

November-December 2019



As I visit with congregations, I am always looking for the warmth and spirit that feels like home. My philosophy is that time away from home does not have to mean being denied the presence of family.

Some time ago, I visited Rocky Fork CC in Sanford. I arrived exhausted, suffering from a sinus headache. I prayed, "God help me to get through this worship experience as pleasant as possible." God heard my suffering petition and provided me with an atmosphere of grace.

Once seated in the pulpit, I noticed the congregation was full of spirit, and they were happy! I mean genuinely happy to be in worship. None of that, let's get this over with attitude, but joy! I am not speaking of special occasion joy but a constant joy, ebbing from the peace of Christ that is quite infectious. Joy so warm and healing until the sinus headache ceased.

I have come to see this special moment at Rocky Fork summed up in 2 Peter 3:8-9 (NIV). *8Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and*

are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, 9for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls. The joy of believing in Jesus Christ engenders grace for each experience and the love of family-like being at home.

Fond memories accompany my thoughts of the Rocky Fork church family for sharing their joy with me on a day when my human frailty was most apparent. After worship, there was a covered dish lunch. Upon entering the dining room, everyone was waiting patiently. When asked what they were waiting on, the response was, "we were waiting on Valerie, we could not eat until all the family was here!"

I wish for you this Advent season, family, in every sense of the word. Wherever you may be, use your God-energy to create a family moment of hope, peace, joy, and love. After all, God offers us his only son, Jesus, like family.

+Valerie J. Melvin,
Regional Minister





“Bringing our Finest Gifts”

The world outside has grown cold with the changing season, and it's easy to keep looking ahead to the next week on the calendar, the next few months, and the year to come. However, we're asked to pause in this time of Advent and consider the ways we are all “Bringing our Finest Gifts” to the North Carolina Region. The Gifts, the stewardship, support so many pieces of our ministry together, it can be hard to see where yours have fit in. Your Regional staff see it, in every moment of fellowship and connecting, in every camp, in the board meetings, assemblies, education events, and shared worship. Your finest gifts are there.

Your finest gifts allow the Regional staff to share in the ministry that creates events like the Lecture series, Women's and Men's Retreats, youth summer camps, and winter retreats, Regional Assemblies, commissioning, ordination, Search and Call, ecumenical engagement, and clergy education classes. We are on the front line to gather replies and make arrangements for the Regional Board to do its heavy work, and to take joy seeing all the places and congregations you represent when we're celebrating in fellowship together. Our Regional staff gifts organize and bring ministries to your doorstep, but your gifts- your stewardship of the region- give the programs and resources their chance to thrive.

The next newsletter from the North Carolina Region, the next registration form, Facebook post, and tired, happy face walking in the door from camp will be chock-full of the evidence of your stewardship and the gifts we all share. Thank you for supporting your North Carolina Region and all the ways this region shows up to be in ministry together by bringing our finest gifts this Advent season.



Our Finest Gifts!

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING SEPT 30, 2019

	Sept	YTD
General & Program:		
Income	\$ 21,678	\$ 174,120
Expenses	20,592	181,565
Net General & Program	\$ 1,086	\$ (7,445)
 Camp Caroline:		
Income	\$ 5,123	\$ 210,506
Expenses	28,395	264,305
Net Camp Caroline	\$ (23,272)	\$ (53,799)
 General & Program plus Camp	 \$ (22,186)	 \$ (61,244)
 Estimated Year End Transfers*		 \$ 26,896
 Operating Fund after Transfers		 \$ (34,348)

The Operating Fund deficit as of 9/30/2019 is \$61,244. We anticipate approximately \$26,896 of year end transfers from other funds which will partially cover this deficit. This includes transfers from

(1) the various Scholarship Funds for camper fees, (2) the Carawan Horne Fund for new camp programming for youth and/or senior adults, and (3) the Development Fund for camp capital expenditures (over \$500).

As we see here, Camp Caroline typically has a low income month in September, and September was also the month that Hurricane Dorian impacted the camp. (We are grateful to the many volunteers who helped get the camp back in operating condition so quickly!) Fortunately, as hoped, the General & Program operating income was up in September over the previous two months.

Please give prayerful consideration to making a donation to the Region's annual appeal currently in process. We are the church, together!

Submitted by Kathy Smith,
Treasurer for the Christian Church in NC

Reminders for All Commissioned and Ordained Ministers Regarding Housing Allowance and Other Clergy Financial Info

By Rev. Dr. Laura Johnson, Commission on Ministry Chair

Sometimes when we commission and ordain ministers, we forget to tell them about the new IRS waters they're entering. All commissioned (aka licensed) and ordained ministers with Disciples standing who are employees of a congregation (and some other employers) have the privileges and responsibilities of clergy with regard to the IRS. Sometimes churches, ministers, and even some accountants misunderstand this and think clergy tax categorization is optional. The church cannot pay the employer's portion of a minister's social security—and that's true both for commissioned and for ordained clergy.

Each year the Disciples Pension Fund publishes a useful resource regarding clergy taxes just to help you, and you can download this for free. Here's a link to the page where you can find the tax guide: <https://pensionfund.org/resources/guides-and-factsheets> . You might want to give it to your accountant.

This is important information to embrace now because the declaration of the specific dollar amount of clergy housing allowance (for which you pay social security tax—both yours and the employer's portion—but not income tax) must be done in the previous year in an official business meeting of the congregation. Therefore, for 2020 clergy housing allowance to be allowable, the figure needs to be approved at a church business meeting before December 31, 2019. (You cannot change the amount in 2020.) You can learn a lot more about these financial facts. Clergy and congregants can benefit in many other ways from reading the Church Treasurer's Handbook distributed for free by the Christian Church Foundation: <https://static1.squarespace.com/static/58fod94ccdof68deb245c6bc/t/59122b4c725e25a34efd7053/1494362962916/ccf-resource-treasurers-handbook.pdf>. Please do read it—someone needs to be the resident expert on these matters because they are important, and financial accuracy and transparency helps grow the church.

As a reminder, it's also useful for all clergy to update their contract with the church using the Pension Fund's annual call renewal form. The clergy person keeps the original, the church keeps a copy, and copies are also mailed to the regional minister and to the Disciples Home Missions Office of Search and Call. This keeps everyone on the same page. You can download the form here: http://disciples.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/Letter_of_Call_annual-english.pdf

Finally, please church leaders and clergy—permit and encourage all Disciples church employees to participate in the Disciples Pension Fund (which is not only for pastors but for all Disciples employees who earn at least \$150/month). Disciples Pension Fund offers a true pension plan, such as existed for the blue chip company employees back in the good old days, along with other IRAs, TDRAs, and savings plans. The Pension Fund is one of the ways that Disciples churches can serve their pastors and eligible employees (and NOW THEIR SPOUSES, TOO) who tirelessly give so much to help the church in fulfilling Jesus' mission every day.

With special appreciation for our clergy, Regional Minister, and Regional staff! Blessed Advent!



Pastor Receives Governor's Award



Gov. Roy Cooper has presented the North Carolina Award, the state's highest honor, to six people for their accomplishments in fine arts, literature, science and public service. The list of honorees included The Rev. Dr. William Barber, II, civil rights activist, museum director Larry Wheeler, Senior U.S. District Judge Earl Britt, author Philip Gerard, radio station founder Deborah Proctor, and HIV researcher Dr. Catherine Wilfert. The General Assembly created the award in 1961.

When asked about the honor, Barber replied, "It was humbling to be recognized by my home state this weekend with the North Carolina Award. I received this award on behalf of the Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival, because we must remember our Constitutional duty to provide "beneficent provision for the poor."

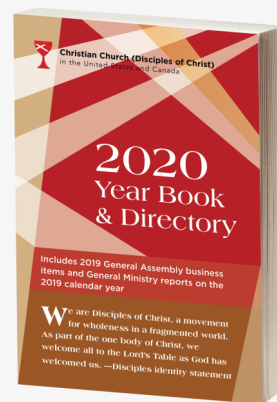
Congratulations,
Dr. Barber!

The year book and directory is more than just numbers. It is, above all, a touchstone for our covenantal relationships across the expressions of the Church. General ministry reports, general assembly resolutions, regional and congregational information and more appear in these pages connecting us. The year book is also a document of record. Not only does it show trends in membership and giving, but it also serves as the documentation for congregations' 501c3 nonprofit status with the Internal Revenue Service in the United States.

Between **Jan. 4 and 14**, your church office should receive a postcard with your congregation's PIN number.

The disciples.org/yearbook web page will have a link to the online reporting form, downloadable instructions and other resources to help you through the reporting process.

This year there will be additional questions that may look unfamiliar. The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is partnering with Faith Communities Today in their 2020 Census of religious communities. Please note: the data from these questions will be shared in aggregate form only to protect confidentiality.



NC LEAD YOUTH JOB OPPORTUNITY

For Full Details: <https://acespace.org/careers/>



The Lead Youth Organizer in North Carolina will work to educate and empower young people in North Carolina to take action on climate change through civic engagement and advocacy campaigns. The scope of responsibilities range from managing 2-3 staff, youth organizing and training, delivering education programs at schools, implementing climate-focused voter registration, and other strategic campaigns and initiatives, partnership development, and communications. This is a full-time, temporary position through December 2020 with the possibility of becoming permanent. This is a remote position based in North Carolina.

APPLICATION GUIDELINES Please apply by emailing your resume and cover letter, to careers@climateeducation.org, with the “Lead Youth Organizer, North Carolina” in the subject line. All your information will be kept confidential according to EEOC guidelines.

UNITING COMMUNITIES FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION EXCELLENCE

Saturday, February 15, 2020, 3-5:30 p.m.

Burlington Masjid

1908 South Mebane Street, Burlington

<https://ncchurches.ourpowerbase.net/civicrm/event/register?id=56&reset=1>

Saturday, February 29, 2020, 9-11:30 a.m.

Milford Hills United Methodist Church

1630 Statesville Boulevard, Salisbury

<https://ncchurches.ourpowerbase.net/civicrm/event/register?id=57&reset=1>

Saturday, March 7, 2020, 9-11:30 a.m.

West Nash United Methodist Church

2200 Nash Street NW, Wilson

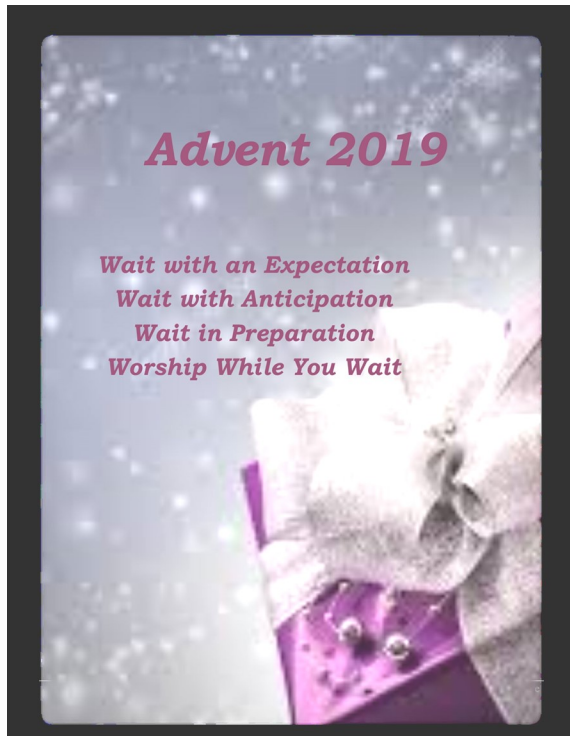
<https://ncchurches.ourpowerbase.net/civicrm/event/register?id=60&reset=1>

The NCCC invites you to a program for dialogue and coalition building with Dr. David Campt, Principal consultant at the Dialogue Company. These 2.5 hour training sessions will be based on a combination of education and interpersonal dialogue around classism and racism, scarcity of resources, and the struggle for racial equity in the face of the school privatization movement.

Please sign up by clicking on the name of the city you are interested in attending. For questions, contact Allison Mahaley, Chair NC Council of Churches Public Education Committee, at allison.mahaley@gmail.com or (336) 212-0138. To Register use the link below the city.



North Carolina Council of Churches
Strength in Unity, Peace through Justice



SC Regional Minister Search Reopens

The South Carolina Regional Minister Search Committee is re-opening its application period with a new deadline of December 31, 2019. The committee is encouraging qualified persons to read the search committee documents and send letters of interest to the Search Committee, c/o Rev. John P. Mobley, Regional Minister Search Partner, via email to <jpmobley2@aol.com> or to 861 Highway 52, Helena, AL 35080. The search committee documents include a Regional Profile, an Identity and Vision Statement, and a Regional Minister Position Description. They may be found in the attachment, which is an updated version of what may be found on the SC Region's website below.

<http://scdisciples.org/home/>

Join the Regional Minister, along with different voices of the region, for an **Advent Experience** beginning December 1st and ending December 23rd. This devotion is designed to offer a moment of spiritual reflection, keeping God's word and prayer before us during what can be a stressful season.

Each morning the devotion will take place at 7:00am on our Regional Free Conference Call line.

Conference Call Number:

712.451.0911

Access Code:

769702#

Once you are connected to the call, press #6 to mute your phone.

**DHM CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
FREE ADVENT DEVOTIONAL**

To secure your free copy download link:

https://www.discipleshomemissions.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/2019-Advent-Devotional-final.pdf?utm_source=DHM+Updates+-+November+2%2C+2019&utm_campaign=November+2%2C+2019&utm_medium=email

Or

Email: valerie@ncdisciples.org for a copy.

Youth Updates Are Back!

1) 2020 Youth Retreats are here! If you are in middle or high school, then make plans to join us at Camp Caroline this coming new year!

⇒ CYF Midwinter (9th-12th graders) is February 7-9, and Chi Rho Spring Retreat (6th-8th graders) is March 6-8. If you register before January 1, the cost is only \$75. Registration after January 1 goes up to \$95. Get in early for the early bird discount! Register online: <https://ncdisciples.org/youth-retreats/>. Both events are at Camp Caroline and start at 8pm and end at 10am. As always, we can help with transportation and registration fees if needed.

2) To apply for the 2020 – 2021 RCYW, please complete the RCYW Application on our website (<https://ncdisciples.org/youth/>) and email it to Luke Miles (luke@ncdisciples.org). The application and references are due by January 31, 2020. All applicants must be a current 9th, 10th, or 11th grader.

⇒ The Regional Cabinet for Youth Work (RCYW) is a group of young people from across the state who are active in their local Disciples of Christ churches and/or the regional camping programs. Young people who are selected for RCYW show a strong interest in church leadership, improving their own leadership capabilities, and a passion for the church. These young leaders not only attend regional camps and retreats, but they also help to plan and lead those events as well. Our goal as a group is to grow the leadership qualities in each member, learn to work together with others as a team and deepen our faith as a community and as individuals. Throughout the year, we meet at least 5 different times to do the work of the church. We are a representative body of the youth across the state and serve in that capacity on various regional committees and board meetings.

3) Save the date! Summer camps are here! Registration will go live on January 1, 2020, with the early bird discount back! See the Summer Camp Schedule on p10.

For a variety of reasons outlined in the September/October Regional Newsletter, we have moved all summer camps to Camp Caroline for the 2020 camp season. However, please know that we are working on creating a carpool system for those who live west of Raleigh. Our goal is to cut down your drive time considerably by setting up transportation hubs in key locations around the state. We are doing our best to keep all drive times to 3-4 hours or less for everyone who wants to go to camp. We ask for your patience and ideas surrounding this new initiative. More details coming soon! Camp is a place for everyone, and we want all of you to be there with us!

Happy Thanksgiving and God Bless!

Luke Miles, Regional Youth Director



Apply to be a Peace Intern



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

This is a 12-week, paid internship that will allow you to travel across the country as an advocate for peace and justice, primarily at Disciples of Christ Church Camps.

Before filling out the 2020 DPF Peace Intern Application Form please read "What Does It Take to be a Peace Intern" to learn more about the Peace Internship and the Selection Process.

*In order to be considered for a position, your intern application needs to be complete by the due date of **January 26, 2020**. This includes submittal of the Intern Application Form and Three Online Reference Forms completed by people who know you well (one of which should be a minister and none of whom should be related to you).*

Please Note: *Please use this website to fill out the form to start your application process.*

www.disciplespeace.org

If you have questions email

Brian Frederick-Gray at dpfintern@gmail.com.

News from Disciples Women



Minister Deborah Clark, Vice President Piedmont District DMW, was recently elected Virginia District IV DWM Director. Congratulations Deborah for the great work you are doing with Disciples Women's Ministries!



Congratulations Newly Weds!

Pastor Diane & Michael Beadie

Diane is the pastor of St. Paul's CC, Raleigh



On Friday, November 1, 2019 the Lenoir County Chapter of Church Women United met for our World Community Day. We enjoyed songs, scripture, and a program on, "The Time Is Now!, 'Resolve to Love.'"

The time is now to choose to love one another. We did a craft of weaving to think about how the Lord directs our pathway as we are His Chosen and it is our responsibility as believers to let our light shine in our daily lives as we interact with others. As we weave our lives we need to share His love and His Word with others because eternity is at stake. It is the will of the Father that we go out and make disciples. You are encouraged to join your CWU local chapter.

North Carolina Disciples Women's Ministries

Physical: 207 Tarboro Street NE, Wilson, NC 27893

Mail: P. O. BOX 1568, Wilson, NC 27894 / Phone 252.291.4047

Website: www.ncdisciples.org / Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/NCDWM>

Mary Evans, President / Blanca Faasii, Vice President-Elect



November 16, 2019

Dear NC Disciples Women:

We are delighted to share with you the 2020 Woman-to-Woman Scholarship Application, along with a form to use for colleague and minister recommendations. If you have an interest in being the North Carolina Woman-to-Woman representative to **SOUTHERN ASIA, October 24 - November 7, 2020**, please fill out the appropriate forms and return them to the Regional Office no later than **December 31**, so that we might select the NC delegate and forward our recommendation to Indianapolis by **February 15th**. A member of the regional Woman-to-Woman committee or a previous Woman-to-Woman delegate is available to talk with each applicant personally to insure understanding of the Covenant Agreement in regard to international travels.

To complete the application process, read the guidelines for travel very carefully then secure a Recommendation from your current minister and a colleague. Advise them to return the form promptly. **December 31** is the deadline. The number of women allowed on the trip abroad is usually limited, so the sooner we receive your application and recommendations, the sooner we can choose a representative and pass that name on to the Office of Disciples Women in Indianapolis. **Please do not send an application to the ODW without going through the NC process first, they will send it back to us!**

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

After the trip, you will be asked to fulfill your part of the Woman-to-Woman covenant agreement, which is to prepare and present a program to churches in the Region of North Carolina. These presentations will begin **April of 2020** and end **April 2021**. This is traditionally when the DWM/CWF study material will include the country you visited as its mission emphasis. We will publish your logistical information throughout the region and the DWM/CWF's will contact you to arrange a time for a presentation. We highly encourage the churches to provide you with a place to stay if an overnight stay is necessary and pay your mileage at the CPI approved rate. When honorariums are given, they are remitted to the Regional office to replenish the Woman-to-Woman travel fund which will offer another woman an opportunity such as yours.

According to our former Woman-to-Woman representatives, experiencing Christianity in

another culture is life-changing. Please give this your prayerful consideration.

Application Timeline from the Office of Disciples Women:

February 15 – Application is due.

March 1 – Notice of Acceptance to participants and regional staff.

May 1 – Deposit of \$600 AND two copies of pages 1 & 2 of Passport due.

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

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

July 15 – ½ of remaining balance of the registration fee is due.

August 15 – The balance due must be paid by August 15

Advent Blessings,

The NC Disciples Women's Cabinet

Mary Evans, President

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in NC

Western District Women Celebrate DWM/CWF 145th Birthday!

During the Iowa General Assembly, Disciples Women gathered to celebrate the 145th birthday of Disciples Women. In that same spirit, Sandra Jakeway, FCC, Black Mountain, led the Western District women in a well planned version of the 145th birthday party.

FCC, Black Mountain served as the host site for the 21 party guests, who enjoyed a historical skit focusing on the achievements of Disciples Women for more than a century. This party provided take-aways, and DWM updates for women back in the local congregations to be informed.

Disciples Women of NC have many heroes that inspire their lives on a daily basis. Sharing some of those stories made the party even more meaningful! Rev. Joanne VerBurg, led communion with elders of various churches assisting.



***Congratulations
Western District
Women for
hosting a great bash!***



**2020 WOMAN-TO-WOMAN WORLDWIDE
NC DWM/CWF SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
SOUTHERN ASIA**

OCTOBER 24 – NOVEMBER 7, 2020 / APPROXIMATE COST: \$5,000.00



PLEASE USE EXTRA PAPER TO ANSWER QUESTIONS.

Name _____ Age _____
Address _____
City/State/Zip _____ Email _____
Phone () _____ Congregation _____

1. Describe your DWM/CWF and general church activities at the local, district, regional and general levels.
2. Describe your involvement in community outreach and civic functions.
3. What are your previous travel experiences? In what capacity did you travel, e.g. tourist, mission group, business, etc.
4. What skills and gifts can you employ as a member of the Woman-to-Woman group during your travels abroad?
5. Do you feel comfortable speaking to groups of people? Do you speak multiple languages? What languages? If you are multi-lingual, are you skilled at language interpretation?
6. What are your speaking experiences and presentation skills?

RELEASE FORM

*I understand that if I am chosen to represent North Carolina on the Woman-to-Woman Worldwide trip, I should make myself available for the following year (April 2021 to April 2022) to share my experience through visits and presentations to DWM/CWF's and congregations in the region. I understand that during my W-2W travel and my NC visitations, I am responsible for my own insurance coverage, and I release the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in North Carolina of any and all liabilities. I further state that I have read the **Participant Guidelines**, understand them, and agree to abide by them. I am aware that all reasonable basic precautions are taken by Woman-to-Woman Worldwide staff. Additionally, I agree to read all preparatory materials.*

Signed _____ Date _____

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

Return by December 31, 2019 to:
Christian Church in N.C., PO Box 1568, Wilson, NC 27894
Attn: Mary Evans, NC DWM President



**2020 WOMAN-TO-WOMAN WORLDWIDE SCHOLARSHIP
SOUTHERN ASIA**

TRAVEL DATES: OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 7, 2020

North Carolina Regional DWM/CWF

RECOMMENDATION (USE THIS FORM FOR BOTH A COLLEAGUE OR CURRENT MINISTER)

PLEASE USE EXTRA PAPER TO ANSWER QUESTIONS.

Name of Applicant _____

The above-named woman has applied to represent the North Carolina Disciples Women's Ministries / Christian Women's Fellowship on a mission trip to Southern Asia. Please assist us by answering the following questions to the best of your ability.

1. How do you know the applicant? For how long have you know her? If you serve as her pastor, describe her congregational involvement?
2. Describe her global vision in a manner that supports her readiness for engaging this mission trip.
3. How well does she relate to people of different cultural and economic backgrounds?
4. Will this woman's health and fortitude lend to her being a good representative of Christian women in North Carolina and the United States?
5. Woman-to-Woman participants must share their experience with others in the year following the trip. Will this applicant's communication and presentation skills give a meaningful snapshot of her experience among our sisters and brothers abroad?

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

Signed: _____ Date _____

Please print your name and address:

Return this form by **December 31, 2019 to:
Woman-to-Woman, Christian Church in N.C., PO Box 1568, Wilson, NC 27894
Attn: Mary Evans, NC DWM President**

Save the Date for SERF 2020 Women's Event



March 13-15, 2020
Christmount Christian Assembly, Black Mountain NC

Join your Disciples sisters for "A Mountaintop Experience" featuring

- The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Hale – Founder and Senior Pastor of the Ray of Hope Christian Church, Decatur GA
- The Rev. Terri Hord Owens, General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the US and Canada
- Dynamic Worship and Workshops, Fellowship, and Fun

Registration and more information coming soon!
www.facebook.com/DW.SERF2020

("SERF" is the Southeastern Regional Fellowship of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) which includes Alabama/NW Florida, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia.)

SERF 2020 Women's Event Registration
Christmount Christian Assembly March 13-15, 2020

Name _____ Phone (H) _____ (C) _____

Address _____ City/State Zip _____

Email _____ Church _____

REGISTRATION

_____ **Registration Fee:** \$75 (\$100 after February 18, 2020)
_____ **Scholarship Fund Donation** _____ **Registration Total** _____

LODGING

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

Guest House (31 rooms) (price per person for 2 nights; linens provided)

_____ **Single: \$190** _____ **Check if difficulty walking**

_____ **Double: \$95**

_____ **Triple: \$64**

_____ **Quad: \$48**

_____ **Watson Cottages (2)** (linens provided; 1 queen, 1 bunk, 1 sleeper sofa – sleeps 6)

_____ **\$350** Cottage price per person determined by the number of roommates

_____ **Group Lodge (4 Rooms)** (bunk beds, minimum 4 per room, maximum 8): **\$50/person**

_____ **Add Linens: \$7.00/set** for Group Lodge (reserve in advance)

_____ **Lodging Total** _____

Roommate(s): _____

MEALS

Friday: _____ Supper: \$15

Saturday: _____ Breakfast: \$10

_____ Lunch: \$12

_____ Supper: \$15

Sunday: _____ Breakfast: \$10 (Total is \$62 if you choose all 5 meals)

Special Dietary Needs: _____

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

_____ **Total Event Cost** _____

Mail registration form (check payable to Christmount) to:

Christmount Christian Assembly

222 Fern Way

Black Mountain NC 28711

You may call Christmount if you wish to pay by credit card: (828) 669-8977

ONLINE REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE AT WWW.CHRISTMOUNT.ORG.

Early bird deadline is Feb. 18th. After that date, event registration increases to \$100. No refunds on registration after March 1. Housing at Christmount subject to availability with overflow to be accommodated at nearby retreat centers and hotels.

JUST+WOMEN

The JW 2020 Bible Study

Healing & Wholeness



The Just Women Bible Study is published annually in January with pre-orders for the study beginning in August and ending December 1st of each year.

Order your 2020 Just Women Bible Study by using this link:

<https://www.discipleshomemissions.org/product/2019-just-women-bible-study-2/>

Each Bible Study is \$15.00 and if you pre-order you save shipping and handling charges!

You can also pre-order your Just Women Bible Study by sending your check made payable to Just Women to:

Disciples Women/Just Women
PO Box 1986



FCC, Charlotte has some great news to share! ABC News Radio featured the Dilworth Soup Kitchen at First Christian Church on Thanksgiving. It aired on 71 radio stations across the country as people were driving to their Thanksgiving gatherings.

The reporter flew out from Washington, DC, and he did an excellent job of telling their story. The places that aired the story were in NY, PA, IL, CA, MA, GA, AZ, WA, MI, MN, FL, CO, OH, MO, OR, MD, TN, UT, TX, WI, KY, NE, and WV, but no North Carolina!

So the reporter, Andy Field, has sent us a link to share. You are welcome to listen and share.

Use this Link to Listen:

<https://abcaudio.com/american-bounty-dilworth-soup-kitchen/>



Way to go, Pastor McElroy, FCC, Charlotte, and Community!

CHOIR ROBES TO DONATE

Hillyer Memorial Christian Church in Raleigh has 46 adult choir robes in fair condition that are no longer being used. The robes are cream-colored polyester, front zipper, various sizes. If you would like to have them for your congregation's choir, please contact Susan Gray at (919) 434-7531.



Christian Men's Fellowship



Pastor Lemuel Hardison and North Spray CC, Eden, hosted the Central District CMF Meeting. Paul White, an Elder of North Spray, gave an inspiring presentation on "Early Prayer Traditions." The group of 25, enjoyed a wonderful time of worship together and a delicious meal. Thanks to everyone who took part in this meaningful event!



Every four years, the Disciples Men of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) gather to pray, teach, support, fellowship and care for one another so that they may return home impassioned and uplifted; moved by the Holy Spirit; ready to lift their churches and their ministries through the grace, power and wisdom of Jesus Christ. July 10-12, 2020 on the TCU Campus is the next date and location of that gathering.

For details including printable registration form, use this link:

https://sessions.life/2020/?utm_source=DHM+Updates+-+October+19%2C+2019&utm_campaign=October+26%2C+2019&utm_medium=email



Rick Lowery
 PRESIDENT OF THE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY
 Friday Night Keynote
 Saturday Night Keynote
 Sunday Morning Worship



Dean Phelps
 Singer of songs
 Breaker of bread




John Malget
 Pastor at First Christian Church, Oklahoma City

Warren Carter
 PROFESSOR OF NEW TESTAMENT AT PHILLIPS THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY



Saturday Morning Bible Study

Santiago Piñón
 ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF RELIGION AT TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY



Keynote - Saturday Afternoon

AGENDA

July 10

2-6pm..... Registration-TCU
 6-7pm Dinner
 7:30pm Rally

July 11

7:30am Breakfast
 9am Bible Study
 10am Workshops
 12pm Lunch
 2pm Keynote
 3pm Small Groups/
 Snacks
 4:30pm..... Reflection Time
 6pm Dinner
 7:15pm..... Keynote

July 12

7:30am Breakfast
 9am Worship

2020
BOUNDARY
TRAINING

2/21 - Regional Office
3/28 -TBD
6/27 - TBD
9/12 - Camp Caroline

2020 RACIAL EQUITY TRAINING

FRIDAY-SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7-8
FRIDAY-SATURDAY, AUGUST 14-15

Final plans for these dates are underway. Look for more details in a separate email soon!

REGIONAL CALENDAR

December 25

December 29

January 1

January 12

January 14

January 19

January 20

January 28

February 1

February 17

Christmas Day

Ordination of Erica Williams, Greenleaf CC, Goldsboro
10:00 am

New Year's Day

Ordination of Helena Epstein, FCC, Greensboro - 3:00 pm
Commission on Ministry - FCC, Fayetteville - 9:00 am
172nd Regional Assembly Resolution Deadline

Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

Albemarle District Mtg. , Columbia CC - 6:30 pm
LEADERSHIP LAUNCH 2020 FOR PASTORS
FCC, Wilson - Fellowship Hall - 9:00 am
172nd Regional Assembly Voting/Alternate Delegate
Deadline

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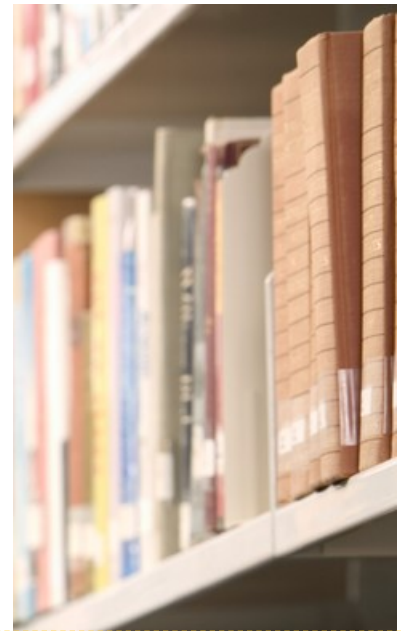
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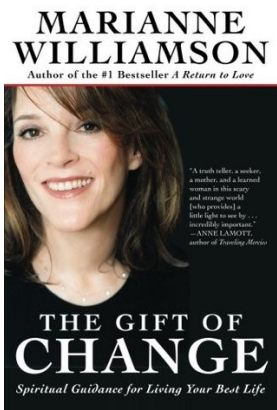
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DISCIPLES WOMEN GATHERING AND BOOK DISCUSSION PLANNED

Are you living in the Light? Do you ever experience anxiety about the challenges of daily life or the events going on around you? Does it ever feel like you're stuck in negative thinking? These are just a small glimpse of the issues Marianne Williamson discusses in her book, "The Gift of Change."



You may recognize her name as she is a current candidate for President of the United States. She is also a well-known author of several books that help readers dig

deeper into their spiritual lives and relationship with God.

The NCDWM Cabinet invites you to join us for a potluck dinner and lively discussion of this book. The date and location is yet to be determined. If your CWF would like to host this gathering please contact Reverend Abby Catoe at 336.403.4224 or aatagirl17@gmail.com. Also, if you would be willing to share the highlights of an assigned section of the book, please let Rev. Catoe know.

We hope you will make plans to participate in this discussion and learn more about how you can become an agent of change in the furthering of the work of God's kingdom on earth.

Submitted by Rev. Abby Catoe

NCDWM Study Director



Our finest gifts support the work of regional ministries this Christmas. Your regional ministry works to:

- ◇ Connect congregations to each other
- ◇ Foster faith development
- ◇ Gather Disciples in camps, conferences, and assemblies
- ◇ Nurture the development of a new generation of pastors
- ◇ Assist churches in calling new ministers
- ◇ Interpret the global mission of the Church
- ◇ Represent the Church in ecumenical gatherings
- ◇ Counsel and pray with those who are troubled of spirit
- ◇ Lead the Church to address racism
- ◇ Inspire leaders to experiment and create
- ◇ Witness to the power of God to make things new

The Christmas Special Day offering supports all of these and many other ministries of our regions.

Please give generously to this year's Christmas Offering.

Giving Link: <https://disciplesmissionfund.org/give/>

Pentecost in October Thank You!



Dear Disciples:

I would like to thank Rev. Chris Furr and the hospitality team at Covenant Christian Church for their fantastic support and hospitality they gave to the Pentecost in October event on 10/26/19.

We all had a great time remembering and honoring the work and ministry of Daisey Chambers, Rev. Rebecca McCulloh, and Bob Kennel.

It was so good to be reminded of and to celebrate the success of all the churches that have been planted in the North Carolina Region in the last 20 years.

I would also like to thank our Regional Minister and Pastor Tyrell McTyer for joining us for this occasion and our Vice Chair of the Church Growth Commission, Blanca Faasii for your gift of photography and all that you did to help make this event a success.

And I am especially thankful and excited that we have begun to have the conversation of how we of the North Carolina Region will meet the challenge of our role in the new initiative to make one million new disciples by 2030!

*Blessings and Peace,
Rev. Kevin Baker-Rooks, Chair
Church Growth Commission*

2020 EXPERIENCE IT'S REAL

REV. 7:9-17

July 22 - 25, 2020



You are invited!

Participate in this historic gathering where the National Convocation, Obra Hispana, and NAPAD Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will celebrate their biennial sessions together.

Our Speakers



Rev. Dr. Frederick Heyns , III
Wednesday, July 22th



Rev. Xose Escamilla
Thursday, July 23th



Rev. Jha Sandhya
Saturday, July 25th

Come to listen, to learn, and to worship!

Registration opens January of 2020

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We will have educational workshops, meal functions for fellowship, exhibits from our partners in ministry, and sponsorship opportunities to support the success of this unique event. You are invited to participate in all phases of this experience.

For more information, itsreal@disciples.org

