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Thanksgiving Offering

Dear Disciples,
As always, November and Thanksgiving time each year gives us pause to think about our connection to church-related colleges, universities, seminaries, and graduate schools of theological education. We are committed as a church to excellence in education and nurturing Christian leaders that transform church, society, and world.

In recent weeks Higher Education and Leadership Ministries has awarded over 57 scholarships to students enrolled in undergraduate and PhD programs throughout the United States and Canada. For this we can be truly thankful.

Just last week I attended the clergy event sponsored by the Pension Fund called 'The Gathering' in New Orleans, Louisiana. Walking to the hotel a young woman called out, 'Rev. Degges, is that you, Rev. Degges?' She crossed the street and greeted me. She told me about her life and how she has completed undergraduate and seminary studies, and now is pastor of a congregation in North Carolina.

She said, 'I want to thank you for the scholarships I received from the church. I would never have made it without them.' We Disciples have had a love affair with higher education from our very beginnings. Whenever we planted a congregation, we also planted a college, university, or seminary. And we pledged our support to students seeking light and truth.

Higher Education and Leadership Ministries invites you to give generously to the Thanksgiving Offering this year. Each dollar you give will be directed to strengthen the relationship between church and academy and to the formation of leaders that will transform the world for the better.

Thank you in advance for the gifts you will make and through them for the many lives you will touch.

Thanksgiving-ly yours,
Ronald J Degges, Interim President, HELM



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Christmas Offering



Your Christmas offering equips the Christian Church in IL & WI to echo the joy heard in congregational life, summer camp settings, seminary classrooms, and leadership gatherings. Your gift enables our Region to give support to Elders, Sunday School teachers, youth group sponsors, worship leaders, seminarians, and pastors so that joy resounds. With your gift, connections are made between congregations and among Disciples throughout Oho and around the world. You are invited to make a gift to the Christmas Offering to repeat the sounding joy across our church. We give thanks for your generosity in this season of Joy.

Regional Minister's Moment

Our mission; *To connect and empower Disciples congregations for life-changing and life-giving ministries in our evolving world.*



Dear Church,

My husband and I have taken to watching HGTV during the pandemic. We are late comers to the whole renovation world, but it is fun to watch the transformations. Even the shows where folks have totally wrecked their houses, gives rise to hope and possibility. Of course, you need to call the right contractors.

Recently, we watched a series called "Storied Spaces." It's about old buildings that are re-purposed into homes, and old roadside motels are given new life. Often the buildings have had more than one life transformation, i.e., a barn, or gas station, or laundry, or car dealership, or firehouse, becomes a home. The history is what speaks to the new owners/renovators.

One episode featured a motel on Long Island. The new owner talked about motels being places people overnighted on their way to some place else. They had large parking lots with very few amenities, except a place to rest on the way. Motels as such were being passed by, largely forgotten. With a lot of help and imagination, the new owner had transformed his motel into a destination. A place to come and stay. A place to be part of a community that gathered there. People chose this place because they could enjoy what was offered as they restored their own well-being.

What captured my attention was this statement: "Just when something becomes irrelevant, that's when it becomes interesting."

Church, there is a lot in that is telling us that we are irrelevant, according to the secular scale of youthful authenticity. For example, the growing number of non-religious; that we are aging; that we have old facilities. It's true that we aren't the "cool new thing going viral." And yet, maybe this is our moment . . . when we can lean in to being interesting.

A friend of mine offered that his daughters hated to go to events where old people were trying to act like they were young. At the very least, it was awkward to watch, but their real honest assessment was that it was "creepy."

I wonder what would happen if we tried to stop being the next new young viral thing (relevant to our culture), and instead embraced our "interesting" moment. What if folks don't want a stop along the way but are truly seeking a community that has space for them to be who they are, too.

No Shame Tour Announced

Brock McCracken from Disciples Church Extension Fund and Rev. Matt Rosine from the Christian Church Foundation, and Rev. Dr. Teresa Dulyea-Parker are hosting a gathering for Michigan and Illinois and Wisconsin congregational leaders who are wondering "is it time to sell our building", or develop an "end of life" plan, or end a chapter of life in order to write a new chapter.

Wednesday, Nov. 9, 7 p.m. EST/6 p.m. CST

This will be a hybrid event. In person at TBA or on Zoom. Please register here.

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Thank you to our Michigan and IL/WI Regional Assembly Team

Gratitude for our Regional Assembly planning team and everyone who contributed their gifts to make this a meaningful weekend. Zach Martin, Anne McCauslin, Kate Mackey, Jill Gresham, Jill Forton, Barb Dykhuizen, Diana Allen, Lisa Erskine, John and Sandy Harvey, Yvonnne Gilmore, Suzanne Stout, Jason Butterick, Vicky Kirby, April McClure Stewart, Alex Ruth, Angee Byrd, Tom Yang, Eli Rolón, Peggy O'Neal, Jeff Dulyea-Parker.

And, our worship participants from United Christian, Detroit; Serenity Christian, Hazel Park; Thomas Karunas, Decatur Central; Our NAPAD pastors; First Christian, Lansing; CWS Chi Rho campers; Arvil Bass, Eureka Christian; Sylvia Laidig, Mackinaw CC; Bruce and Rob Fowlkes, Eureka College; Our Peace interns/seminarians Isaac Ackerman, Sophia Barnett, Erin Gresham; Laura Jennison Reed, Villa Park CC; and the wonderful young woman and her dog.

And, our workshop leaders: Sarah Renfro, Alex Ruth, Jan Aerie, Hannah Fitch, Caroline Hamilton-Arnold, Jay Potter.

And, our host congregations: Grace CC, Aurora; Cascade CC, Grand Rapids; Serenity CC, Hazel Park.

And, our Regional Officers and leaders: Keela Neuman, Tim Kim, Hank Anderson, Marla McElroy, Jason Butterick, Ben McCloughan; Mitzi Hall, Anne McCauslin, Sophia Barnett, Lynn Hockenhull, Sarah Beth Simonds, Julie Drews, ---and Neil Topliffe.

And, our Lectio leaders: Suzanne Stout and Alex McCauslin.

And, our CCIW Disciple of Merit honorees: Rev. Neil Deupree (First CC, Janesville, WI); Rev. Linda & Amos Chenoweth, (FCC, Mt Carmel, IL); and Leila Ward, (United CC, Country Club Hills, IL.)

Welcoming Transformation
Reflections by Rev. Dr. Alex Ruth

Over the last year I have thoroughly enjoyed traveling to churches around the Region to lead and share in worship. In those travels I discovered something, we all "do church" slightly differently. This probably shouldn't have been surprising, but it was/is. I also realized that I designed and led worship in Marshfield for 15 years, so I knew the flow of that service. Now that I am often in a church for the first time, that is not the case. So, as I start my second year of ministry in CCIW, I would like to share two stories. My hope is that these stories will help you to reflect on how you worship together and may help you discern how you can make small changes to your liturgy which can increase the accessibility of your worship services to visitors.

Many years ago, my family and I were at an evening worship service at a General Assembly. I do not remember which assembly, but I vividly recall what Mason, our oldest child, said after we prayed the Lord's Prayer. He said, "That was a neat prayer, Dad. I finally understood it." What changed to make that prayer accessible to him? The language. And not just changings from "debts" to "sins." Whoever oversaw projecting the prayer changed "hallowed" to "blessed," "thy" to "your," etc. Those simple changes made an element of worship Mason had heard week after week for years, accessible to him in a new way. After we returned home from that General Assembly, I shared the story with the Elders and our Worship Committee. We changed the way the words were projected during worship. Modernizing the language of the Lord's Prayer was a simple way to make that prayer more accessible, and our worship a little more welcoming to people with little or no church experience.

However, it didn't take long for us to notice a challenge. Many people in the congregation still said the prayer using the language they learned as children. Hallowed and blessed began to exist together. Your and thy created a beautiful harmony. Slowly even the youngest in the church began to feel welcomed into worship and the prayer life of the congregation. Shortly after that change, we found out that God had even more in store for us. Frank was a regular in worship and it didn't take long after the new words were on the screen for him to show us another important reason to be open to different prayer language. Frank immigrated to the US from Germany and began to take our invitation to the Lord's Prayer very seriously.

When we started displaying the modernized language, we also changed the invitation to the prayer. Now the lay leader or I would say, "Let us join together in the prayer Jesus taught his disciples, using the language with which you are most comfortable." Frank was most comfortable praying in German. So, he did. Other times someone would substitute trespasses/those who trespass against us in place of our debts/debtors. A few times prayers were also offered in Swedish! All that variety added a layer of hope, vitality, and some chaos, into our worship life.

We learned to adapt our prayer cadence to allow for all the various ways people would offer the same prayer. Sometimes I would even stop praying in the middle, just to listen to the ways all those different words crashed into and resonated with one another.

A small change to make one element of worship more accessible blossomed and grew into a beautiful practice of prayer that was both intensely personal and intentionally communal. May God's loving presence surround you as you intentionally welcome people to worship in ways that draw us together and to God.

Chicago Comprehensive Community Center
Rev. Dr. Tom Hyoung Chel Yang, NAPAD Minister



The Chicago Comprehensive Community Center, a not-for-profit organization, helps Korean immigrants living in the greater Chicago area to better live as members of society. With the support of many volunteers within and outside the community, the Center provides legal, medical, educational, and counseling services to assist those in need to cope with economic, domestic, social, and health problems in an unfamiliar environment. The Center directly provides help to acquire the necessary information and skills to become self-sufficient in a foreign land. Thanks to its efficient and effective services, many Korean immigrants contribute to the local community as proud Korean Americans in a rapidly changing society.

The Center recently held an event, "Hand In Hand," to raise funds to make its building accessible to wheelchairs. Like many other like-minded co-workers of God, Korean Disciples pastors feel privileged to be a small part of this valuable ministry of creating a better society to live in: Praise be to God!

Rev. Dr. Tom Hyoung Chel Yang
NAPAD Minister

Camp Walter Scott: Rev. Clayton Summers







Greetings from Walter Scott! The air is starting to get chillier and the days continue to grow shorter, but we are still busy here at our regional church campground. Our fall schedule was packed this year, with workdays, family reunions, fishing trips, a myriad of CCIW and other denomination's spiritual retreats, bird watching events, and even a new MiniCamp we're trying out for the youth of our region! It was wonderful to see this sacred space utilized every weekend from Labor Day until nearly Thanksgiving. Beyond that we undertook several projects, such as refurbishing our bell tower and beginning the process of establishing a native prairie on our grounds. As we begin winding down for the year, turning down temperatures, and having a blanket of leaves insulate the precious ecosystems in our soil, we wanted to offer you a reflection for the season we're in and the winter that lies beyond it.

Our lives seem to be speeding up with every accumulated moment, like a rock rolling down a hill, accelerating from the force of gravity. It often seems like there is no way to halt our momentum, to catch our breath, or to refocus our attention and lives. Here enters Sabbath. In our Scriptures we read about the practices of Sabbath from the very story of Creation through Jesus' life and ministry. In Nature we see Sabbath exemplified by the natural world - hibernating creatures, trees dropping leaves for winter, and even the overarching cycle of autumn melting into winter.

To paraphrase Christ in Mark 2:27, Creation was not made for the Sabbath, but the Sabbath was made for Creation. As part of the fabric of Creation, we are also called to faithful lives that include the practice of Sabbath. For some this may be something they can do every week on their day(s) off or something that builds on their day of worship. For others, this might be a more seasonal practice, such as once a month. For others, it might be something that is denied to them by the structures of a world we have created together. It is an important rhythm in our lives which all should be able to experience. A time to set aside distractions, to be present, and to marvel and wonder in Creation and the Created around us. When we are able to regularly take time like this, we become more in tune with Creation and Created, better able to live lives of thanks, gratitude, and action.

Camp Walter Scott



If you are abled by your situation in life to take Sabbath, try reading, taking some walks, sitting outside, making a hot beverage, and setting aside your devices for some time. Advocate to make the world we have created together such a place that all people are able to take Sabbath. Remember, Sabbath was created for us, let us make certain we create a world that honors it.

Thank you all for your support in our first year here at Walter Scott, and we look forward to many more ahead. To keep up to date with the happenings at Walter Scott, follow us on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter at @CampWalterScott or reach out at acsummers@cciwdisciples.org.

Peace on the Journey,

Clayton Summers

CCIW Presents
Summer Camp 2023

Youth Camps—SAVE THE DATE

June 11—17 CYF (Grades 9-12)
June 18—21 You & Me (Grades K-5 & adult)
June 22 –24 Beginners (Grades K-3*)
July 2 - 8 Chi Rho (Grades 6-8)

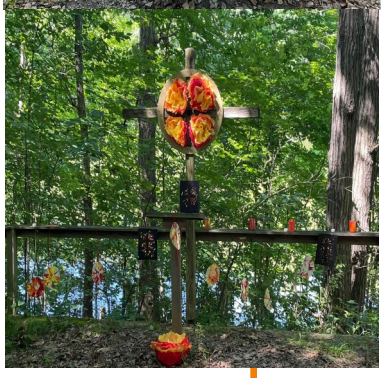
*3rd graders can attend either Beginners or JYF Camp
** Dates subject to change

Family Camps
May 25—29 Memorial Day weekend
Aug. 31—Sept 4 Labor Day Weekend

Service Camp
Handy Person Skills Camp
June 4—10

Stay tuned for additional camp program opportunities like:
Work Days
Camp Preview Days
EcoJustice Camp
LGBTQIA+ Camp
Young Adult Weekend





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Disciples Merit Winners



Neil Deupree

The Rev. Neil Deupree – whose heritage in the Disciples of Christ spans generations – boasts an enduring and impactful ministerial career. In 1970, Neil earned his Master of Divinity from Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis. He spent years in Ohio, first pastoring Ada Church of Christ in Ada for 5 years and then pastoring Franklin Circle Christian Church in Cleveland for over 10 years before arriving in Wisconsin to pastor First Christian Church of Janesville.

Pastor Neil's ministry has been nothing but exemplary. He was instrumental in laying the foundation for FCC Janesville to become an Open and Affirming Congregation, not only welcoming but fully affirming everyone's worth, particularly of those in the LGBTQI+ community.

His work with Courageous Conversations and Rock County Diversity Action Team encouraged difficult but necessary conversations about racial concerns in Rock County as well as his leadership with Bridge Builders of Rock County which recognized students exhibiting ideals of diversity and inclusion provide a glimpse of Neil's commitment to anti-racism and reconciliation.

Neil also invited FCC Janesville to join the three Disciples churches in Rockford for joint worship and fellowship during 5th Sunday Services. He has served as a chaplain, a visiting pastor in Hawaii, and most recently served as a Regional Elder for the Christian Church in Illinois & Wisconsin.

Both Neil and Kay - who have been married for over 50 years - were dubbed the "dynamic duo" by the Janesville Gazette the pair were inducted into the Rock County Hall of Honor in 2013 in recognition for their commitment to social and racial justice, advocacy for women, children, and the environment, and service to the community.

As an avid bird enthusiast, Neil has also served as a leader for the Bird City of Janesville and the Green-Rock Audubon Society.

Together, Neil and Kay share the love of their children, Minda and Carita, as well as the love of their grandchildren, great grandchildren, and many more of their family and friends.



Amos and Linda Chenoweth

Amos Chenoweth and Linda Lodwig met at a Disciples Student Fellowship work project while they were students at the University of Illinois in Urbana, Illinois. Three years later, they were married by Dr. William Jackson Jarman, minister of University Place Christian Church and Rev. James B. Holiman, Director of the Illinois Disciples Foundation in Fisher Chapel of the Foundation.

Linda had a long Christian Church tradition, with a grandfather who was a Christian Church minister serving in Kansas and Illinois, and other relatives who were Christian Church missionaries in the Belgian Congo and a Native American mission in the state of Washington. Amos grew up in the Evangelical United Brethren tradition.

Following their marriage, and while they were completing their degrees at the University, the couple lived in an apartment in the Foundation building and worked as custodians in the building. After graduating with a degree in Home Economics, specializing in early childhood education, Linda worked as director of an Operation HeadStart integrated preschool in Urbana while Amos completed his graduate study.

After Amos completed his Master's and PhD degrees, the couple moved to the Chicago area where Amos found employment. The couple joined Villa Park Christian Church where Amos served as an elder, choir member, and church treasurer, while Linda participated in women's group activities. Their first daughter, DeAnne, was born and dedicated at the church by Rev. Bob Bond.

Amos and Linda then moved to the St. Louis area where Amos was employed in the Aerospace industry. They joined Florissant Valley Christian Church, not far from their new home.

There Amos sang in the choir and the couple served as Sunday School teachers for the high school students and led the high school youth group. As youth group leaders, they organized lock-ins for Disciple youth in the St. Louis area. Their daughter, Sarah, was also born then, and was dedicated by Rev. Glen Brigman at the church. The church started a preschool, and Linda participated in teaching there. The two of them also volunteered as church camp counselors at Camp Walter Scott, one of the two Disciple campgrounds in the region.

As their daughters entered school, the couple moved to Chesterfield in St. Louis County, and became members of Hamilton Christian Church. At Hamilton, Amos sang in the choir, and Linda participated in the women's group activities in the St. Louis area. She wrote Sunday School material for children for Christian Board of Publication as well as working with Fred Craddock on a video produced by CBP. In addition to their membership at Hamilton, the couple also helped start a house church for families and LGBTQ individuals who didn't feel comfortable in a traditional congregation. At one of her activities, she met Professor Walter Brueggemann of Eden Theological Seminary who encouraged her to train for ministry. Linda entered seminary and graduated with a Master of Divinity degree. She was ordained at Maplewood Christian Church on May 22, 1983. She also earned chaplain certification, and her first ministry after seminary was as a chaplain at the St. Louis Christian Home. The home, also known as the Emergency Children's Home (ECHO), served as a shelter for children who needed a safe place to live because of violence or disruption in their families. Linda was also a chaplain at Truman Center in St, Louis, a residential hospital for adults with intellectual disabilities.

The Region of Mid America, which included Disciple congregations in the state of Missouri, initiated an "Intentional Interim Ministers" program, and invited Linda to join. After training at the Alban Institute, she joined eight other Disciple pastors, all male, in that program. Members of the group served congregations throughout the region, and in most of the congregations that Linda served, she was the first female pastor the congregation had ever had. Churches Linda served in the Region of Mid America included Hematite, Louisiana, Bowling Green, Maplewood, and New Harmony.

After more than 20 years in Missouri, the couple moved to Omaha, Nebraska where Amos worked in the transportation industry. They joined First Christian Church in Omaha, where Amos sang in the choir, and the couple joined the Victory Class, a Sunday School class started after World War II. While in Nebraska, Linda received a call to be pastor of Murray Christian Church in Murray, Nebraska. She served as pastor of that congregation until Amos' company transferred him to New Jersey.

With no Disciple congregations near their home in New Jersey, Amos and Linda joined a Presbyterian church nearby, and Amos sang in their choir.

After Amos received a job offer from a company in Florida, the couple moved to Celebration, Florida and joined Hamilton Avenue Christian Church in Orlando. At Hamilton, Amos sang in the choir and Linda participated in the life of the church.

While living in Celebration, Linda joined another Disciple pastor and a pastor from the American Baptist denomination to start a new congregation in the community. It was called United Parish of Celebration and included members from several faith traditions.

When Amos and Linda retired in 2006, they decided to move back to Illinois, and chose Linda's hometown of West Salem as their destination. They joined First Christian Church in Mt. Carmel and Amos again joined their choir and helped with Vacation Bible School. They also volunteered for workdays at Camp Walter Scott, near Effingham, Illinois.

In retirement, Linda continued her Disciple ministry by serving on the board of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society then led by Peter Morgan. As part of her work for the society, she, and Louise Evans from the general church office in Indianapolis visited Disciple congregations around the Midwest to give presentations about Disciple history.

In addition to their involvement in local Disciple churches, Linda and Amos attended many of the General Assemblies and Regional Assemblies of the church. They also provided financial support to the visitors center at Bethany College, where their two daughters earned their undergraduate degrees.

Today, Linda and Amos remain members of First Christian in Mt. Carmel, and Amos continues singing in the choir. While Linda is no longer able to attend services at the church, she does attend services the church holds at the memory care facility where she now resides.

Disciples Merit Winners



Leila Ward

It is difficult to share history about Leila without including her deceased husband Albion (1989). Both Albion and Leila came from strong faith driven backgrounds. Albion's father, grandfather and great-grandfather were Lutheran Ministers and Leila's family were Baptists and attended conventions yearly. Once married they went to both denominations until they found a church home that met both of their faith needs. Together they chose the Disciples of Christ as place to continue to nurture their faith in God and to raise their children. They started a lifelong commitment to the Disciples of Christ at Parkway Gardens Christian Church where they were active in the choir and several committees.

After moving to Robbins in the south suburbs of Chicago, Albion and Leila Ward attended First Christian Church in Harvey, Illinois as part of "The New Church Experiment" to be one of the first families to integrate an all-white congregation in the Disciples of Christ denomination.

They, along with their children, became members of First Christian in Harvey in the late 1960's. At First Christian, both served in several capacities from the diaconate to being elders, as well as presidents and chairpersons of several committees. They were integral in providing a new building for First Christian of Harvey and later helped spearhead the joining of two congregations to become United Christian of Country Club Hills. As members of United Christian Church, Leila and Albion remained active members continuing their life of service through volunteering, heading committees, holding various leadership roles including board president (for both), helping with new construction, pulpit searches and hosting fun church activities at their home.

Professionally, Leila's need to be of service to others led her to a career in Nursing. She was a head nurse, an emergency nurse, an OB/GYN nurse, and later (1970's) became one of the first Nurse Practitioner's in the United States (at that time there were 15,000 …currently there are about 350,000 in the U.S.) Her experiences as an OB/GYN nurse and a Nurse Practitioner caused her to wonder if there were other best practices for childbirth. As a result, she embraced a less medicated and more natural way of childbirth through the Lamaze method. It helped both "mom and baby" have successful deliveries and encouraged the father or partner to actively support and participate in childbearing from conception to post-partum. Leila provided the instruction while Albion provided graphics and the example of a supportive partner in those classes, all the while keeping their daytime jobs of Nurse Practitioner and State of Illinois C.A.T.S manager, respectively. They had a blast together utilizing their professional talents to assist and prepare their Lamaze couples for Labor and Delivery and the role of becoming parents.

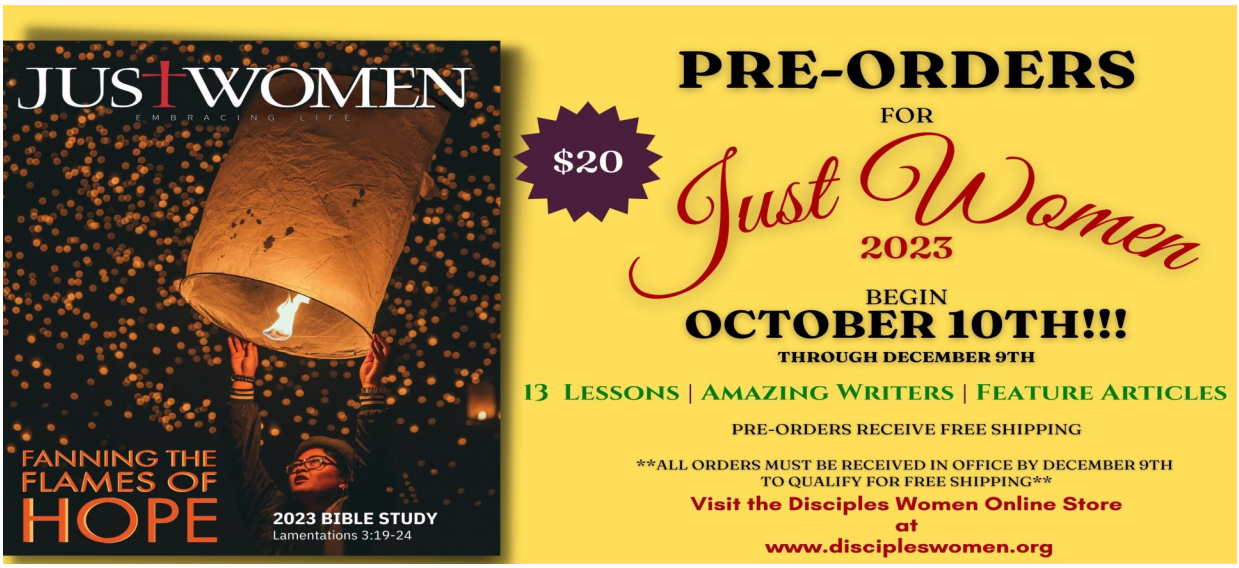
Leila's hobbies and interests have included gardening, bowling, walking, dancing, line dancing, playing cards, running for Clerk in the Village of Robbins (Albion ran for Trustee and son Bernard became a Trustee!), organizing and assisting with Robbins' only Towne Hall meeting (1970's), supporting the Robbins Library and Community Garden, being an avid (and vocal) attendee at Robbins Community meetings, volunteering for PADS at several Disciple Churches, singing in the choir, and being a delegate for the Disciples Region, among other things too numerous to mention.

Leila has traveled extensively, from Africa to Europe to South America to almost every one of the 50 states. The last few years have seen her travel lifestyle diminish because of COVID and a hip that tells her to "low it down a little bit young lady."

With all her interests and throughout her career, Leila has remained an active member in the Disciples of Christ denomination for over 50 years. At the youthful age of 91 (September 26, 1931) she is looking forward to continuing her service to God and her church for another 50 years.

Disciples Women Ministries

"Fanning the Flames of Hope" is a 13 collection of lessons and articles written by a team of exceptional writers from across the denomination and beyond that invites readers to explore the tension of being stuck between our sometimes dark, isolated reality and the eternal hope of Christ that lights our path in the darkness.
CLICK TO ORDER: https://tinyurl.com/DWMStore
Orders received by December 9th receive free shipping.



Ministries Across Generations

Hey Region! Ministries Across Generations loves connecting what happens in worship with what can happen at home. We have 33 stories that can be used during worship moments with younger people and families or a children's church. All of these are simple enough to be used at home by families during different times of the year. (You do not need a divinity degree!) You just need a little time to engage in faith together from church to home.

In a world where many are not in worship every week, we encourage multiple ways to get these stories into the home. You can create links for these stories to emails and other digital communication. You can print extras so that when a person is in worship, you can give them what they missed for their own time at home. You can hand out extras to grandparents who may not have kids who worship in the same place, but who have kids who still spend time learning from grandma and grandpa about the important things in life.



Use these stories in multiple ways that work for your community and your busy lives.
Free: Download this example of The Mustard Seed.

You can buy all 4 sets (33 stories) for $100 dollars.
Each set is $25.00 (Advent, Lent, Biblical Women, and Parables)
Once purchased, you can make many copies as needed. There is no limit. $25.00 can cover one to 100 copies. We care more about sharing the stories and growing in faith. https://www.docfamiliesandchildren.org/disicplesfamilyfaith

Upcoming CCIW Events

Youth: Midwinter

Jan. 14—15 @ Decatur Central Christian Church
Contact Eli at eli@cciwdisciples.org for more information

Clergy Standing for 2023 Renewal: Nov. 1—Dec. 7, 2022

Link: https://engage.suran.com/cciwdoc/s/login

The link will take you to the Engage page. It will request your user name and password. The email address is tied to the regional records. If you enter your email and your account does not come up, contact peggy@cciwdisciples.org. Do not create a new account.

If you have not set up an account follow the instructions on the Engage page, create account.

Once you have entered into the Engage account go to:

1. Upper right had corner (three lines) there is a drop down
2. Go down to Event, click on New Registration
3. This will take you to the clergy standing page, fill out and click submit.
4. You will receive a confirmation notice that you have completed your standing renewal.
5. You will receive a letter and card by Jan. 15, 2023. If you have not by that time or there is a mistake contact peggy@cciwdisciples.org

March 2023: Women's Ministry History Month

Join the Christian Church Il & WI and the Christian Church Michigan Regions as we celebrate our history together.

Information regarding events will be posted on the CCIW and CCMR websites.

Professional Boundaries and Pro-Reconciliation Anti-Racism Training

Location	Date	Training	Time	Facilitators
Virtual	March 18, 2023	Healthy Boundaries 201	10 am—3 pm	Revs. Angee Byrd, Tom Yang, Katherine Ball
Peoria, may be hybrid	June 1, 2023*	HB: Self Care/Spirituality	TBD	Rev. Alex Ruth
Virtual	October 14, 2023	Healthy Boundaries 101	TBD	Revs. Dee Ann Woods, Becky Kirby, Eli Rolón Jeong

Gifts to CCIW—2022 - Your Gift Changes Life's

The following churches and individuals have contributed to the 2022 mission of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) through the Annual Fund, Designated and Undesignated gifts to the Regional, Camp Walter Scott and other ministries.

Whether you are a first time giver or the region is part of your ministry budget the region gives thanks not only for the financial support but the support provided through prayers and volunteer hours that allows ministry for children and youth, leadership development, congregational consultation, ministerial search & call, and shared mission activities to occur.



Churches
Villa Park Christian Church
Gibson City First Christian Church
Sullivan First Christian Church
Central Christian Church
Lomax Christian Church
Community CC of Lincolnshire
Winchester Christian Church
Fifteen Ave Christian Church
Danville Central Christian Church
Niantic Christian Church
Hoopeston First Christian Church
New Covenant Community CC
Girard First Christian Church
Bloomington First Christian Church
Illiopolis Christian Church
Winchester First Christian Church
Arrowsmith Christian Church
Litchfield Union Ave Christian Church
Gerlaw Christian Church
Paris First Christian Church
Petersburg First Christian Church
Canton First Christian Church
Gibson City First Christian Church
Creve Coeur First Christian Church

Blessing Boxes
United Christian Church Disciple Women, Country Club Hills
Cynthia Webber
Martha Shine

Shoes for Refugees
Robert Gholson
University Church, Chicago
Sarah Simonds
Cynthia Webber
Susan Larkin
Mark Wyman
Christian Women's Fellowship, Pontiac FCC
Parkway Garden Christian Church
Martha Shine

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Camille and Art Taylor
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Pastoral Changes:
Rev. Tracy Armstrong to FCC, Mt Sterling and continues as a Chaplain at Blessing Hospital, Quincy, IL

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Rev. David James to Glen Oak CC, Peoria

Zach Martin to Arrowsmith Christian Church

David Poeschel, interim at FCC, Petersburg

Retirements:
Rev. Rick Williams

Rev. Keela Neumann, semi-retirement

Celebrations:
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