



The NC DWM Messenger

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Greetings



The sun is shining today in the NC mountains and it is refreshing after days of rain here. My thoughts and prayers are that you are doing well physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Our days have been radically changed in such a short period of time. We may not know what the future holds, but we do know who holds the future. To all the ladies, no matter your age, in North Carolina, Disciples Women's Ministries was created on your behalf and continues to serve you in an ever-changing world. We always look to Jesus in times of struggle and He helps us through our daily problems. Jesus is always with us. My, how I do miss being able to gather with my dear disciples' sisters. Yet, I am so thankful for the gifts of technology that allow us to stay connected in new ways. It is our hope you will enjoy this communication tool and please, let us know how things are going with you. We genuinely care about you. In the days ahead, we will take new pathways and experience our world in restructured ways. Take care of yourselves and please take part in NC DWM. We need

you, and we are here for you, too. Women who are empowering women.

Caringly,

Mary Evans, NC DWM President

A bit of humor...



District Coordinators...

Have a virtual luncheon with the ladies in your district. This is a great way to connect! Have some fun! Share! Laugh a little! Share some music, a devotion, and discuss a topic with each other. Be creative in your planning! Try something NEW! Women just love a new

D.E.W.! What a way to enrich the ladies in your local area! Share photos and what you did with President Mary Evans at mwevans1953@gmail.com.

Our New DWM Photographer



Most of us know Blanca Faasii as our DWM Vice President Elect. Recently Blanca resigned as our Vice President Elect because of increased career responsibilities being an essential worker supporting first responders. She loves being on the DWM Cabinet and will continue as a Cabinet member as our official DWM Photographer. We thank Blanca for her dedication and her desire to continue to serve the Lord and the women in North Carolina. When you see Blanca, smile, and say cheese!

Combined Men's and Women's Conference in August 2020

In times such as these...the Coronavirus surprised us all and continues to be a dangerous, troubling virus with unseen boundaries and unknown repercussions. The Cabinets, including the executive committees, of the CMF, DWM, and in agreement with our regional minister, have decided for the combined August retreat for 2020, we need to go ahead and plan a virtual retreat for the safety of everyone and to proceed with planning the event. This was a tough decision with many variables. Please know that we have your personal safety as our primary goal.

Our vision is to provide an online retreat reflective of a physical retreat. Please share ideas with me you think would make for a great virtual retreat. My email is: mwevans1953@gmail.com and my cell number is: 252.521.2512. Mark your calendars for the weekend of August 14-16, 2020 for our combined retreat. This is both exciting and challenging. Please be in prayer we will achieve this goal. Be on the lookout for more information in June and July about this special gathering. We know in Romans 8:28 the Bible says, "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose. Our theme will be, "Unity and Resilience: Hallmarks of Faith."

National DWM News...

As a result of reader feedback and DWM's commitment to be wise stewards of our resources, the 2021 Just Women Bible study will be different. The studies will be shorter and more reader-friendly with a devotional lens through which the scripture is interpreted. There will still be "Suggestions for Leaders" and articles highlighting the work of Disciples Women and their impact on the world. We are excited about the theme "Power and Possibilities" and the writers (Delesslyn Kneebrew, Selys Rivera, Katy Valentine, Pat Donahoo, and Chesla Nickelson). We will send out more detailed information soon.



Blessing Boxes

Have you counted your blessings? Some days it may be difficult, especially for those experiencing job loss and furloughs. Are you thankful for the simple things in life? Do you have family/friends? Did someone show an act of kindness to you today? Ladies, please remember to put your coins in your blessing boxes to count your many blessings as you name them one by one and coins for when you bless others.