

The Virginia Christian

July, 2022



Prayers for Rev. Rita Allen:

Rev. Steve Allen passed away July 5th. He was the minister at Centennial Christian Church, McCoy, VA. Please keep Rev. Rita Allen, Steve's wife, in your prayers. Feel free to send her a word of support at ritareads6557@yahoo.com.

Keep Vincent Klug in your prayers

We would like to ask everyone to continue to keep Rev. Vincent Klug of Louisa Christian Church in your prayers.

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Disciples Church Extension Fund:

DCEF has recently added new members to its congregational advisor team including a new Virginia region advisor. Todd B. Dokes will assist congregations in the northeast corridor of the United States (Northeast region, Capital area, Virginia region, North Carolina region) with building planning, loans, and fundraising guidance. Todd's experience includes serving as senior underwriter and portfolio manager for the Chicago offices of a national non-profit corporation, Local Initiatives Support Corp. While there his focus was "to help transform distressed neighborhoods" into thriving areas of growth. Besides Advisor duties, Todd will lead the team as Vice President of Services. He can be reached at 317-635-6500, etc. 2513 or tdokes@disciplescef.org.

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The Gathering - A Retreat for Pastors by the Pension Fund

The Gathering is a biennial conference that helps you connect with other pastors as you join together to learn to discuss spiritual, health, and financial wellness. Our hope is that you will leave The Gathering feeling refreshed and inspired. The conference goes from September 6 - 8, 2022 in New Orleans. Information and registration link:

<https://web.cvent.com/event/9692bf91-ba8c-4698-af47-0310ad8f34dc/summary?RefId=The%20Gathering%202020>

Office Furniture:

The Regional office in Lynchburg has a desk, credenza and file cabinet available for free. If you would like and are able to pick it up, please contact Mary or Sue at 434-846-3400.



District 10 Springfield Volunteers Get it Done!

District 10 has committed itself for many years to be the custodians of Monroe Cabin at Craig Springs, and for the last several years members at Springfield Christian Church have been carrying the banner for our district there. They put in a lot of work over the long weekend to get Monroe cabin spruced up and ready for a season of campers. If you or your congregation would like to help in the effort to maintain our commitment to the upkeep to this wonderful building at beautiful Craig Springs, please contact the district leadership team or Wanda Gordon at wandlgordon@gmail.com. There will be more opportunities at the end of the camping season for work on the cabin, it would also make a great weekend retreat and mission project for your congregation! Just remember, there are tasks for all age and skill levels, so don't let that discourage you.



Help the people of Ukraine

Here is a link for a situational analysis on the Ukrainian crisis - it is a lot to take in, you can look at page 4 for a visual update. These reports are always a little out of date as this crisis continues to roll on, but here is the information if you choose to read it.

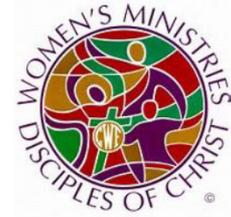
<https://www.ccinva.org/copy-of-clergy-resources>

Please continue to pray and encourage your members to give to The Week of Compassion as the best way to make a difference right now.

<https://www.weekofcompassion.org/stories/category/ukraine>



DISCIPLES WOMEN FALL RETREAT



May 17, 2022

Dear Disciple Sisters,

This is the official announcement of the Virginia Disciples Women's Fall Retreat. It will be held on October 14-16, 2022, at the Hilton Garden Inn, Lynchburg, VA. Our Disciple Women's Cabinet is strongly encouraging and urging ALL women to attend the retreat this year. Due to the pandemic, we have had to postpone this event for the past two years and pray that conditions will be most favorable this year. Hopefully, each of you will feel comfortable and look forward to the opportunity to participate in this weekend of worship, fun, learning, fellowship, and reengagement. We are thankful to God for enabling us to resume and make plans to reconsider this as an annual event. As with our plans for last year, excitement about this anticipated retreat has not waned. This level of enthusiasm has been most evident among Regional Cabinet Committee members and with those who have already been contacted about their acceptance of leadership roles to bring our vision to fruition.

We again promise that this retreat will be the best and most diverse yet! We have decided to maintain the theme of **"Called for Such a Time as This", based Esther 4:14**. The keynote speaker, Rev. Stephanie Kendall, Executive Minister and C.O.D., Park Avenue Christian Church will be our keynote speaker. She is reported to be a dynamic, exciting and energetic speaker! We are especially asking young women to attend and participate. New this year we are planning an interest/workshop session to address managing competing priorities, i.e., church, job/career, and family. Also new will be a panel discussion of current social justice issues moderated by our Regional Minister, Rev. Bill Spangler-Dunning. And, on Saturday evening, we will host Talent Night, so those of you who are young, or not so young, can delight us with your blessed gifts to enjoy to the glory of God. Please do not hesitate to volunteer for this special assignment through one of the Committee members listed below. Varied talents are desired as graced through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Please register to attend this year's retreat. You will not regret it! You do not want to miss it! Besides, you too may be spiritually enriched by the sharing of your own scriptural insights and gifts, "called for such a time as this"!

Blessings,

2021 VDWM Fall Retreat Committee
Margretha Kellam (434-251-1765)
Resa Payne (434-239-4908)
Loretta Jones-Gafford (434-384-0464)

Or any officer or member of the Women's Cabinet

(If for some reason you do not get to speak with us, please leave a message and your call will be returned.)

A registration form is included with this letter.

SAVE-THE DATE

**“CALLED FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS”
(Esther 4:14)**

Virginia Disciples Women’s Ministry (VDWM)

Fall Retreat October 14-16, 2022

Hilton Garden Inn, 4025 Wards Road, Lynchburg, VA (434-239-3006)



Keynote Speaker

Rev. Stephanie Kendall

Executive Minister and C.O.O.
Park Avenue Christian Church
1010 Park Ave
New York, NY 10028

Registration Deadline: August 31, 2022

For more information, contact:
Loretta Jones-Gafford (434-384-0464)
Margretha Kellam (434-251-1765)
Resa Payne (434-239-4908)

Mark your calendar. See you there!

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Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Phone Numbers (Cell): _____ (Home): _____

Email: _____ Church Home: _____

Registration Options*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Full Registration with all meals
(3 meals on Sat. & Bkft. only on Sun.) | \$145.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Partial Registration with 3 meals on Saturday | \$125.00 |

*Our regrets. Both registration options include meals so that VDWM will be approved for the free use of conference room spaces.

Registration Deadline: August 31, 2022

Make checks payable to: Christian Church in Virginia

Mail this form and payment to: Christian Church in Virginia
1290 Enterprise Drive
Lynchburg, VA 24502

PLEASE NOTE:

You must make your own hotel reservations by phone (434-239-3006) or online (<http://group.hiltongardeninn.com/vadisciplewomen>), using a credit card. The group code is VAD. The room rate is \$124.00 + Occupancy Tax, City Sales Tax, and State Tax, totaling \$140.00 per room. **Rooms must be booked by 9/16/22 to receive this discounted rate.**

Also, notify the hotel of any dietary or mobility challenges that may require their attention.

Disciples Women Seminary Scholarship Application

2022 VA Disciples Women Seminary Scholarship Deadline is postmarked by August 15, 2022

The Virginia Disciples Women Scholarship Fund was established to assist women preparing for the Christian Ministry.

The amount available each year is determined by the amount in the fund. The amount of the award is based on financial need, and the number of applications (up to \$2,500).

GUIDELINES

1. The applicant must live in Virginia.
2. The applicant must be a member of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) for a least one year prior to making application.
3. The applicant must currently attend an ATS accredited seminary and be under the care of the Commission on Ministry in Virginia at the time of the application.
4. The applicant must show financial need.
5. A completed application form and transcript, if available, must be mailed to Virginia Disciples Women Scholarship Fund, 1290 Enterprise Drive, Lynchburg, VA 24502. A picture for publicity will be required if a scholarship is awarded.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Permanent Address: _____ School or Temporary Address (if applicable):

Email: _____

PLEASE STATE BRIEFLY YOUR PLANS AND GOALS

EDUCATION

Current Institution (Seminary):

Address: _____ Entrance Date: _____

Number of credits or classes completed _____ Anticipated Graduation Date _____
Previous Institution(s): please list each institution and the dates you attended.

CHURCH ACTIVITY

I am under the care of the Commission on Ministry in _____ Region.

Local: Please identify home congregation(s):

District:

Regional:

General Church:

FINANCIAL NEED

Cost of education for one year

Financial Resources available:

Tuition: _____

Scholarships: _____

Books: _____

Savings: _____

Housing: _____

Yearly Net Income: _____

Other: _____

Other: _____

Please explain any unusual circumstances or expenses that may affect your situation.