

## Virginia Disciples Women-May 18, 2024

The Virginia Region of Disciple met on Saturday May 18, 2024 at the Regional Office in Lynchburg. There were fourteen women in attendance, along with our Regional Minister Rev. Bill Spangler-Dunning. Rev. Bill assisted our treasurer Kay Ainsworth with the financial report issues she had been experiencing regarding the Disciples Women's funds for the region reporting from Indianapolis. Rev. Bill shared a more concise Disciples Women's financial report of funds through technology explaining and answering questions. The executive committee had previously held a Zoom meeting to establish that a DWM credit card was feasible for small expenditures, gifts, items needed for the retreat and incidentals. This will reduce and assist in individuals being reimbursed in a timely manner from the region.

Elizabeth Vincel joined the Cabinet as a new member and agreed to serve as representative for District II (2). Amanda Perry, also a new member has agreed to serve as representative for District III (3) after Kim McNeil moved to Tennessee. A picture was shared from a group of DW in District XI (11) Walnut Springs CC in Strasburg at a retreat. We are excited that they are active and excited to establish a woman from District XI to join the cabinet!

Rev. Debra Reid is serving as interim Executive Director for the International Disciples Women Ministry (IDWM). Rev. Angele Johnson resigned from the position as Executive Director of Disciples Women's Ministries. District IV, has members Wanona Redd and Deborah Clark who are serving on the IDWM cabinet. Wanona Redd, president of the IDWM in the US and Canada shared briefly about her trip through Woman-Action-Web April 28 to May 3, 2024. She traveled to the US-Mexico Border. Please call Ms. Redd to schedule a presentation about her trip at your church. In the future W2WW and Woman-Action-Web trips will alternate years.

Our Spring Projects 2024 is Craig Springs Camp and Retreat Center (Local) and Week of Compassion (Global). More information about these projects can be found on our website.

The Regional Disciples Women's Ministry is offering a Seminary Scholarship. The deadline to submit your application is August 15, 2024.

The Cabinet encourages DW groups to share pictures with descriptions of activities so DW activities may be recognized on our website as well as being included in the Virginia Christian publications. DW groups are encouraged to participate with Thursdays in Black. DW are encouraged to wear black on Thursdays in solidarity for gender-based- violence. Our DW cabinet was also encouraged to learn about the "Least Coin" for mission projects.

**Please Mark Your Calendars and register now for the Virginia Disciples Women's Fall Retreat!! Our theme is "Sowing Seeds of Faith." It will be held October 11,12, and 13, 2024 at the W.E. Skelton 4-H Educational Conference Center at Smith Mountain Lake Rocky Mount, Virginia.** At our retreat we will be celebrating Disciples Women's Ministry 150 Years Anniversary!! Disciples Women's Ministry is celebrating 150 years of existence, missions, action, study, and prayer! You may register for the Fall Retreat now at the Disciples Women's website: [discipleswomenva.org](http://discipleswomenva.org)

We were reminded to attend Regional Assembly at the University of Lynchburg June 1, 2024; National Convocation July 11-14, Greensboro, NC.; PDC convention, New College Institute, Martinsville, VA Aug. 1-3, 2024 and the installation of Rev. Catina Martin at Belmont CC, Roanoke, VA August 18. The Rev. Terri Owen, General Minister and President of the Christian Church, (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada will be preaching and installing Rev. Martin! What an opportunity for us to meet Rev. Terri Owen in person!

Respectfully submitted,  
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Representative, District IV