$ 13,911	\$ 152,442
Expenses	18,416	22,242	160,974
Net General & Program	\$ (7,413)	\$ (8,331)	\$ (8,532)
 Camp Caroline:			
Income	\$ 23,402	\$ 25,814	\$ 205,383
Expenses	44,610	32,578	235,988
Net Camp Caroline	\$ (21,208)	\$ (6,764)	\$ (30,605)
 Net Operational Income	\$ (28,621)	\$ (15,095)	\$ (39,137)

Income in general was down in July and August. This decline is not unexpected. Many congregations experience a decrease in income during the summer months, which tends to result in a corresponding decrease for the region. General and Program expenses are in budget. Camp expenses for July were up but were back down in August.

There are transfers from the camp scholarship funds to be recorded in September. The total to be transferred from the Agape Fund and the Scholarship Fund is approximately \$8,500, with an additional \$6,400 from the Rainbow Fund.

Note that the Agape Fund is being phased out, as the Agape Camp is no longer a separate camp. We continue to minister to "at risk" children and youth, including each in the appropriate camp based on age. The amount in the Agape Fund as of May 31 of this year will be used only for those young people identified as "at risk" in future years, until the fund is fully used. We are no longer accepting donations designated for the Agape Fund. Donations may be made to the Camp Scholarship Fund, which in the future will cover any child or youth determined to be in need of a scholarship as long as funds are available. (The Rainbow Camp Fund will continue as a separate fund strictly for the Rainbow Camp.)

Submitted by Kathy Smith, CCNC Treasurer



We had another great year at summer camp! We had over 300 campers this past summer and over 75 adults who gave a week to teaching our young campers about God's love and the best ways to share that love with others. It was a remarkable experience for all those involved! But we have work to do...not only in planning for next year but ensuring that we are creating a space to build God's kingdom where all feel included!

We are already diligently and intentionally planning for next summer, but our 2020 summer camp schedule will look a bit different. I want to take some time to explain why our traditional summer camp schedule is changing in 2020.

But first, please contain your excitement because here is the first official release of the 2020 summer camp schedule:

Camp Caroline 2020 Summer Camp Schedule

Uno Camp June 19-21 Grades K-2

CYF Conference June 21-26 Grades 9-12

Rainbow Camp June 29-July 3 Adults who are intellectually disabled

Created To Be Me July 5-11 Grade 8

Delta Camp July 12-17 Grades 6-7

Alpha Beta Camp July 19-24 Grades 1-5

As you probably notice, Christmount is not listed as a regional camping opportunity this upcoming summer. After much prayerful discernment and discussion, we have decided to transition all of our summer camp opportunities to Camp Caroline and shift to more grade-appropriate age groups during each week. Since sailing is a fundamental recreational part of all of our camps at Camp Caroline, we have moved on from Sailing, Arts, and Spirituality and will include sailing opportunities at all of our camps.

By no means does this end our partnership with Christmount. In fact, we just had an amazing DWM and CMF combined retreat at Christmount a few weekends ago. Instead, this will allow the region to brainstorm and create new opportunities at Christmount that better serve all of the region. We will also continue to help promote Christmount programming with our local congregations so that everyone can continue to visit that sacred space.

Also, in order to support the western part of the state, we are working on a plan to have "church camp transportation hubs" in certain parts of the state to help ease the long journey. For example, if you live in Charlotte, Asheville, or Eden, then you could meet a church van in Greensboro, which would then transport campers the rest of the way to Camp Caroline. We will begin to share more details about this plan, but you will see this as a registration option next summer. We hope this will encourage more campers to visit Camp Caroline and ease parents' concerns about making such a long journey in one day. We also hope to make use of this for retreats as well.

As always, we are here to answer any of your questions. We continue to see a bright future for the regional camping ministries, and we think this decision will continue to help us thrive. The Holy Spirit continues to flow through our summer camps as we work to create an inclusive, loving, and Christ-centered space at Camp Caroline!

As always, #CampMatters,

Luke Miles

Director of Regional Youth Ministries

Christian Church in North Carolina

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Camp Caroline
3398 Janiero Road, Arapahoe, NC 28510
A Camp, Conference and Retreat Center
 owned and operated by the
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) In North Carolina

ASSISTANT MANAGER OF FACILITIES JOB DESCRIPTION

Camp Caroline, a rustic campsite located on Dawson Creek in Eastern North Carolina, exists to provide a setting for ministry to help cultivate disciples into greater Christlikeness. Camp Caroline seeks to develop Christian leaders of all ages for the transforming, nurturing, and challenging ministry of the Church.

AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY:

Assistant Manager of Facilities (35 per week)

BASIC REQUIREMENTS:

- Minimum of High School Diploma required
- Associates Degree / Technical Degree desired) — with experience in maintaining public building and grounds
- Background check
- Current NC Driver's License required with a minimal five-year good experience record
- Basic knowledge of the (Christian Church) Disciples of Christ tradition
- Skill and competency for grounds, equipment, and structure maintenance
Specifically, basic plumbing, HVAC, electrical, and small engine maintenance

GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Maintain safe, clean and functional facilities throughout the property including maintaining current building and inspection codes. Administrative maintenance includes ordering and picking up specific supplies.
- Maintain pool for each season and weather conditions.
- Severe weather preparedness (hurricane, tornado, and flooding), seasonal care needs (winterizing), prepare all equipment for climate changes
- Develop a comprehensive spraying program for weeds, mosquitoes and fire ants
- Perform regular maintenance of camp vehicles, as well as maintenance records.
- Oversee use of all equipment by authorized persons.
- Assessable for emergency repairs outside of normal work hours.
- Work with seasonal employees. Supervise volunteer work groups.
- Attend weekly staff meetings.

CERTIFICATIONS NEEDED:

- Maintain Public Health certifications in both Lawn and Turf, and Insecticide Management.
- Maintain State of North Carolina Pool Operator certification.

RESPONSIBLE TO:

Camp Manager

Note: All approved certification classes and licensure are reimbursable by the Region of NC.

TO APPLY:

Submit a letter of interest and resume to Casey Perry, Camp Manager, at Camp Caroline, 3398 Janiero Road, Arapahoe, NC 28510 or email casey@ncdisciples.org by October 31st.

For additional information, please contact Casey Perry at 252.249.0848.

Dear Regional Church,

As I write this, the song “Celebration” by Kool & The Gang is playing over and over in my head. That is because all of us that are part of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) have accomplished something that is worthy of a really big celebration.

At the General Assembly in Des Moines, Iowa we learned that our goal of planting 1,000 new churches has not only been reached but surpassed with a 60% success rate. Praise be to God!

Here in the North Carolina Region, we have a lot to be excited about as well. And while other Disciples of Christ Regions will be celebrating the success of these new church plants beginning in 2020, we will begin to celebrate this milestone achievement now...

On October 26th we have an event planned to remember and honor all the pastors that have planted a church in North Carolina over the past 20 years. We are calling our event, “*Pentecost in October, A Celebration of New Churches in NC*” and it will be held at Covenant Christian Church in Cary.

This event is for everyone that has been involved with the New Church Ministry in our Region over the last 20 years. New Church pastors please bring a delegation from your church! In addition, we would like all pastors to encourage anyone that is in discernment about planting a new church in our region to attend this event, because Pastor Terrell McTyer, Minister of New Church Strategies with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will be giving a presentation about the Leadership Academy and the church plant training that it offers.

While we are celebrating the work we have accomplished, we will also look forward to the future; more specifically to the new initiative of making **one million, yes one million** new disciples by 2030. Let’s begin the conversation of what this will mean for our region, because planting churches is part of our DNA and because, we can no longer just plant churches one, by one, by one, we must begin to multiply new churches and new disciples ten, by ten, by ten. Looking forward to seeing you all in October,

Blessings and Peace,
Rev. Kevin Baker-Rooks
Chair of Church Growth Commission
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
in North Carolina

NEW CHURCH MINISTRY
making disciples

Pentecost in October

A CELEBRATION OF THE
N.C. NEW CHURCH INITIATIVE

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER
26TH 10AM-12P**

Covenant Christian Church,
Cary, NC

New church pastors please bring a delegation from your church!

Psalm 47:1 Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

TIME TO ORDER THE 2019 YEAR BOOK & DIRECTORY

The annual Year Book & Directory is all about connections between expressions of the Church. Congregations and clergy, general and regional ministries, and General Assembly reports and resolutions are contained in each issue. The Year Book serves as an invaluable resource for church staff and members, as well as the official record of a year in the life of our Church so if you haven't ordered yours, please do so soon! You can also purchase electronic access to the material. Order online or download a PDF to mail with a check. Use this link:

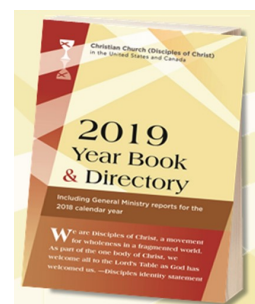
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For other questions, please e-mail yearbook@disciples.org

YEAR BOOK OPTION & PRICE

Paper cover – includes shipping	\$42.00
Download/Online	\$25.00
Paper cover & download/online – includes shipping	\$52.00



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 them 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

Your congregation's core support to the Disciples Mission Fund helps not only our region, but also the work of the Church across the world - from Global Ministries to Disciples Home Missions and Council on Christian Unity to Higher Education and Leadership Ministries. The health and social services work of National Benevolent Association are made possible as well as the preservation of our stories by Disciples of Christ Historical Society. The work of National Convocation, North American Pacific/Asian Disciples and Central Pastoral Office for Hispanic Ministries is undergirded by your core support. Even the upkeep of disciples.org and other communication is dependent on your core support day in and day out. Thank you for your gifts and your congregation's ongoing support of the whole Church.



Two Day Anti-Racism/Pro-Reconciliation Training for the Disciples of Christ Clergy

Race: From Brokenness & Fragmentation to Wholeness

This training includes core concepts from Undoing Racism, a national anti-racism model from the People's Institute for Survival & Beyond and the basis of Crossroads Antiracism and Organizing Training. The concepts are grounded in and explored through biblical exegesis, theology, and Christian history. Practical tools for pastors are discussed and practiced through activities, Bible study, and reflection. Emphasis is given towards the way churches can practically integrate Anti-Racism/Pro-Reconciliation concepts in missions and ministry. This training is interactive and includes presentation, discussion, and visuals for multiple learning styles.

The core anti-racism training model used by both the People's Institute and Crossroads Ministry are 2-3 days in length covering 16-20 hours of material and typically cost between \$250-\$400 per person. There are many organizations which claim to do anti-racism/pro-reconciliation training, and it can be difficult to determine what training actually is and what it involves. Disciples minister Rev. Jay Hartley put together a research paper specifically to address this problem as he looked at the needed core components of anti-racism training for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). To summarize his paper, anti-racism/pro-reconciliation training should include:

- building a common vocabulary
- analyzing the history of race and racism within the US and the Christian Church
- educating participants about microaggressions
- discussing current events that involve race and racism
- grounding in a Christian theology of love

(See Mini-Research Paper of the Disciples Anti-Racism Training by Rev. Jay Hartley at <https://www.kcdisciples.org/arpr.html> for the full paper)

The Training of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in North Carolina follows the best practices of national training models and covers every area addressed by Rev. Hartley's research paper for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). As anti-racism trainers across the nation will tell you, this training cannot be accomplished in a 4-6 hour training or even a 1-day training. Such trainings can serve as an introductory course or may address a portion of the needed concepts, but the full training requires 16-20 hours of training time.

Our region has been able to put together trainers and a training model that accomplishes these goals at less than half of the typical per person cost. This is in large part because our trainers have agreed to a reduced rate, and we ask hosts sites to defray facility costs.

Day One: Towards a Root Cause Analysis of Brokenness Fragmentation

Training Workshop Covenant

We talk together as a group about the importance of attending an anti-racism/pro-reconciliation workshop, and we create a group covenant to guide our learning process, group dynamics, and interpersonal relationships.

Race is Nothing. Race is Everything.

We begin with an overview of race through the lens of science, genetics, experience, and outcomes. Race is not a biological reality. Rather, race is a social construct which is the most salient predictor of social, political, and economic outcomes.

Race by the Numbers

We examine social, political, and economic outcomes by race through a multi-systems approach, including data from healthcare, employment, law enforcement, education, media/entertainment, non-profits, business, and government.

Fish, Lake & Groundwater Approach

Examinations of race and racism often stay at the level of the individual. However, we cannot address the systemic social, political, and economic outcomes of race by fixing individuals. Rather, we must look at systems and cultivate a root cause analysis.

Cycle of Change

Too often society becomes aware of a problem and moves straight to fixing the problem. However, there is a process to creating change. We develop a model for creating change based on the lessons of community organizing work.

The Biblical Narrative: From Wholeness to Fragmentation to Wholeness

The Bible as a whole provides a narrative arc that grounds Christians in a theological understanding of human identity; cultural, economic and political oppression; and movement towards equity through change. We examine the implications of this narrative arc for anti-racism/pro-reconciliation analysis and racial equity work. We explore a few key passages that set up the narrative arc, including Genesis 1-2, Genesis 18-19, Exodus 1, Leviticus 19, and Revelation 7.

Becoming Conscious: Socialization & The Struggle to Love Our Neighbor

We explore the ways we think about race as individuals by examining:

- implicit (unconscious) and explicit (conscious) bias
- the origins of bias within us through the process of socialization
- the way bias works within our conscious and unconscious minds
- the implications of bias for understanding the way we think about race/racism
- we explore Romans 7:15-25 as an example of Paul struggling with implicit (unconscious) bias and in his efforts to follow Christ and love his neighbor.

The Intersection of Race and Economics

We continue to explore the way we think about race by interactively exploring responses to wealth and poverty. We discover the biases that emerge as we examine these responses using the Fish, Lake and Groundwater Approach. We identify the need for a root cause analysis. We explore a Biblical view of Poverty by re-examining the often misused words of Jesus from Matthew 26 - "The poor you will always have with you."

Social & Institutional Power: A Root Cause Analysis

We analyze the dynamics of systems and institutions in marginalized communities, including who has the social and institutional power to effect change and who does not. We acknowledge the benefits of our systems and institutions and explore their negative impacts as we learn to become critical lovers of our systems and institutions. We briefly explore the implications of this root cause analysis as an exegetical tool.

Gatekeeping

We examine our role in systems and institutions through the lens of gatekeeping with special attention to the relationship of power and accountability to our root cause analysis. We explore an example of gatekeeping in the early church through Acts 6.

Defining Racism

Having established power as a root cause, we begin to build a common understanding of racism through an interactive activity that constructs a definition of racism using concepts developed throughout the day. This activity brings the day-long work together as a re-training of our minds to think differently about racism, that is, to think less individually and more systemically about racism.

Day 2: From Fragmentation & Brokenness Towards Wholeness

What Is Race?

Having established a definition of racism, we begin to develop a definition of race by tracing the construction of racial hierarchy throughout US history. We look at historical events from 1492 through today through the lens of affirmative action, that is, who is advantaged and who is oppressed. We discuss the implications of this history as a legacy, which has been passed down through generations to us today. Specifically, we work to understand the impact of 527 years of systemic racial advantage for white persons. If we are to change our systems that produce race-based outcomes, we must uncover the history of how race has been used (consciously and unconsciously) to create advantage and disadvantage and the impact of those advantages and disadvantages.

Race & Religion: The Church Complicit

We examine the way that Christians have been complicit in the Legacy of Racism in the US. We discover how Christianity was not simply a reflection of society (as is often proposed). Rather, the church was often leading the way in terms of constructing racial difference and division.

Race, Culture & Identity

We explore the implications of race and racism for our identity and culture. Most often, people identify as belonging to one or more racial categories based on their personal identity. We explore the differences between our personal identity and the way systems and institutions identify us. We further examine the cultural implications of the way systems and institutions identify us and treat us. We discover vast difference between white culture and the cultures of people of color because of the impact of systems and institutions on our everyday lives.

Internalized Racial Oppression

Having understood the implications of race upon our culture, we begin to examine the internal (psychological, emotional, and spiritual) impact of race and racism upon people. We discover that while all people experience internalized oppression because of our racialized society, the characteristics of the oppressive forces is different. Therefore, we explore the characteristics of internalized racial superiority for white people and the characteristics of internalized racial inferiority for people of color. We discuss how examining these forces in one's own life can help one become a more effective, more equitable, more accountable gatekeeper, who works to create change within the systems and institutions within which one works. The Christian process for such change - both at the individual and the systemic level - is confession and repentance.

Reflection & Closing

We conclude by returning to the cycle of change and reflecting upon our place along the cycle. We also review Revelation 7 and the teachings of Jesus as a source of hope and encouragement along the journey towards equity.

CURRENT CONGREGATIONAL LEADERS INFORMATION FORM(Please **print** and write **legibly**)

The Christian Church in North Carolina needs each church to fill this out ANNUALLY. Please be sure to include term dates (month and year) and include all email addresses especially since email is our primary source of correspondence. These leaders of the church will be added to our regional monthly newsletter.

Church Name _____
 Church Mailing Address _____
 Church Location Address (if different from mailing address) _____
 City/State/Zip _____
 Church Email Address _____
 Pastor _____

CHURCH BOARD CHAIRPERSON

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Please mail this completed form to: CCNC, PO Box 1568, Wilson, NC 27894
 or scan and email to lisa@ncdisciples.org

Pastoral Changes and Celebrations

Installation of Rev. Catherine Campbell, Senior Pastor, FCC, Fayetteville-11/3

Installation of Rev. Andrew Shue, Senior Pastor, FCC, Greenville-11/10

Service of Standing for Rev. George Fuller, Senior Pastor, Wendell CC-11/17

Called as Interim Minister of Grifton CC, Rev. Jamie Haddock

Called as Interim Student Minister-Jessica Braxton, Mill Creek CC

Called as Associate Minister, Rev. Courtney, FCC, Wilmington

Called as Pastor, Rev. Charlie Green, FCC, Belhaven



Congratulations!

Rev. Peter Harper was ordained to Christian Ministry on September 28th, at Crawfordsville CC, Crawfordsville, IN.

Peter is a graduate of CTS, and while attending seminary, he served as Associate Pastor of Crawfordsville. Once again, God sends forth ministers read to serve!



A Growing Partnership with Barton College



We are pleased to introduce Avery Smith, a senior Mass Communications major at Barton College. Avery is serving as Regional Office Intern for the semester. If you should call the office any Tuesday (9-11 am), and are greeted by the kind voice of a young man, Avery will be the one on the other end of the line. Becoming familiar with the CCNC tradition and working closely with the staff will enable Avery to assist in refreshing and broadening our on-line presence.

Welcome, Avery!



Both programs are made possible by the generous support of the Lilly Endowment, Inc. For more info, please contact [Demi McCoy](mailto:DemiMcCoy@mccoyds@wfu.edu) at mccoyds@wfu.edu

Certificate of Civic Religious Leadership

This all expenses paid program will place promising early-career clergy (5-10 years in ministry) serving congregations in cities and towns throughout North Carolina and adjacent regions of Virginia in sustained conversation with the most notable and effective civic and business leaders in the region around key issues facing this area.

Program At-A-Glance:

Early Career Clergy

2-Year Program

5 Cohort Retreats in 2020 and 2021

All Expenses for Food, Lodging, and Travel are Provided

Participants Awarded Certificate of Civic Religious Leadership Upon Completion

Certificate of Advanced Ministry Leadership

This low to no-cost program invites clergy to discern and align their gifts, talents, energies, and professional identity in their current work in ministry and with their broader vocational trajectory by sharing wisdom among specific clergy cohorts and sharpening leadership skills through multiple forms of mentoring. The design of this program is to provide community, enhance ministry leadership skills, offer space for renewal and strengthen authentic identity. .

Program At-A-Glance:

Church Planters and Intentional Interim Ministers

2-Year Program

3 Cohort Retreats in Winston-Salem and 8 Online Quarterly Meetings in 2020 and 2021

Food and Lodging Provided; \$300 Travel Stipend for Each In-Person Meeting

Participants Awarded Certificate of Advanced Ministry Leadership Upon Completion

Commission on Ministry Seeks Covenant Partnership Mentors

Ministry can be a very lonely and isolating calling.

Many times persons entering ministry underestimate the weight of this isolation.

In an effort to provide more support and collegiality, the North Carolina Commission on Ministry has created the Covenant Partnership program to provide mentors to persons engaged in the field of congregational ministry.

If you are a “seasoned” minister with Disciples standing who feels the call to serve as a mentor,

please review the expectations on our website: <https://ncdisciples.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Covenant-Partnership-Information.pdf>.

After reading the description, if you still feel called, please contact David Mallory, Vice-Chair of the Commission on Ministry, by phoning 919-345-4305 or emailing davidtmallory@gmail.com

Regional Calendar

October 1	7:00pm - "Light of Life" Series, Barton College (Chapel) Speaker: <i>Bonnie Miller McLemore</i>
October 4-6	Chi Rho Retreat - Camp Caroline
October 12	8:00am - Camp Caroline Workday
October 14	Columbus Day - Office Closed
October 15	6:30pm - Albemarle District Mtg. FCC, Robersonville
October 19	10:00am - Regional Board Mtg. FCC, Wilson
October 24	6:15pm - Hookerton District Mtg. Gordon Street CC, Kinston
October 26	10:00am-12:00pm - Celebration of Church Planters Covenant CC, Cary
November 3	11:00am - Installation for Rev. Catherine Campbell, FCC Fayetteville
November 5	9:00am - Commission on Ministry Mtg. FCC, Wilson
November 5	7:00pm - Allan Sharp "Religion in Life" Series, Barton College (Chapel) Speaker: <i>Dr. Emerson B. Powery</i>
November 10	11:00am - Installation for Rev. Andrew Shue, FCC, Greenville
November 17	11:00am - Service of Standing for Rev. Dr. George Fuller, Wendell CC
November 11	Veteran's Day - Office Closed
November 28-29	Thanksgiving Holidays - Office Closed



Congratulations! Rev. Courtney Hickman began her role as Full-Time Associate Minister of September 16th. Before this role, Courtney served FCC, Wilmington for three years as Director of Youth. Courtney wants to help our youth and children grow in their faith and help them discover the unique gifts God has given them so they might follow Jesus throughout their lives.



Women's Endowment Fund



The Disciples Women's Endowment Fund (DWEF) was established in 1990 as the Women's Endowment Fund (WEF) to provide the opportunity to contribute to a permanent fund that benefits the work, both now and in the future, of women in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Through this fund, the visions and dreams of women grant recipients are made real as they share the good news and minister in the name of Jesus Christ throughout their congregations and communities.

The fall deadline for applications are October 15th. Grant requests cannot exceed \$5,000.00. Funding categories include Leadership Development, Scholarship Support, Outreach Ministries, Faith Development and Women's Programming.



For more information contact: Regenia Smith, Ministry Associate for Disciples Women
atrsmith@dhm.disciples.org

DHM Educational Grants for Disciples Clergy

Disciples Home Missions (DHM) seeks to support ordained and commissioned clergy in their commitment to a process of life-long learning. Grants will be considered for events happening **ONLY** in the 2020 calendar year. It is applicant's responsibility to ensure application and regional endorsement forms are received before deadline.

Applications for 2020 grants will be accepted
September 1 through October 31, 2019

Go to the DHM link for information on criteria, eligibility and guidelines :

<https://www.discipleshomemissions.org/clergy/scholarships/christian-vocation-continuing-education/>



National Convocation Administrative Secretary Announces 2020 Retirement Date



For almost 16 years, Rev. Dr. Timothy James has been an associate general minister and the administrative secretary for the National Convocation. By his retirement date of Dec. 31, 2020, he will have had more than 17 years in the position.

“I have had such a wonderful time serving over these years. I am deeply honored to have served with the first woman General Minister and President, Rev. Dr. Sharon Watkins and the first African American General Minister and President, Rev. Terri Hord Owens. A lot of changes have occurred and I am confident, more are still to come.”

James has been associate general minister in partnership with three general minister and presidents, beginning with Rev. Dr. Chris Hobgood in 2003, followed by Rev. Dr. Sharon Watkins and Rev. Teresa (Terri) Hord Owens.

During his tenure as administrative secretary, he has overseen eight biennial sessions of the National Convocation and is deep into planning his ninth, “It’s Real: 2020 Experience,” in conjunction with the North American Pacific/Asian Disciples and the Central Pastoral Office for Hispanic Ministries. This joint meeting of the three communities is a first for Disciples.

“I have so appreciated working with Dr. James these past two years,” said General Minister and President Hord Owens. “He was so welcoming when I arrived on the scene two years ago. His collegial attitude and easy-going ways will be missed in the Office of General Minister and President. This next year of transition is an exciting time in the 100+ year history of the African American community of Disciples.”

“Dr. James is a good friend and colleague,” said Rev. Dr. Donald K. Gillett II, current president of the National Convocation’s board. “We are going to miss his deep spiritual gifts as well as his ready laugh.”

The board of the National Convocation will be opening a search process this fall with the hope of having a successor to introduce at the July 2020 Biennial Session in Fort Worth. Application processes will be outlined and posted on both the disciples.org and nationalconvocation.org websites. When the application window opens, notification will be provided via Selah, Disciples News Service, and Disciples Together e-letters as well as National Convocation and Disciples of Christ Facebook pages.

World Communion Sunday Resources



World Communion Sunday offers congregations a distinctive opportunity to experience Holy Communion in the context of the global community of faith. The first Sunday of October has become a time when Christians in every culture break bread and pour the cup to remember and affirm Christ as the Head of the Church. On that day, they remember that they are part of the whole body of believers. Whether shared in a grand cathedral, a mud hut, outside on a hilltop, in a meetinghouse, or in a storefront, Christians celebrate the communion liturgy in as many ways as there are congregations. World Communion Sunday can be both a profound worship experience and a time for learning more about our wider community of faith.

Shared by **Global Ministries**. Please use the link below for resources.

https://www.globalministries.org/special_days_wcs_world_communion_sunday_ideas



HOMECOMING

First Christian Church

1101 West Haven Blvd. Rocky Mount

All Family and Friends are Invited

Sunday, October 6, 2019

Worship Service 11:00am
followed by Covered Dish Luncheon

"Share Your Story"



Faith Forward