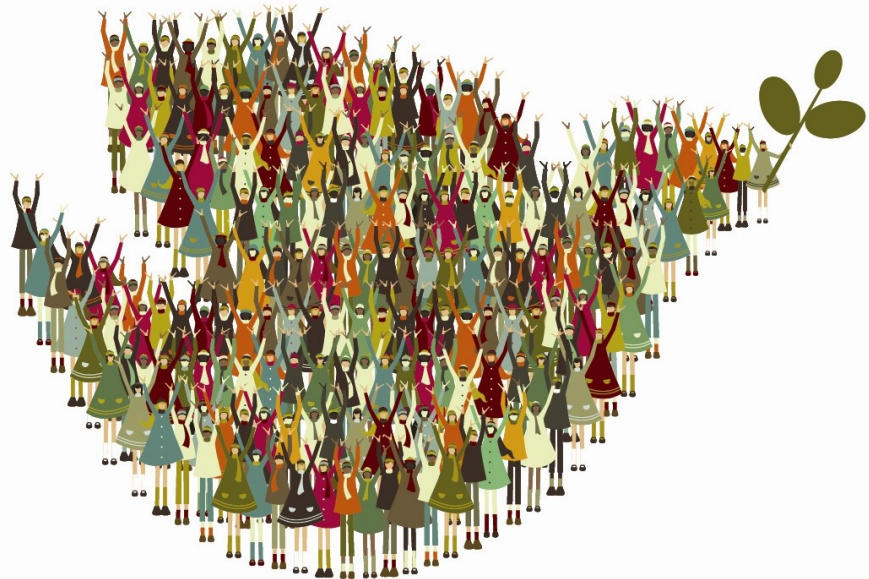


# Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in N.C.

**SAVE THE DATE!  
APRIL 27-29, 2012**



*That All May Be One.*

JOHN 17: 20-22



164TH REGIONAL ASSEMBLY :: RALEIGH, NC

Keynote Speakers:

**Rev. Dr. James Forbes, Jr., Senior Emeritus**  
*The Riverside Church, New York, NY*

**Rev. Amy Gopp, Executive Director**  
*Week of Compassion, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)*

# TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

## IMPORTANT DATES

MARK YOUR  
2012 CALENDARS  
NOW!!

**JANUARY 28TH**  
Business Items filed  
Resolutions Submitted

**FEBRUARY 27TH**  
Voting & Alternate  
Delegates Submitted

**MARCH 4TH**  
Assembly  
Registration Sunday

**APRIL 27-29TH**  
Regional Assembly

**SCHEDULE NOTES:**  
Unless otherwise noted

Youth Events located  
at Millbrook United  
Methodist Church  
(MUMC)

All Assembly Events  
located at North  
Raleigh Hilton  
Midtown (NRH)

All Assembly Closing  
Worship located at  
Hillyer Memorial CC  
(HMCC)

Friday, April 27, 2012

"THAT ALL MAY BE ONE IN SPIRIT"

11:30am Ministers & Mates Luncheon  
*Speaker: Rev. Dr. Frank Dawkins, Eastern Regional CareNet Facility*

1:00 Registration

2:00 Workshops

3:30 Business Session I

5:30 Youth Registration  
Higher Education  
Dinner  
(Barton College)

6:30 Concert  
**THE MASTER'S MEN**  
Youth to Worship

7:00 Worship  
*Speaker: Rev. Dr. James Forbes, Senior Emeritus, The Riverside Church, NY*

8:30 Youth Activities

9:00 Receptions

10:00 Youth Prayer Stations

Saturday, April 28, 2012

"THAT ALL MAY BE ONE IN MISSIONS"

7:00am *Pension Fund Breakfast James Hamlett, President*

8:00 Registration Opens  
Business Session II  
Youth Breakfast

8:30 Youth Activities

9:00 Youth Round Table

Saturday, April 28, 2012 (cont'd)

10:00 Bible Lecture  
Workshops  
Mission Projects  
Youth Small Groups

11:30 DWM Luncheon  
*Speaker: Rev. Pat Donahoo, Office of Disciples Women*  
CMF Luncheon

12:00pm Youth Luncheon

1:00 *Youth Talk w/Amy Gopp*

1:30 Workshops  
Mission Projects

5:30 *All Assembly Dinner Speaker: Amy Gopp, Week of Compassion*  
Youth Dinner

6:30 Youth Transport to  
Worship

7:00 Worship  
*Speaker: Rev. Amy Gopp, Executive Director, Week of Compassion*

8:45 Youth Games (HMCC)

10:00 Youth Prayer Stations

Sunday, April 29, 2012

"THAT ALL MAY BE ONE IN PRAISE"

8:30am Youth Breakfast

9:00 All Assembly Closing  
Worship  
*Speaker: Rev. John Richardson, Regional Minister*

*All Sunday Events at Hillyer Memorial CC*

THE PURPOSE of the 164th Regional Assembly of the Christian Church in North Carolina is:

- ◆ To open our hearts and minds to the unity that all Christians already share through the gift of Jesus Christ;
- ◆ To celebrate that unity even as we continue to establish relationships with one another;
- ◆ To faithfully embody Jesus' words, "That all may be One".

**Theme: "That all may be One"**

**Scripture: St. John 17:20-22 (NIV)**

20) "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, 21) that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22) I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one."



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# YOUTH ASSEMBLY

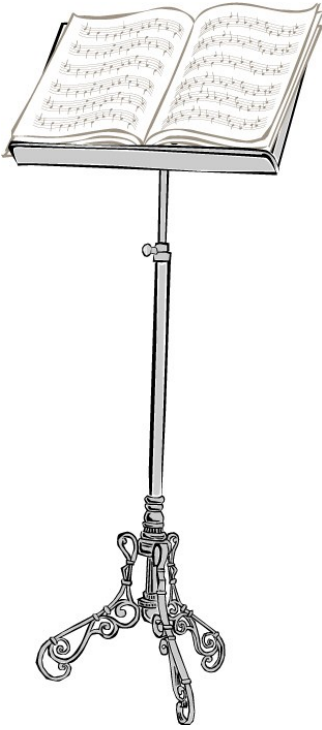
Friday 4/27@5:30pm—Sunday 4/29@10am

For Grades 6-12

- \* **CONNECT** with youth from across North Carolina  
*See camp friends and make new friends—it's like a HUGE 2-night lock-in with dozens of other churches!*
- \* **BREAK DOWN WALLS** that divide us  
*We'll explore our theme -That All May Be One - by looking at what we have in common and what makes us unique*
- \* **SERVE** neighbors in need  
*Make a difference by volunteering on a service project*
- \* **DEEPEN** your faith  
*Experience new types of worship*
- \* **GROW** closer to God and other Christians  
*We'll talk with a panel of Christians who worship and see God in many different ways*
- \* **USE YOUR VOICE!**  
*Instead of one keynote speaker, YOU will ask questions, talk about your faith, and dialogue with other youth*
- \* **PLAY, EAT, LAUGH, SING, & MAKE MUSIC**  
*Including sardines and all your favorite youth activities!*

Don't miss it!





## THE ALL ASSEMBLY CHOIR

"**W**e **A**re **O**ne **I**n **T**he **S**pirit." Believe it; sing it; and/or lip sync it with the All Assembly "pick-up" Choir. Let us know you will participate. Contact Carole Tyler, Music Director at [ectyler@nc.rr.com](mailto:ectyler@nc.rr.com) or call 919.481-4715. She will tell you how, when and where. Amen?

THE ASSEMBLY HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE  
*An enjoyable experience is our top priority!*

For more info contact:  
 Pastor Joanne VerBurg at [jverburg@nc.rr.com](mailto:jverburg@nc.rr.com)

## USHERS: THE RED SASH BRIGADE

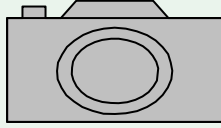
This year the Ushers who are assisting at the Table at the Friday and Saturday Worship Services will be wearing red sashes. These sashes are given by the women at St. Paul's Christian Church and will be used at future Regional Assemblies. On Friday the Ushers will be members of the churches in the Coastal Plains District and on Saturday, many of the youth attending the Assembly will be serving as the Ushers.

Sign up today, your smile is needed!  
 For more info contact: Mary Talbert at [mdtalbert4@gmail.com](mailto:mdtalbert4@gmail.com)

## A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS!

### CALLING FOR CHURCH PHOTOS

On opening night of the Assembly, we will feature a slideshow presentation of the churches of the region. We want 100% participation. Here's how you do it:



- ⇒ Have your media guru email us your favorite photo of the church (building/facility).
- ⇒ Photo should come in JPEG format (not PDF). If photos are mailed in, they will not be returned.
- ⇒ You are welcome to send in several shots to offer a choice but only one will be used.
- ⇒ The photo presentation will replace the flag procession so there will be no need to bring your church flags.

### MEMORIAL SERVICE:

2011 has been quite a year for us here in NC, from earthquakes to hurricanes and floods. Loss, however it comes, is always painful but the memory of loved ones is often a gift. We will continue to give God praise for the life of those Disciples who now 'rest from their labor.' Please submit all names for our memorial moment to Lisa Tedder in the regional office no later than March 15, 2012.



## THE WORSHIP CORNER

Worship is at the core of who we are as Christians. In worship we are no longer black and white, rich and poor, rural and urban. We are all God's children. As we gather for worship during the Regional Assembly, through the songs and words and the proclamation of the Gospel, we will celebrate our uniqueness while at the same time celebrating the Spirit who unites us together that we all may be one. Plan to join us!

Rev. David Mallory, Chair  
Assembly Worship

### INFORMATION



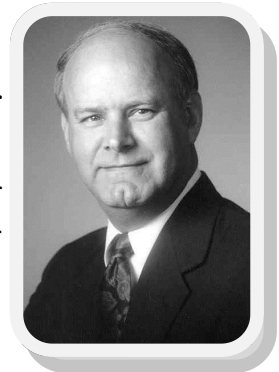
**There will be an Information Booth located close to the Hospitality Table staffed by people with answers! Don't hesitate to take your questions to them. If they don't know the answers, they will find out for you. There are no "dumb questions!"**

**Rev. Phil Jones, Chair**  
**[philjones@stpauls.net](mailto:philjones@stpauls.net)**

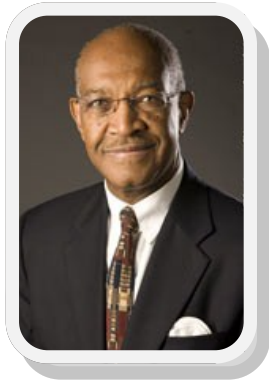
# GUEST SPEAKERS AND PRESENTERS



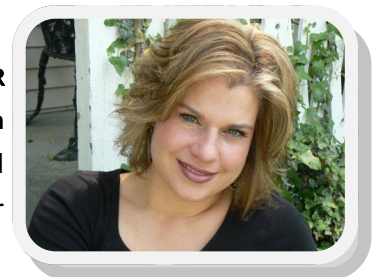
**REV. DR. FRANK DAWKINS, REGIONAL DIRECTOR**  
Eastern Regional CareNet Facility  
Greenville, NC  
Friday: Ministers and Mates Luncheon Speaker



**JAMES HAMLETT, PRESIDENT**  
Pension Fund, Indianapolis, IN  
Friday: Workshop Presenter  
Saturday: Breakfast Speaker



**REV. DR. JAMES FORBES, JR., SENIOR MINISTER EMERITUS**  
The Riverside Church, NY  
Friday: Worship Speaker  
Saturday: Bible Lecturer



**REV. AMY GOPP, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**  
Week of Compassion  
Indianapolis, IN  
Saturday: Youth Talk / All Assembly Dinner / Worship Speaker



**REV. PAT DONAHO, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**  
Office of Disciples Women, Indianapolis, IN  
Friday: Workshop Presenter  
Saturday: Disciples Women's Ministries Luncheon Speaker



## Unwrapping the Gift of “Oneness”

Rev. Valerie J. Melvin

As a child, I loved Christmas. I would awaken early, scramble to our living room and find the items marked ‘Val’. The packages were so-o-o-o- pretty! After a few seconds of gazing at the brightly colored boxes with the beautiful bows and glittering streamers, I could not take it anymore. I would rip off the wrapping to find out what delights awaited me. Often, my heart would leap because I got just what I wanted...the perfect gift! However, there were other times when the gifts were more suited to what I needed than what I wanted. For this youngster, that was paradoxical; what I ‘need’ (not want) being called a gift. From a spiritual vantage point, I thank God for growth enough to understand that a gift is something given willingly and without payment, and for Christian development and communal healing the gift of reconciliation is often the last gift desired.

As we transition into our 2012 Regional Assembly, we leave behind the theme “One Dream, One Church” which stretched us, challenged us and down right aggravated some of us. The weightiness of the theme revealed the tenuous nature of racism and its attempt to thwart conversations and stifle reconciliation. However, in retrospect the gift of the Wilmington Assembly was what we needed and it was two-fold. First, as Disciples of Christ, we approached the Assembly with a desire to see the collective body take another step in historical integrity which is the understanding and respect for historical markers which cohesively weave our diversities of race and culture. Second, the NC Anti-Racism/Pro-Reconciliation Commission found hope in the voices of those who wanted to continue conversations of healing and reconciliation. The “Healing Room” provided a place where Disciples could continue unwrapping their gifts.

In 2012, we will find another wrapped package waiting for each of us. The wrapping was not printed in a wrapping paper factory but in St. John 17:20-22. *“20) My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, 21) that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22) I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one.”*

It is my prayer that the hard work of the Vision Team will make our hearts leap for joy as we delve into our gifts to see what awaits us. They have created a venue for hands-on missions, a well-rounded youth assembly, powerful preaching, transforming Bible lectures and empowering workshops. Even the displays are geared to address our theme and help those of us attending the 164th Assembly to come away with the best gift of all...Oneness with our God and each other! Oh look! There is a package with your name on it!!! See you in Raleigh!

### THE VISION TEAM

Rev. Melissa Acres, Macclesfield CC, Chair  
Rev. David Mallory, Host Pastor, Hillyer Memorial CC  
Rev. Allison Lanza-Youth  
Pam Thompson-Publicity  
Rev. Joanne VerBurg, Covenant CC-Hospitality  
Rev. Randy Holste-Youth  
Rev. Phil Jones, St. Pauls CC-Information  
Rev. Diane Faires-Youth  
Mary Talbert-Ushers  
Rev. Tom Hill, Wendell CC-Media  
Rev. Kathy Jo Mitchell, FCC, Rocky Mt.-Decorations  
Rev. Peter Harper-Youth  
Craig Wingfield-Displays

Rev. Jamie Eubanks-Transportation  
Emily Currin  
Elder Katie Armstrong-Goldsboro-Raleigh Assem. Rep.  
Tonnette Artis  
Rev. Valerie J. Melvin, Associate Regional Minister  
Rev. John Richardson, Regional Minister

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