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Good News Stories of Virginia Disciples

I have launched a new effort to share the good news I get to experience as the Regional Minister of Virginia. I meet and am inspired by so many amazing stories that confirm to me that God meant for us to be ONE and that WE are Stronger Together! WE ALL NEED a Little Good News.....PS, I really love this ministry and the people I get to journey alongside!

You can go to this link to see the Good News Stories that have been made already:

https://www.youtube.com/@billspangler-dunning1145

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New Administrative Secretary Position

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Virginia is seeking a faithful, organized, and hospitable Administrative Secretary to support the shared ministry of the Region. This role offers an opportunity to serve congregations, clergy, ministry leaders, and regional programs through dependable administrative support, gracious communication, and careful stewardship of information and resources.

The Administrative Secretary serves as a welcoming and dependable presence in the regional office and helps sustain the ministries of the church across Virginia. This position supports communication, recordkeeping, financial processes, event coordination, and office operations, helping the Region remain organized, responsive, and connected. The person in this role will work closely with staff, ministers, congregations, committees, and ministry partners in support of the mission and witness of the church. If you are interested, please send a cover letter and resume to bsdinvirginia@gmail.com

To see a message from the Regional Minister about this position, go here:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1vEi0V6wqT-iS5ozTT7qECLincciKN8qb/view

For more information go to the Regional Website at:
https://www.ccinva.org/administrative-assistant-position.

2027 Virginia Regional Mission Trip

The mission leadership group (Abby Yeatts Matschke, Suzanne Dale, Vanessa Law, Diane Clark, and Jonathan Webster) are pleased to announce for the 5th Annual Multi-Generational Virginia Mission trip we will return to Western NC to continue hurricane recovery work. The dates for the trip are Monday, June 7 to Saturday, June 12, 2027. We will stay at Christmount. We will have several new, exciting parts of the trip which we will announce each month. The first announcement is youth groups will stay in the guest lodge, not the cabins. Adults will stay in the Guest House. Registration will be Monday, January 11, 2027. Please let one of the leadership team know if you have any questions and please be in prayer for the trip.

Rev. Dr. Jonathan Webster
jonathanwebsterbcc@gmail.com

You could be the one they are looking for . . .
Week of Compassion seeks leaders for small group disaster response mission work

We are searching for experienced volunteers for Mission work over the next several months and into 2027. Pastors Greg and Debbie Ott are in the process of being trained as Week of Compassion leaders for small group disaster response mission work (6-8 people). We need skilled volunteers in the following areas:

> brick and cinderblock installation (adding to existing block walls for a house foundation).
> work with concrete (form, pour, and finish concrete sidewalks and stoops).
> installation of wooden decks and ramps w/ landings (houses are on foundations 7-8 blocks high).

We are building a list because everyone will not be available all the same time. We are a very flexible and quick return group to serve in MD, VA, NC areas.

Thank you!
Rev. Greg Ott

If you could imagine yourself as part of this team send a note to Greg Ott **<chalicevb@gmail.com>** or Debbie Ott **<debbieott757@gmail.com>**

The **Virginia Disciples Women's Ministry Regional Retreat** was held September 18-20 at the Skelton 4-H Conference Center at Smith Mountain Lake. The theme was "Sprouting Our Faith." Our keynote speaker, Rev. Dr. Erin Reibel, an ordained Disciples minister from Richmond, VA, brought us a powerful message about the pilgrimage of Ruth and Naomi, the decisions Esther faced, the value of the traits of Mary and Martha in each of us, and Lydia opening her heart to the Lord as key components for us to sprout and grow our faith. The closing worship Sunday morning beautifully pulled together the retreat. Rev. Kara Fleurizard was an inspiring speaker at our Disciples Women Luncheon, and Rev. Donna Cain and Sue Palmer led us with their musical talents. Anne Bradshaw and Rev. Ruth Harrison led workshops on hope and immigration.

There was fun throughout the weekend: at the coffeehouse, boat rides, game night, and a raffle of themed baskets. The raffle raised $800.00 toward the 2026 mission projects of Turning Point (domestic violence shelter in Roanoke) and water wells for refugees in Kenya. Thank you to all who contributed baskets and bought raffle tickets. **Plans for the 2027 retreat have already started for October 8-10, 2027. We encourage women from around the region to mark their calendars and start plans to attend!** Watch for more to come!

Craig Springs Kitchen Renovation to Begin Fall 2027:

We are excited to announce that the Craig Springs Kitchen Renovation will begin in the fall of 2027. This project has been needed for some time and I am excited to announce that we intend to start the project following the camp season next year. Please join us in prayer for this project and for the many lives that have experienced and will experience God's love on the Holy Mountain we call Craig Springs:

- Share this video
- Contribute/Pledge a gift individually
- Talk to your church about a contribution for this important ministry
- Encourage your church to hold a retreat at Craig Springs

PS. Camp numbers have grown over last year.....

https://youtu.be/7jQJwR0b8Jg (Announcement Video)

https://www.ccinva.org/cskitchen (Kitchen Renovation Page)

Blessings BSD

Open Ministry Positions

If you are interested, contact Bill Spangler-Dunning at bsdinvirginia@gmail.com

Chalice Christian Church. 5612 Haden Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23455 is seeking a full-time minister that will transition from Associate to Senior Pastor.

Doe Run Christian Church. 3536 Doe Run Road, Rocky Mount, VA is seeking a full-time minister (parsonage included).

Fayette Street Christian Church. 420 Fayette St., Martinsville, VA is seeking a pulpit supply to part-time minister.

First Christian Church, Richlands. 1502 Second Street, Richlands, VA is seeking a full-time (with parsonage).

Loudon Avenue Christian Church. 730 Loudon Ave., NW, Roanoke, VA is seeking a full-time pastor.

Midway Church of Christ, North Tazewell, VA is seeking Sunday Pulpit supply.

Philippi Christian Church. 17276 General Puller Hwy., Deltaville, VA is seeking a ¾ to full-time pastor.

Poole Christian Church. 7521 Trinity Church Road, Church Road, VA is seeking a part-time minister.

Sherry Memorial Christian Church. 729 Mountain Lake Rd., Newport, VA is seeking a part-time minister.

Slash Christian Church. 11353 Mt. Hermon Rd., Ashland, VA is looking for a part-time youth minister. Contact Michael Weeks at pastormichael@slashcc.org for more information.

Unity Christian Church. 400 Tyler Street, Radford, VA is seeking a full-time minister.

West Side Christian Church. 535 Cherokee Road, Portsmouth, VA is seeking a part-time minister.

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Written by Tristan Spangler-Dunning whom I trust deeply when he recommends a book!

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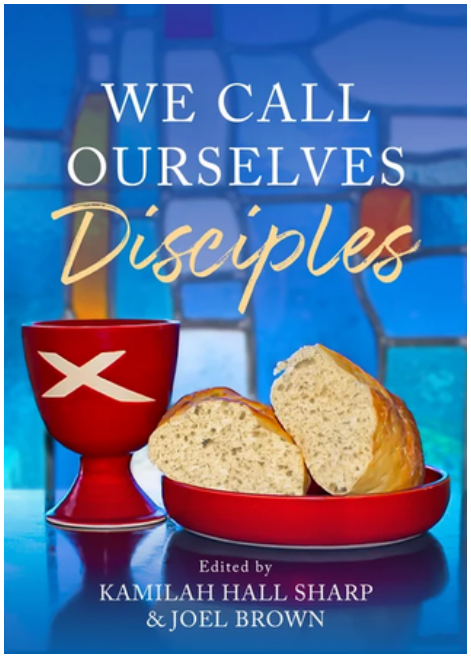
https://journalofdiscipliana.org/index.php/jod/issue/view/6



https://disciplespreaching.org/events/disciples-preaching-retreat/ (More Info)
https://youtu.be/gKaEXV-fdo8?si=ukjXBh3RGsEDkUJV (Promo Video)