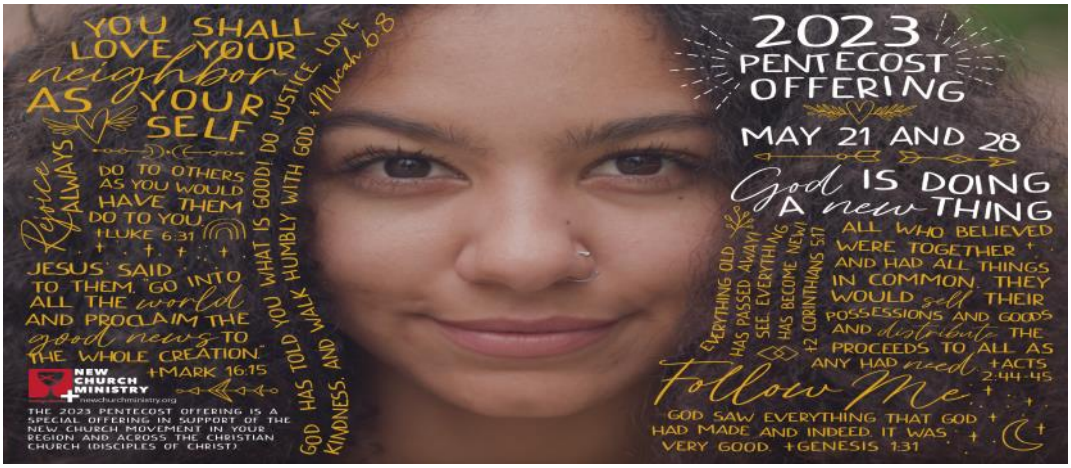
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To be and to share the good news, witnessing, loving, and serving from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth.

We are a Movement for Wholeness in a Fragmented World

In the beginning, every church was new.

It's right there in the Book of Acts. Early disciples came together, sharing all things in common, breaking bread with glad and generous hearts. God was doing a new thing: creating a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world.

In the beginning, Jesus sent out disciples, two by two, not to "plant" churches, but to proclaim good news, to experience the hospitality and wisdom of neighbors all around.

At New Church Ministries, https://newchurchministry.org/
we believe God is calling the whole Church back to becoming new...new to becoming who we are: a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world.

Your gifts to the 2023 Pentecost Offering, received this year in most congregations on Sundays, May 21 and 28, help ensure our movement continues to embody the Disciples of Christ vision: to be and to share the Good News, witnessing, loving and serving from our doorsteps to t he ends of the earth.

Half of your gift support the local new church movement through your region's ministry. The other half supports New Church Ministry efforts across the United States and Canada to equip, train, and empower new leaders.

So, thank you. For participating in the new thing God is still doing– just as in the beginning.

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Regional Minister's Moment

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



Dear Friends,

It has always been my hope that, by giving everything I can in ministry, I can make things a little better for those who come after me. By the grace of God and the support of the saints of this region, people like you, the Christian Church in Illinois and Wisconsin is in a healthy place for ministry.

When I met you many years and miles ago, I talked about how our faith in Jesus was our connection. There might not have been anything else we had in common---but our faith in Jesus was and is enough.
I give thanks for the Light that shines in you as we remember whose we are together.

Since then, our ministry has been guided by our regional vision: "To be a radically welcoming Region of connected Disciples congregations, radiating the Creator's love, continuing Christ's mission, and following the Spirit's call"--- sharing in the life-changing and life-giving ministry of God in our world.

With this vision and common faith, we have: released friends to new ministries; supported emerging ministries; re-structured to make way for ministry; balanced our budget; hosted and were hosted by our friends in Guatemala; encouraged deepening of spiritual life through retreats, camps, conferences; stabilized and enhanced Camp Walter Scott; launched a School for Ministry to train and support lay and clergy leaders; developed a communication ministry just in time for a pandemic; and, welcomed a partnership with Michigan Disciples. We have also called a new regional ministry team to help us carry out this Vision and Mission. You are blessed by gifted, talented, faithful, and diverse regional staff and regional volunteers who tend to our life together.

We are not the same region we were on August 1, 2010. So much has changed intentionally. And so much has changed that we did not foresee, but that God has carried us through.

Personally, I have grieved my mother Joyce, my husband Al Parker, my father Wayne. I have watched my sons grow into their own adulthood in awe of their view of the world. Amazingly, I met a retired Episcopal priest in Paris, not ever intending to meet anyone, and my life has been filled with new adventures, laughter and joy.

Now, it's time for me to step away from this blessed calling of service in regional ministry.

I am writing to share with you my intent to retire, September 1, 2023, after 13 years and one month of service in Illinois and Wisconsin. Over the coming months, my work will focus on completing this call well by empowering our team, finishing up my tasks, sharing the blessings, and making way for your next regional minister.

Our Regional Church Council, led by our Moderator Rev. Timothy Kim will be appointing a search committee soon. Rev. Terri Hord Owens has been informed and we will follow the Executive Search Process model. A Regional Minister Search Consultant from the College of Regional Ministers will be assigned by my colleague Rev. Pamela Holt, Regional Minister of Oklahoma, to guide the process.

Forty years ago, I was ordained into Christian ministry by the faithful Disciples in Muskegon, MI. All I ever wanted was to be a good pastor---to help the people who would allow me to be their pastor through the dark and difficult moments of life. To give a word of hope, to acknowledge that God is love. That hasn't changed. It is, though, time to give my benediction.

> *"I thank God for you Christians at Philippi (Illinois/Wisconsin) whenever I think of you. My constant prayers for you are a real joy, for they bring back to my mind how we have worked together for the Gospel from the earliest days until now. I feel sure that the one who has begun his good work in you will go on developing it until the day of Jesus Christ." Philippians 1:6 JB Phillips translation*

Peace,

Rev. Dr. Teresa Dulyea-Parker

Transformation & Innovation

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Gathered and Sent

I recently attended a Fresh Expressions Vision Day sponsored by the local ELCA Synod. Throughout our time together we thought about and discussed the realities churches are facing today. We have witnessed some radical changes in our culture and world in the last 50 years, and many of us (and our churches) are struggling to see what the path forward looks like. The reality is the church is less central to the life of the communities we live in than it once was.

One thing I particularly appreciated about the way Fresh Expressions suggests we move forward as churches, is that they recommend a both/and approach to ministry. It is essential that we take the church Jesus loves closer to the people Jesus loves. AND, that we remain rooted in our historical faith. Many of us are frightened and dismayed by the empty sanctuaries where we gather for worship. But, if our focus is only on getting more people to attend our Sunday morning services, we miss the bigger picture.

When Jesus sent the seventy disciples into the surrounding communities in Luke 10, he didn't instruct them to bring the people they encountered back to where Jesus was. Those disciples were given the mandate, and the authority, to minister to people in the towns they entered. They took hope and healing and went out into the communities around them. We, like those disciples, are sent into the communities where we live to share the Good News with people our churches are not connecting with yet.

At the same time, we should be attentive to when people in those new communities show interest in deepening their faith, or even becoming a part of the church. At the Vision Day one of the facilitators told the story of a person who was a part of a CrossFit ministry of the church. They had been hurt by the institutional church in the past and hadn't stepped foot in any church for over a decade. As they started to develop a relationship with God through the CrossFit ministry, they expressed a desire to be baptized. So, a portable pool was found, and plans were made to hold the baptism outside of the gym on Christmas Eve (brr!). On the 23rd of December the ministry leader received a call from this new convert asking if they could change the plans and be baptized in the church. They were ready to be gathered back into a church community and continue their healing.

Our future as churches is not ONLY about gathering folks into our sanctuaries. Our future as churches is not ONLY going out into our communities to share Jesus' love. Our future is to be gathered AND sent.
How is God calling you to share the love of Jesus with the people in your community? What if we saw this as a time of opportunity, rather than a time of scarcity? What if we saw people with the same compassion Jesus has for us, and for everyone? How is God at work gathering you in and sending you out?

I would love to hear what God is doing in your life, and in your church.

Regional Youth Council
Rev. Eli Rolón Jeong

JOIN THE REGIONAL YOUTH COUNCIL!

ARE YOU?

- a High School Student (next fall semester)
- Passionate about youth opportunities in our region
- Filled with ideas, BIG & small
- Ready to see your ideas come to life



THEN, YOU ARE WHO WE ARE LOOKING FOR!

Visit www.CCIWDisciples.org/RYC to learn more or contact Pastor Eli (eli@cciwdisciples.org) for more information.

SLAM
What can we do Together?



Service...Learning...Advocacy...Mission

We are serving together on work trips. We are preparing together to help in times of disaster. We are looking to partner on service and learning opportunities across our regions. Will you join us in this work?



SLAM is a ministry of the Christian Church in Il & WI and the Christian Church in MI
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Summer Camp
Camp Walter Scott & Learning Center

Friends,

Are you ready for summer!? We can't wait to officially kick off our camping program at the Walter Scott Camp & Learning Center and we want you to join us! Registration is open for all of our youth and family camps. Walter Scott offers camping opportunities for youth of all ages, for families, and for groups or individuals looking to offer some help in caring for our campgrounds.

Our youth camps provide a wonder-filled time where children experience God's love through friendships, songs, activities, and through God's creation. Our young campers have opportunities to create life-long relationships with those similar in age as well as with dedicated and compassionate directors, counselors, and mentors. We offer three week-long camps, one each for grade school students, junior high school students, and high school students. Camps are also available for younger campers as well as opportunities for parents, grandparents, or family members to participate together with their youth campers. More information about each camp is available on our website www.campwalterscott.org, Registration closes 2 weeks prior to the beginning date of each camp. Don't forget to sign up today!

YOUTH & INTERGENERATIONAL CAMPS

YOU & ME CAMP | K-5th Graders and accompanying adult(s) } June 18 to June 21, 2023
BEGINNERS **|** K-3rd Graders | June 22 to June 24, 2023
JYF **|** 3rd-5th Graders | June 25 to July 1, 2023
CHI RHO **|** 6th to 8th Graders | July 2 to July 8, 2023
CYF **|** 9th to 12th Graders | June 11 to June 17, 2023
CREATION CARE RETREAT **|** Youth and their families | June 2 to June 4, 2023
Grades indicate the most recently completed grade. 3rd graders may attend either Beginners Camp or JYF Camp

YOUNG ADULT CAMP

YOUNG ADULT GLAMPING WEEKEND **|** Young Adults ages 18 to 30 | July 21 to July 23, 2023
Recent High School graduates welcome provided they have turned 18 by July 21, 2023

FAMILY CAMPS

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND FAMILY CAMP **|** May 25 to May 29, 2023
LABOR DAY WEEKEND FAMILY CAMP **|** August 31 to September 4, 2023

SERVICE CAMPS

HANDYPERSON SKILLS CAMP **|** June 3 to June 10, 2023

Walter Scott Camp & Learning Center Reflection
Rev. Clayton Summers







Spring is in the air at Walter Scott as our native redbud trees are flooding the understory with their distinctive dark pink coloration and a multitude of flowers begin to bud. As we ramp up and get ready for our summer camping season (see Eli's article for more on that and make sure to get the kids and youth at your church registered!), we are also ramping up our overall facility usage. We are living into a larger ecumenical commitment as this year we host Disciple, Catholic, Baptist, Methodist, Church of Christ, Non-Denominational, K-9 Search and Rescue, family, college, and more groups in our off-season. We are utilizing our facility to build relationships within the Disciples, within our local community, and within the larger world as well. We continue to extend the radical hospitality of Christ to all who come to this place.

At the same time, we are blessed in our web of relationships by so many people who care deeply for this place. We launched our Camp Ambassador program that is empowering 10 "Camp Ambassadors" to visit 20 of our CCIW congregations this year promoting the camp and building relationships. Our friends at Rekindle have donated mattresses to fit the bunkbeds in our newly reorganized loft sleeping area. Some of our friends from the DeColores (a group that have been holding retreats at our facility for the past 40 years) have donated new knives to our kitchen, lumber for projects, and plants and seeds for our garden. With a memorial gift we installed the beginnings of an orchard near the end of winter. Some of our physical neighbors have donated efforts and materials towards replacing our lake's rusting overflow tube. The IL Valley Cluster has donated a 9-square in the air game for our summer campers. This doesn't even cover the individuals and congregations which have donated money for our solar project, a fireplace insert for the dining hall, or the many other projects underway this year. We flourish because of the community within which we are located.

In a similar fashion, we realize we are in the greater community of Creation within which we are responsible for its flourishing. We must so deeply care for Creation that we constantly look for ways to give back. We invite you to join us on this journey in the places in which you reside. Perform energy audits, plant native plants, stop using weed killers, compost, use less energy and switch to renewables, and ultimately seek a world that resembles the resurrected Christ, mistaken for a gardener.

Peace on the Journey,
Clayton Summers, Resident Minister & Caretaker

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Camp Walter Scott - Service Opportunities

June 4—10
Handy Person Skills Camp

May 13, Sept 16, Nov. 4
Saturday Work Days

Individuals and groups attending a Saturday work day are welcome to arrive on Friday night or Saturday. Those attending the Service Week are welcome to arrive or leave any time during the work week.
Please, let us know of your arrival and departure plan when you RSVP so that we may be ready.
To RSVP, visit us at: www.CampWalterScott.org



Camp Walter Scott
YOUNG ADULT
GLAMPING WEEKEND
JULY 21 –23

Adults ages 18 to 30

GLAMOROUS + CAMPING = GLAMPING

This camp is designed with a typical camp program and activities in mind but elevating them just a notch.

CCIW Young Adults are invited to join us for a weekend of fellowship, worship, and fun! We'll have a Friday night reception with hors d'oeuvres, campfire with gourmet s'mores, brunch worship, and many other opportunities to share stories and engage in fun camp activities together.

Those who have completed high school are welcome, provided they are 18 by July 21

For more information on these events and any changes which might occur check out CampWalterScott.org.
To see full grounds usage visit CampWalterScott.org/Calendar.

SCHOOL FOR MINISTRY
Rev. Dr. April Stewart-McClure



The School for Ministry is pleased to invite you to attend, *Cool, Calm, and Connected: Tools for Managing Conflict in Yourself and You Congregation* on June 20-22 from 9-3 on Zoom. Dr. Susan Street Beavers will present on Tues. June 20 *Getting Real: Self-Examination and Leadership*. The Lombard Peace Institute will provide material Wed. June 21, *Breathe In, Breathe Out: Managing Anxiety in the Church*.

Rev. Dr. Bruce Barkhauer from The Center for Faith and Giving will present Thurs. June 22 in a seminar that will fulfill the ethics requirement for clergy in CCIW/ CCMR *Don't Count the Offering: Financial Ethics for Clergy and Congregations*. The seminars are open to all and may be taken separately or in combination. For more info contact schoolforministry@cciwdisciples.org.

Your Gifts Matter
When Disaster strikes the Church and Week of Compassion are there

Writing with a brief update from Robinson FCC. Pastor Ross and I , Rev. Caroline Hamilton-Arnold (Domestic Disaster Response) spoke late last week about the impact of the tornado in the area. FCC had one member whose home was destroyed. She is quite elderly (90+) and was in the home when the storm hit. She was care-flighted to Evansville and was still in the hospital as of last Thursday. Week of Compassion will send a household solidarity grant, but Pastor Ross wanted to speak with the family to get a few more details about the situation first.

Additionally, the church decided to open as a respite center for the line crews and first responders working in the area – they set out some cots/air mattresses for folks to rest between shifts and provided coffee, snacks, and hot meals. We have offered a solidarity grant to offset expenses from that effort (and/or other relief efforts the church engages in as needs arise).

CCIW DISCIPLE'S WOMEN
Rev. Dr. Beth Rupe



CCIW DISCIPLES WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT
Season of Life: Living in Love
September 30 – October 1, 2023

Once again, we are looking forward to gathering for two days of renewal and fellowship at CCIW FALL WOMEN'S RETREAT. The planning committee comprised of Jane Cahill, Jacqueline Myers, Heather Rinderer, Nina Scattergood, and Pearl Witte have set the date for Saturday, September 30 at 9:00 AM through Sunday, October 1 at Noon. Our theme is ***Season of Life: Living in Love***.

The leadership team will gather on Friday to begin set up and preparation to receive others. If it best suits your travel arrangement, you may also arrive after 6 PM on Friday to enjoy the beauty and the serenity of the Camp Walter Scott and spend the night. The cost for Friday night accommodations is an additional $20.00. On Friday, there will be no scheduled activities and dinner is on your own.

On Saturday the event will begin with a hot breakfast, registration, and welcome at 9:00 AM. Throughout the day, we will explore our theme **Seasons of Life: Living in Love** with our keynote speaker Rev. Melissa Ebken and other leaders as we explore scriptures, make crafts, pray for and with one another, and more. Nina Scattergood will be our music leader and Jacqueline Myers will be leading crafts. The evening will conclude with dinner and time to connect with your prayer partner and others. The event will conclude on Sunday with worship and brunch. An offering will be received during worship and donated to Camp Walter Scott to be used for artwork for the Camp that features women of the Bible.

Our speaker, Melissa Ebken, is a Pastor, Coach, Author and Speaker. Melissa was called into ministry, much to her surprise, after becoming a biologist and serving for ten years in the Illinois Army National Guard as a utility helicopter mechanic, the first women to do so. She has served in Illiopolis and Niantic since 2001. Melissa is at home in the difficult spaces of people's lives, willing to listen and to walk with those who struggle and suffer. She is a trained coach and has consulted with churches in conflict. Her current pursuits include forming a ministry co-op to better serve small churches, supporting nurses and businesses to thrive in stressful climates through building emotional intelligence, and guiding people who are ready to lean into and over difficult challenges and experiences in their lives. She authored a book *Teach Us to Pray: An Ancient Model For a Modern Day,* and has a podcast called *Pursuing Uncomfortable*. Her next book, *Pursuing Uncomfortable: Leaning in and Overcoming,* is due out in July 2023.

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Rev. Dr. Beth Rupe

Fall Retreat con't

Fee for the Fall Retreat is **$75.00 with overnight accommodations** on Saturday in the Retreat House or a cabin, (you can request to stay in a yurt or hogan), or you can make your own reservations in a local hotel or motel. ***Commuter fee is $55.00.***

As always, the health and safety of our participants are always a concern. If you are ill the day of the event, we request that you stay home this year. We will refund your registration and see you next year. Overnight accommodations will be arranged by travel groups. Travel groups will be identified through the congregation that is listed on the registration form. Should there be questions about accommodations, Beth Rupe will contact you prior to the event or during Saturday morning check-in time.

Registration Forms will be mailed to those who have attended previous retreats and is below and may be cut out and sent to the Regional Office, CCIW, 401 W Jefferson St., Bloomington, Il 61701-3826. It is also available to download on the CCIW website. Registration deadline is September 22, 2023

Disciple's Women Fall Retreat Registration Form

REGISTRATION FOR Sept 30 – Oct 1, 2023 FALL WOMEN'S RETREAT
Friday Night Lodging ($20.00)
Saturday and Sunday (overnight stay) $75.00
Saturday and Sunday (Commuting) $55.00

REGISTRATION DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 22, 2023

Name _____

Address (Street) _____

(City, St. Zip)_____

EMAIL _____ **PHONE** _____

CONGREGATION WITH CITY _____

Vegetarian _____ **I would like to stay in a hogan or yurt** _____

Total due

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CCIW DISCIPLES WOMEN'S COFFEE CONNECTIONS

CCIW DISCIPLE'S WOMEN

Disciples Women's Spring Gathering - A Cultivar for Connection

Women from around the region met by Zoom and in person for a hybrid event on April 21 and 22. Friday night's zoom meeting featured a Bible study on *Exploring Creation Theology* led by Rev. Dr. Beth Rupe, a discussion of ministry opportunities and resources available through the general church on the Disciples Women website, and a closing liturgy.

On Saturday Rev. Hannah Fitch drew on the world's largest seed, the 12-inch, 40-pound coco de mer seed and the 2-millimeter mustard as metaphors for the kingdom of God. Participants were encouraged to share how their faith had been cultivated, how meaning is formed for and attached to inanimate and nonhuman objects, and more. Through these discussions and in her presentation, Hannah challenged us to cultivate our sense of belonging - belonging to God, to one another, and to creation.

We closed the event with communion, dedication of the Blessing Boxes, and by inviting the women to participate in the CCIW Disciples Women's upcoming event including Coffee Connections of August 26, Topic: We Are Stronger Together: An Open Discussion of Women's Ministries in CCIW, September 20 – October 1, Fall Women's Retreat at Camp Walter Scott with theme of Seasons of Life: Living in Love, and October 28 Coffee Connection, Topic: Domestic Violence: Next Steps in Being an Advocate. We also shared information about the new family environmental camp led by Revs. Hannah Fitch and Clayton Summers in June. More information on all these events can be found on the CCIW website under camps or events.

Undergirding the entire Gathering was an understanding that we are to echo God's call that all of creation is "good," reflect the delight that God takes in creation, and to reclaim our identity and vocation as caretakers of creation as we connect, protect and cherish all that God has created. For those who would like to explore this topic more deeply, Rev. Fitch recommends the book *Spiritual Activism: Leadership as Service* by Alastair McIntosh and Matt Carmichael. Rev. Dr. Rupe recommends the book *Care for Creation: A Franciscan Spirituality of the Earth* bt Ilia Delio, Keith Warner, and Pamela Wood and *For the Beauty of the Earth: A Christian Vision for Creation Care (Engaging Culture)* by Steven Couma-Predigeer.

In keeping with the theme of the event, the 2023 Mission Project for the Gathering is providing Ecological Signage for Camp Walter Scott's From Pond Trail. Contributions to this project may be made by mailing checks to CCIW, 401 West Jefferson, Bloomington, IL 61701. The deadline for this project is May 30, 2023. Our goal is to raise $1000.

In moving forward, we appreciate and need your input. So if you have suggestions for topics that you would like to be addressed, would like to share your preference for meeting in person or by Zoom for events such as the Gathering, etc., please contact Rev. Dr. Beth Rupe, CCIW Disciples Women's Ministries Coordinator at bethr@cciwdisciples.org.

News from Disciples Women Leadership Council

Thursdays in Black Campaign



1 in 3 women experience physical and sexual violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime. We can help raise awareness of this issue and stand in solidarity with women who experience this by participating in the Thursdays in Black Campaign. More information is available by visiting the following website:
https://www.globalministries.org/thursdays-in-black-campaign/
OR
https:..www.ecumenicalwomenun.org/thursdays-in-black

CCIW DISCIPLE'S WOMEN
Rev. Dr. Beth Rupe

CCIW Disciples Women 2023 Service Project

The CCIW Disciples Women have chosen **Creation Care at Camp Walter Scott** as our service project this year. The project will focus on Frog Pond Trail Ecological Signs with the purpose of teaching about Creation and our human impact on it.

The existing Frog Pond Trail at Camp Walter Scott is approximately ½ mile long, leading to a pond where cypress trees (unusual this far north in the U.S.) are found. Adding ecological signage to the trail supplements its natural beauty by leaning into the camp's mission to teach about the care of God's Creation. Signage will note plants, trees, animals, and other wildlife present on the grounds. It will name their role and function within the ecological system, how humans impact them, feature photography of the plants, and speak to how we can better care for this type of Creation.

Offerings for this project may be sent to CCIW, 401 W. Jefferson St., Bloomington, IL 61701. Please make checks payable to CCIW, designated for CWS Creation Care. Donations can be made through May, 2023.

Upcoming CCIW Events

Domestic Violence Awareness Month October 28, 2023

Coffee Connections for Disciples Women

This will be a follow-up to the 2022 Coffee Connection. We will be talking about advocating and helping women who may be experiencing Partner Violence.
Registration is now open: https://cciwdisciples.org/events/

Professional Boundaries and Pro-Reconciliation Anti-Racism Training

Registration deadline: two weeks prior to the event.

Location	Date	Training	Time	Facilitators
Virtual Cost::$25.00	Oct. 14, 2023	Healthy Boundaries 101	10 am—3 pm	Revs. Angee Byrd Tom Yang, Katherine Ball
Peoria, hybrid Cost: $25.00 Virtual $35.00 in person	June 1, 2023	HB: Self Care/Spirituality	10 am—3 pm	Rev. Dr. Alex Ruth Rev. Canon Al Keeney
Virtual Cost: $35.00	June 22, 2023	Clergy and Congregational Financial Ethics	9 am—3 pm	Rev. Bruce Barkhauer with Center for Faith and Giving

CCIW DISCIPLE'S WOMEN
Rev. Dr. Beth Rupe

AUGUST 26, 2023
Vision and the in-reach and out-reach of the Disciple's Women
Together we are Stronger

Join us on Saturday August 26, 2023, from 10 AM – 11: 30 AM to share what is happening with the women ministries of your congregation. Don't have "organized" circles or groups? That is okay. If you are a woman attending a Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) congregation, you are a Disciples Woman and the ministry that you do is part of Disciples Women's ministries.

So come and share about your after-school mentoring programs, book club, yoga and exercise groups, garden clubs, and monthly lunch outings. Come and share how you are engaging in the community as you make mats for the homeless, blankets for Linus Project, collect food for food pantries, and eyeglasses for recycling through the Lions Club. All these projects and more are a part of the vision and the in-reach and outreach of Disciples Women throughout IL/ WI.

So, if you want ideas and could use some suggestions on how to energize your ministries or if you can help by sharing and celebrating what is happening in your congregation this is a place to connect. **Together we are stronger**. You can register for this event on the CCIW website. Registration Deadline Thursday August 24, 2023. A link for the event will be sent upon confirmation of your registration. There is no fee for this event. **AUGUST 26, 2023**

If you are a Disciples and a woman
you are a Disciple's Woman!



We are excited to invite the whole church to the 2023 General Assembly The Kindom of God Within Us, Among Us

Registration Link:

https://web.cvent.com/event/b8cdd40a-6cd8-48aa-a28c-22148adf819f/web-sitePage:ee6e6eee-07f7-428e-8d47-ec8b8e8534ec

Gifts to CCIW—2023 - We Give Thanks for Your Generosity

The following churches and individuals have contributed to in the last quarter of 2022 and 2023 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.

Your continual prayers, support and generosity to the Region, Camp Walter Scott, New Church Ministries, DW ministry and the special offerings is beyond measure. Who and where do you impact...everyone and everywhere.



Churches
Villa Park Christian Church
Gibson City First Christian Church
Sullivan First Christian Church
Danville Central Christian Church
Niantic Christian Church
Illiopolis Christian Church
Niantic Christian Church
Fifteenth Ave Christian Church
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Lomax Christian Church
Bloomington First Christian Church
Petersburg First Christian church
Lincolnshire Community Christian Church
Disciples of Christ Community Church
Danville Central Christian Church
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Thanksgiving and Christmas Offering
Winchester First Christian Church
Brenda Culver
Shauna Smith
Cheryl Smith

New Church Starts
Lincolnshire Community Christian Church

Blessing Boxes
Gen Oak Christian Church Women's Fellowship

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Prayer Concerns:
Mary Ellen and Dawn Holt, family of Rev. Terry Foland; Rev. David James; Rev. Robert Sherman; Rev. Karen Lorack Mitchell; Rev. Maxine Dennison: Rev. Neil Deupree; Rev. Dennis Steckley

Deaths: Benny Ball , father – in-law of Rev. Katherine Ball; Rev. James Warren Turner; Vic Tuccy, husband of Rev. Cheri Tuccy; Brother in law of Rev. Laura Jennison Reed

Pastoral Changes: Rev. Mary Runge, part-time interim at Coldbrook Christian Church; Rev. Scott Harris, part-time ministry at Gerlaw Christian Church; Rev. Neal Kentch, interim at First Christian Church, Bloomington; Rev. Jessica Dager began as Ministry Associate, UniPlace Christian Church

Retirements:
Rev. Montee Akers, Park Manor Christian Church; Rev. Karen Merrick, FCC, Peoria;

Ordination: Rev. Clayton Summers, ordination May 5th,

The Annual Fund

Our Regional church is committed to high quality partnership with local congregations, providing ministry services not available elsewhere – helping congregations in times of crisis, providing camps for our children and youth, helping congregations call their next pastor, joining in global ministry together. We invite you to support the Annual Fund and join us as partners in life-changing ministry!

One way to show support in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in IL & WI's Mission is through a donation to our Annual Fund. Gifts to the Annual Fund enable us to grow Disciples congregations for healthy vital ministry!

Your support is appreciated



Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in IL & WI

Growing Disciples congregations for healthy, vital ministry.

☐ Yes! I believe in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in IL & WI's Mission and I want to help!

☐ Enclosed is my gift to the Annual Fund ☐ $100 ☐ $250 ☐ $500 ☐ Other

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