

The Virginia Christian

September 2022



SAVE THE DATE

Craig Springs Work Weekend!

Friday, October 7 and Saturday, October 8

Focus will be on Oak Lodge for this work weekend,
with further, more detailed information to follow.



Anti-Racism/Pro-Reconciliation Training

The committee on Anti-Racism/Pro-Reconciliation is offering day long trainings. Your regional committee, chaired by Rev. Calvin Curry, is available to lead your congregations, districts and neighborhoods in day long trainings to begin conversations about racism, how to recognize it and work toward making us an anti-racism/pro-reconciliation church.

We have two up-coming trainings:

October 2 sponsored by Fresh Harvest Christian Church in Woolwine, VA
October 22 sponsored by Bon Air Christian Church in Richmond, VA

We are also leading a Train the Trainer event at the end of the month, September 23-24. This is a two-day event for anyone who has the call to work to lead this conversation and to raise awareness, working to reconcile all people.

For further information or if you have questions, please contact Rev. Kevin McNeil (revymac@yahoo.com), Jennifer Larson (jenngel1@cox.net), or Rev. Calvin Curry (ccurry@bgcswva.org).

Virginia School of Ministry

Two courses to start in October:

Introduction to the New Testament
Instructor: Rev. Jonathan Kruschwitz
Starts: Tuesday, October 4
Meeting time: 700 - 8:30 pm

Click here for more information: <https://www.ccinva.org/courseofferings>

Church History, Part 2 Reformation to Present
Instructor: Dr. Tim Diebel
Dates: Mondays - weekly from October 3 - December 5; January 9
Meeting time: 7:00 pm est.

Click here for more information: <https://www.ccinva.org/courseofferings>



A Way to Help with the Water Crisis in Jackson, Mississippi

A Resources share from the Regional Minister in Great Rivers Region

The water crisis in Jackson is a fast-moving, fluid situation. We know that South Jackson will be the most heavily impacted zone of the city, being both economically depressed and being the furthest point from the pumping stations. New Horizon Church International has arranged to be the S. Jackson distribution point for water. The biggest need is for water donations, both potable and non-potable, as soon as possible. If you have resources (church groups, businesses, concerned individuals, etc.) that can donate bottled water, we need to get it to New Horizon for distribution ASAP. They have the facilities to handle everything from a case of bottled water up to a semi-truck. The address for New Horizon is: 1770 Ellis Ave., Jackson, MS 39204. Please call the church when you arrive - 601-371-1427. To donate funds for us to buy water, you can do that using the donation form on our website. <https://www.workingtogetherjackson.org/donate>

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**Piedmont District Convention (PDC)
of the Christian Church (D.O.C.)**

Fall Festival

Saturday, October 8

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Bring your musical
instrument and join in a
time of music and song.
12 to 1 p.m.

\$25 Vendor set-up cost. If interested
email name, contact information and
product to be sold to Tamar Lipscomb at
bigsis11s@yahoo.com. Please put in
subject heading "PDC Vendor"

**Treats and
activities for
kids!**

Vendors!

Music!

Food!

**Piedmont District Convention of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
3300 Wentworth Street, Reidsville, North Carolina 27320**

Rev. Kathy Thomas-Grant, Moderator



The officers and members of Broad Street Christian Church, 106 Broad Street, Martinsville, Virginia, 24112, cordially invite you to the installation service of Pastor Hayden Cran.

On

Sunday, October 16,2022 at 3:00p.m.

**The Celebratory Sermon will be given by Reverend Wendy Wilson
Pastor of Unity Christian Church, Radford, Virginia
&
Reverend Bill Spangler- Dunning, Regional Minister**

Refreshments will be in the Dickerson Memorial Hall

**For more information, please contact Marilyn Whittaker
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100th Anniversary Celebration



Poole Christian Church

7521 Trinity Church Road
Church Road, VA 23833

You are cordially invited to the 100th Anniversary celebration of Poole Christian Church at our current location.

When: Saturday, October 22, 2022

Time: 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Casual Dress Encouraged.



There will be a short program with Special Music by

The Good News Gospel Group,

followed by fellowship with light refreshments.

We hope you will be able to join us in celebrating this special occasion!

For any questions contact Barbara Foster, (804) 712-2058 or Email: MusicLdy47@comcast.net.

Dear All,

I will keep this message direct and brief with the hope that you will read it and join me in one or more of the following goals for our ministry together in the Virginia Region:

1. Plan and hold a Clergy Gathering (Looking for a team to plan it)
2. Synthesize the standing requirements between PDC, Virginia and North Carolina to bring about a better experience of wholeness for all. (Currently PDC clergy in North Carolina are given standing through Virginia while their congregation is cared for by North Carolina.)
3. Establish and rebuild a full region wide youth ministry (possibly with the help of University of Lynchburg).
4. Encourage and establish more District gatherings throughout the region (Together we are stronger).
5. Make it easier and accessible for churches/ministries to apply for grants to enhance their ministry (Anti-Racism, New Church and the newly established Dream Grants made possible through sale of the Summit).
6. Increase the bookings at Craig Springs to protect the overall camping ministry of the whole region.
7. Encourage and hold at least 10 Anti-Racism/Pro-Reconciliation trainings/ experiences throughout the region (need churches/districts to host these events).
8. Continue to focus on and create new support for the Mental Health ministry in the region (events and connection between mental health professionals).
9. Establish ongoing Lunch Learning events via zoom on topics that enhance and support local congregational ministry (i.e., topics from regional assembly, introduce wider church ministry resources, and other practices essential to healthy churches).
10. Encourage more churches to develop a "Campus" approach to ministry by working with nearby Disciples congregations. Together we can do more. (Ask me about this one and the related new ministry approach that has been requested by young families.)

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Help the people of Ukraine

If you are looking for a way to help the people of Ukraine, give to The Week of Compassion:

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

New Church Ministry

New Church Ministry (<https://newchurchministry.org>) invites you to this year's Leadership Academy! <https://newchurchministry.org/leadership-academy/>

Taking place from October 18-20, this virtual event includes track sessions (<https://newchurchministry.org/track-sessions-leadership-academy/>) for those at various stages of the church launch process, DOCTalks about missional transformation, and LEADLabs (<https://newchurchministry.org/leadership-academy/leadlabs/>), interactive, practical workshops.

New this year is our **Discerners Track**, (<https://newchurchministry.org/leadership-academy/>), which is for those who are interested in starting a congregation, but don't know where to begin. Participants will audit the START TRACK, where they will discern their missional purpose, develop their stories, and prepare for launch. This track is ideal for undergraduate students and seminarians.



From the Office of the General Minister and President of the Christian Church (DOC)

Dear All,

I'm Cara Gilger, the Director of Communications for the Office of General Minister and President. I have two items to share with you today:

GMP Re-Election Survey

We would love your help spreading the word about the GMP Re-election survey. You can find more information and links to the survey here: www.disciples.org/gmpsurvey and I have attached a graphic as well to use in your digital publications (if you would like me to write a short blurb, please let me know)

General Board Nominations

A second item we would love your help with is spreading the word about the General Board Nominations that are now open. You can read about them here and find the form for submission: <https://disciples.org/congregations/nominations-sought-for-general-board-and-moderator-team/>

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

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ELPIS Christian Church Revival

The Revival held at Elpis Christian Church on August 7th was a great time of fellowship and well....revival! Members of Elpis, Holly Grove, and Springfield were in attendance along with folks from the Goochland community. The evening started off with an impressive spread of food with something for everyone. This was followed by a delightful concert by the Elpis house musicians led by Michael Brooking and a marathon hymn singing by all in attendance as folks shouted out their favorite hymns. Pastor Bobby Lane of Holly Grove led the crowd in a prayer of invocation and Pastor & District President Andy Rose gave a sermon on the history of our district and how we need to unite together and move forward, bravely seeking new ways to be the church and not let ourselves get stuck in the past. To finish off the evening there was Ice Cream and desserts. As a columnist of old often said, "A good time was had by all!"

