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Robert Alexander Haislip Jr. and Frances Nelson Haislip were lifelong residents of Martin County, and throughout their lives were both affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). They began their congregational affiliation at Hassell Christian Church, where Frances reported that she fell in love with the back of Robert's head during worship.

Frances attended East Carolina Teacher's College but dropped out before finishing her first year. After her children were grown, she returned to college and in 1986 at age 59 received her Associate of Arts degree from Martin Community College.

Robert attended East Carolina Teacher's College, but graduated from NC State University in 1942, and entered the Army Air Corps. He and the pilot with whom he flew almost exclusively reported to Greenville, South Carolina. There they took a B-25 fresh off the assembly line and flew to Corsica where they were affiliated with the 57th Bomb Wing flying bombing missions into Germany and the Brenner Pass in the Alps along the border between Austria and Italy.

Robert and Frances both served their community as well as the Church during their lives. Early in his adulthood Robert was a lay preacher and began his decades long service as a teacher in the Adult Sunday School program at Oak City Christian Church. He also served as Treasurer of the local congregation, Chair of various Search Committees, Property Chair, and Moderator of the congregation. One of his most treasured involvements was as an Elder.

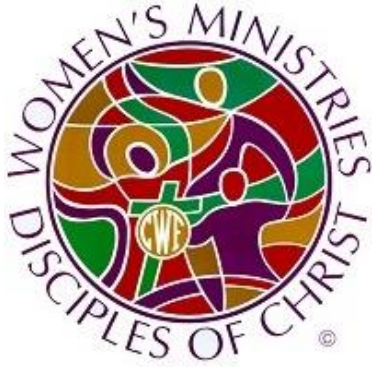
Frances served as Deacon, Worship Chair, and Moderator of the congregation. She was a committed participant in the Christian Women's Fellowship, serving as President of the NC Christian Women's Fellowship. She also served on the regional and general board of the Christian Church. One of her most treasured involvements was the privilege of serving as an Elder. (Frances and Robert participated in the Ordination of their daughter to Christian Minister in 1980, albeit in different capacities.)

The new Regional Elders program has been generously funded by a gift in memory of Robert and Frances Haislip. God's abundance for the church lives on through their gifts.

For online donations, please use this link <https://engage.suran.com/ncdisciples.org/donate> or go to our website www.ncdisciples.org and click on DONATE.

For donations by mail, make checks payable to the Christian Church in North Carolina, P.O. Box 1568, Wilson, N.C. 27894.

Be sure to earmark your check Generosity Plus Appeal.



2021 Just Women Bible Study Discover the Power and Possibilities

ATTN: Order Through Region by November 18, 2020

As Christians we know that encountering Scripture can be amazing, but it can also be confusing. It is hard to know where to start, and even harder to engage in passages that are troubling. Fortunately, Disciples Women have the BEST resource to help them engage in Scripture at a deep level with top notch writers: **Just Women Bible Study resource**. The women who write for Just Women think about Scripture deeply and offer YOU prayerful insights so that you can take your relationship with God through Scripture to the next level.

Please communicate by **November 18, 2020** if you would like to order your copies of Just Women for 2021 through the Regional Office, Attention: Mary Evans, President of NC DWM. Email Mary Evans at mwevans1953@gmail.com with your church name, contact person, and the number of copies of Just Women you desire. If you prefer, you may call Mary Evans at 252-521-2512 or the Regional Office at (252) 291-4047 to place your order no later than November 18, 2020.

Is your church winter-ready?

Protect your facilities against damaging ice, snow and freezing temperatures by following a few simple tips:

1. Have your heating system inspected and serviced by a licensed contractor experienced with your kind of system.
2. Know the location of your building's main water shut off valve.
3. Wrap water pipes exposed to freezing temperatures with pipe insulation.
4. Examine your roof system for cracking, cupping or peeling.
5. Install soffit vents to improve attic ventilation.



For more winterization tips, [visit our blog](#). Or, contact Disciples Church Extension Fund for **Building Evaluations that locate problems and low interest loans that fund solutions.**



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The New Church Commission

By Rev. Kevin Baker-Rooks, Chair, New Church Commission

It's Time For a Little Disruption! In the last several weeks I have had the honor and privilege of attending multiple conferences with colleagues and lay-ministers from numerous denominations across the US and Canada. While these conferences were all held virtually, I was able to take part in several conversations when we were placed into break-out groups. Yes, you can do this via Zoom.



What I discovered was that across the US and Canada and likely around the world most churches are struggling with the same issues, what should the role of the church be in dismantling racism and police brutality; how to be and do church during COVID-19; and how to return to worshiping in the building safely after COVID-19, or at least when the conditions would make that possible.

While I found all of these conferences to be extremely helpful and informative the one that I found to be the most intriguing and significant in my opinion was the New Church Summit. This conference was attended by nearly 100 pastors and lay-ministers of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) including our General Minister and President, Rev. Terri Hord Owens, our own Regional Minister, Bishop Valerie Melvin, myself and several Pastors and lay-leaders from our region.

The New Church Summit was hosted by Pastor Terrell McTyer, Pastor of New Church Ministries and his team and special Guest-host, Mark Deymaz, author of the book, "Disruption Repurposing the Church to Redeem the Community."

Throughout the three days of this conference, Pastor Deymaz presented the ideas that he outlines in his book. I found Deymaz's book to be what I believe one of the most significant for moving churches from surviving to thriving in a post COVID-19 world. In fact this was the theme for the entire summit; not just how to survive post COVID-19, not just how to get back into the building, to return to doing things the way that we did them before COVID-19, but to discover a whole new way of being and doing church post COVID-19.

Like I said this is about moving from surviving to thriving. These days I can't think of any church that isn't looking for help to put together a strategy for growth. Therefore I highly recommend this book to pastors (and their teams, or Church Boards) of all churches, from new church plants, to churches that have plateaued, churches that are in decline and those that are growing. After all, we are all called by Jesus to live out the Great Commission and multiply disciples. And I believe that this book may just be the tool that you have been looking for, to help you grow new disciples and your church in these uncertain times.



Barton College

Pride of Doves by Doug Robinson

Dress Rehearsal

Wednesday, November 11, 2020
6:45 p.m. • Welcome Reception
7:30 p.m. • Performance

RSVP by 5 p.m., Friday, November 6

To reserve your seat, contact Sherry Lee Allen
at 252-399-6492 or email slallen@barton.edu.

About the Show

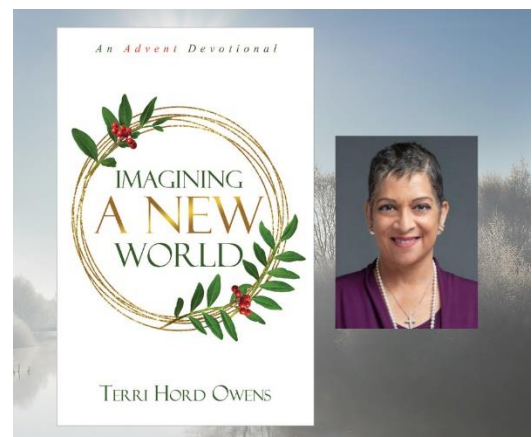
Theatre at Barton is excited to present *Pride of Doves* by Doug Robinson on November 12 through November 14 at 7:30 p.m. and also on November 15 at 3 p.m. in the Kennedy Family Theatre. There will be limited seating at 25-30 in the audience for each performance. All those attending must wear face masks and observe social distancing protocols. Tickets are \$10 each for adults, and \$5 each for students, seniors, and military. Reservations must be made online at www.barton.edu/theatre.

Please note that explicit language and images may not be appropriate for ages 13 and younger.

“We are proud to take a responsible role in leading our community on a journey that examines parts of humanity and ourselves, while listening, learning, and committing to action that may establish lasting change,” shares Allen, director of the Theatre at Barton program.

Imagining a New World An Advent Devotional by Terri Hord Owens

2020 has brought challenges unlike anything we’ve experienced before. While we don’t exactly know what the future will bring, we do know that as followers of Jesus Christ, we’re called to imagine a new world, and who we will be as church in it. In this new Advent devotional from Terri Hord Owens, leader of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), daily reflections on the Advent lectionary texts invite you to imagine a new church in this new world, called by God, grounded in love, and enlightened by the Word.



Lexington Theological Seminary will sponsor a webinar centered around Terri’s advent devotional.

November 7 – 1:30-3:30 EST

REGISTER at www.lextheo.edu/webinar-series

\$10 per log-in (unlimited number of participants)

Please register by 10 a.m. the day before the webinar. A link to the webinar will be emailed 24 hours prior to the webinar. Late registrants are not guaranteed live participation; a link to view recorded presentation will be available within approximately one week of the presentation.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT
Deena Ainslie (859) 280-1212
dainslie@lextheo.edu



We often recognize this time of year to be about change and transition, we all know too well how this entire year has been about adjustment and new realities. As the health and social services general ministry of the Disciples Church, NBA has seen and heard from so many of you about the kinds of resilient transformation that you have done with your families, your work environments, in churches and in local communities. Please remember, we are here to help you in these uncertain times.

NBA Covid-19 Response grants

<https://www.nbacares.org/covid-19-grants>

To offer a rapid and impactful response to the **Coronavirus pandemic**, the NBA Board of Trustees has authorized grant funding to support Disciples-related ministries that are working locally in response to this crisis. With this funding, we seek to offer relief to ministries that have been detrimentally impacted and to support new projects created in service to those suffering because of the pandemic.

CYCLE	APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED
Cycle Three	Oct. 1, 2020 – Dec. 31, 2020

Be sure to read the NBA Response Grants FAQ [PDF] [Spanish PDF, Korean PDF]

<https://www.nbacares.org/files/file/final-covid-19-nba-response-grants-faq-1.pdf>



Kentucky Region opens search for Regional Minister

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Kentucky is seeking to call an ordained minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) to the position of Regional Minister. All applicants are required to provide updated search and call paperwork in order to be considered. Furthermore, all applicants are required to submit a Letter of Interest to the Search Committee Chairperson, Rev. Kory Wilcoxson, c/o Crestwood Christian Church, 1882 Bellefonte Dr., Lexington, KY, 40502. The application deadline is Dec. 15, 2020.

A Regional Profile and Position Description are posted on the following website:

<https://kentuckyregionalministersearch.home.blog/>

Be the Next Green Chalice Ministry

All it takes is ...

1. Have an active Green Team.
2. Sign the Green Chalice Covenant as a team or congregation.
<https://www.discipleshomemissions.org/missions-advocacy/green-chalice/green-chalice-covenant-2/>

3. Make at least 3 changes that demonstrate your congregation's commitment to caring for God's creation.

EMAIL US (carol.devine@providenceccdoc.org) the following to apply:

1. Congregation name, City, State, address and phone number and name of Contact;
2. the date the Covenant was signed; and
3. the creation care changes made.



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THE NC COMMISSION ON MINISTRY

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Sandi Cassidy answered God's call into ministry at age 65. Not part of Sandi's original retirement plan, she realized serving as an oncology healthcare administrator prepared her for a calling to hospital chaplaincy. Anxious about shifting careers and returning to academic training at this stage of her life, she prayed and sought consultation. A dedicated congregant with a rich family history in the Disciples of Christ tradition, she conducted research into academic offerings within the denomination.

Encouraged, she applied and was accepted in 2019 to Lexington Theological Seminary in Kentucky for the Master of Divinity degree. Sandi stated, "I am honored to be one of the first recipients of the new Disciples' academic Helm Grant for 2020. God has encouraged my path every step of the way. Receiving these grant monies was an unexpected and perfect gift!" Cassidy is a member at First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), in Wilmington, NC. Her plans include ordination and certification for professional chaplaincy within the North Carolina Christian Region.



FCC, Greensboro, New Pastor Arrives

As of October 1, 2020, **Rev. Dr. Michael Yandell** serves as the Senior Minister. Michael lives in Greensboro with his spouse Amy, their 2 dogs (Elsie and Snow), and 1 cat (Oreo).

Michael was brought up in the faith at First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Union City, TN. He spent 4 years in the U.S. Army as an enlisted explosive ordnance disposal (E.O.D.) technician before returning home to west TN to go to college. He earned his Bachelor of Music (Music Education) at the University of Tennessee at Martin (2011); a Master of Divinity at Brite Divinity School in Fort Worth, Texas (2015); and a Ph.D. in religious studies (theological studies) with a concentration in religion, conflict, and peace-building at Emory University (2020).



Welcome, Pastor Yandell, your new Region can't wait to meet and greet you!



We also wish to offer our deepest thanks to **The Rev. Dr. Phil Miller**, recent Interim Minister for FCC, Greensboro. Pastor Phil was deeply involved in the life of FCC, as well as the Region, very focused and skilled in helping the church remain steady as COVID-19 encroached upon our state. His pastoral nature was felt beyond FCC's facilities. I remember with gratitude a moment in 2019, when the Regional church gathered in Greensboro to grieve with Pastor Ronald Glover as he bid farewell to his loving wife, Debra. How amazing it was to look up and see FCC, Greensboro bringing food for the repast, and Pastor Phil, who was just settling in, walked in the door and joined us in the clergy lineup for the processional. I remember him saying to me, "please let us know if there is anything else FCC, Greensboro can do." What a difference compassion and love make. God's best to you in your next venture, Pastor Phil!

The Road to Financial Wellness replay link:

<https://PFCC.easywebinar.live/replay-25>

Also listed below is a link to helpful resources on our website, including our new product video. This is a great resource to provide for exploring Pension Fund options.

Pension Fund Product Video link:

<https://pensionfund.org/virtual-event-next-steps>



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In partnership with the
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Register for one of the
three events for
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Featured Speaker:
Rev. Jessica Stokes



1) MONDAY, NOV 16
2) MONDAY, DEC 7
3) TUESDAY, JAN 12
6:30-7:30PM

[Becoming a Trauma-Informed Faith Community](#)

Monday, November 16, Monday, December 7, and Tuesday January 12, 6:30 p.m.
Online

Join PHW and the UMC Northern Piedmont District for “Becoming a Trauma-Informed Faith Community,” a webinar on integrating trauma-informed practices into ministry. Discussion will focus on defining what a trauma-informed faith community is and how to become one, while also looking at the various ways in which faith communities can productively address trauma. This work is crucial as we find ourselves in layers of communal and individual stress in our world. This conversation will be whole-person driven, with language that supports and honors our various stories and experiences. We hope that this time will empower you to invite new and healthy ways of doing life and ministry with your faith community, especially with all challenges of COVID-19.

Registration is required to receive call-in details. There will be three opportunities to join us virtually. Please click a date below to register:

- [November 16](#)
- [December 7](#)
- [January 12](#)



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What is on the Horizon for the Fall Season?



Several ministers and families on Fall Retreats throughout the Fall Season...PRAISE BE TO GOD for OUR SACRED SPACE CAMP CAROLINE PROVIDES!!!!
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Learn more at www.campcaroline.org/stay

CAMP NEEDS YOU AND YOUR CHURCH AND ORGANIZATION TO SEND IN YOUR 2021 RETREAT DATES

PLEASE SEND ALL YOUR CHURCH and FAMILY RETREAT DATES FOR 2021 to melissa@ncdisciples.org to get on the calendar. We have an exciting 2021 calendar and continue to be found by new groups and families...WE INVITE ALL DOC FAMILIES to have FIRST OPPORTUNITY to RESERVE THEIR SPACE and TIME
PLEASE GET YOUR 2021 DATES IN NOW...CALL US or EMAIL US TO DISCUSS OUR ABILITIES AND FACILITIES TO ASSIST YOUR CHURCH MINISTRY.

FALL WORK-DAY INVITATION

Please Contact Jimmy Elks (Property Chair) at jimmyelks13@gmail.com AND Casey Perry (Camp Manager) at casey@ncdisciples.org to schedule a time for you and your church to come to camp this fall and help with fall cleaning and maintenance needs. If you have an adoption at the camp, please send a member/group from your church to check on your adoption and begin planning for your next nurture steps this upcoming fall and winter seasons. THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING CARE and SUPPORT.

REGIONAL STAFF AND MODERATOR CONTACT INFORMATION

Office Hours: M-F 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

*For best health practices, the staff works remotely and onsite as needed.
We are here to serve you!*

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Youth/Technology (Luke Miles) – 336.202.1354 or luke@ncdisciples.org
Moderator (Horace Williams) – 336.482.1682 or moderator@ncdisciples.org
Regional Minister (Valerie Melvin) – 336.303.2159 or valerie@ncdisciples.org