

The Virginia Christian

August 2022



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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Union Presbyterian Seminary is looking for those in their early career of preaching:

"The Compelling Preaching Initiative at UPSem is in a research phase, determining what kinds of programming we might offer to support "**Early Career Preachers: those who are in the first 7 years of congregational ministry and who are preaching at least 1/3 of the year.**" Invitation to participate in the Compelling Preaching Initiative Link below:

<https://mailchi.mp/e37cb6ba3086/introducing-the-compelling-preaching-initiative-at-upsem?e=f0fbdeafea&fbclid=IwAR2FPqjHm3Hf9J5O41VGuXZvBCuY99OWhmR7JvQ-6D1zI-JDMKNURI2Jh4U>



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.



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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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)
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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.