

# *The Virginia Christian*

**May, 2026**

[www.ccinva.org/virginia-christian](http://www.ccinva.org/virginia-christian)



## **Pastor Natalie Chamberlain Retiring**



Pastor Natalie Chamberlain's last Sunday at Hilton Christian Church (100 James River Dr, Newport News) will be Sunday, June 28.

Come help her celebrate.

There will be the regular worship service at 11am.

There will be a special service at 2pm followed by a reception.

**Clergy are invited to wear their favorite vestments or stoles, no matter what liturgical season they represent.**

Questions or to let us know you are coming, contact the church office:  
(757) 596-7549 or [hiltonccoffice@gmail.com](mailto:hiltonccoffice@gmail.com)

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## **Men's Health Day - Saturday, June 6**

Sponsored by Loudon Avenue Christian Church and others

New Horizons Health Care

3716 Melrose Ave., NW

Roanoke, VA

Please register with Loudon Ave. Christian Church: 540-342-8852 or email:

[laccparishnurse2022@gmail.com](mailto:laccparishnurse2022@gmail.com)

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## **As a Church Member do you want to have Emails from the Regional Minister?**

Are you a church member who wants to have emails and blogs from the Regional Minister? If you do, fill out this Google Form and we will add you to the contact list so you can keep up to date on what is happening in the region.

<https://forms.gle/P2wLakzBPv6UZxAs9>



## **We Need to Be Together More Than Ever**

Join online—or gather with others—to be part of this shared experience.

**Event Dates** : July 10–11 (join both days or just one).

### How to Participate

- Use your cellphone or computer to join online.
- Host a watch party in your home.
- Join a local church host site.
- If your church is hosting a gathering, please let me know.

### **Delegates & Voting Representatives**

Congregations will soon be able to use the ALEX program to identify up to three voting representatives. I'll share more information as soon as it becomes available.

### **General Assembly (Online)**

A new way of gathering—this year's General Assembly will be held online.

More than a series of meetings, General Assembly is a covenantal table set for education, discussion, worship, business, fellowship, and action.

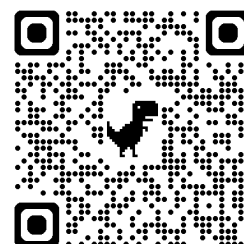
- Education and discussion
- Worship and fellowship
- Business and action

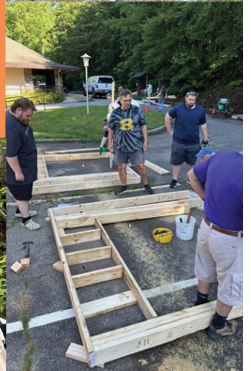
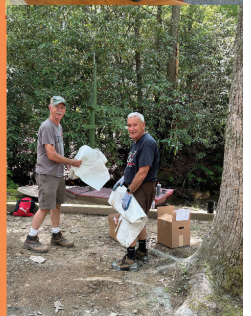
Each congregation is invited to claim its place at the table by inviting everyone to attend online and by prayerfully designating three delegates to vote at General Assembly.

Meeting online each year will allow more Disciples to connect more frequently and work together more fully—"to be the church we say we are." If you've never attended General Assembly before, a special welcome is extended to you.

### **Registration details:**

<https://disciples.org/2026-general-assembly-beyond-love-surpassing/>





**VIRGINIA CAMPING MINISTRY - 2026**  
**Held at Craig Springs Camp**



- 6/20 - 6/26: Nature Camp
- 6/28 - 7/3: Special Camp
- 7/5 - 7/10: Triple 1 Camp
- 7/12 - 7/16: New Covenant Camp
- 7/13 - 7/18: CAMPDD
- 7/19 - 7/24: Triple 2 Camp
- 7/24 - 7/26: Family Camp

**VIRGINIA CAMPING MINISTRY - 2026 camps**  
**held at other Virginia venues**

- 6/13 - 6/20: TREC Camp
- 6/14 - 6/19: Intergenerational Mission Trip
- 8/3 - 8/7: Adult Hiking camp

**In Partnership with**

**Piedmont District Camp - June 29 - July 2, 2026**  
**Radford University, Radford, VA**

Information and Registration to follow on the PDC website  
<https://www.pdcnews.org/>



**Created To Be Me Camp**  
**June 21 - 27, 2026**  
**Camp Caroline, NC**

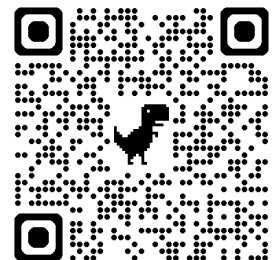


**ARPR Workshops  
Registration Here:**

**<https://christianchurchinvirginia.regfox.com/arpr-2026>**

**Virginia Anti-Racism & Pro-Reconciliation Ministry  
2026 WORKSHOPS**

- **Thursday July 30, 2026** **Piedmont District Convention Of the Christian Churches, (DOC)**  
**Pastor Kara Fleriuzard, hosting**  
Time: 9:00am  
Location: New College Institute  
191 Fayette Street  
Martinsville, Virginia 24112
- **Friday TBA** **Regional Assembly (DOC) Churches in Virginia**  
**Pastor Bill Spangler-Dunning, hosting**  
Location: TBA  
Lynchburg, Virginia 24502
- **Saturday, October 24, 2026** **Westside Christian Church**  
**Pastor Jennifer Larson, hosting**  
Time: 9:00am  
Location: 535 Cherokee Road  
Portsmouth, Virginia 23701
- **Saturday, TBA** **Craig Springs Camp Center**  
**Pastor Ron Schwarz, hosting**  
Time: 9:00am  
Location: 30 Craig Springs Circle  
New Castle, Virginia 24127
- **Saturday, September 19, 2026** **First Christian Church Lynchburg**  
**Dr. Jarrett Banks, hosting**  
Time: 9:00am  
Location: 3109 Rivermont Ave.  
Lynchburg, Virginia 24503



# SAVE THE DATES!

SAVE THE DATE



## 100th Anniversary Celebration Weekend

June 12–14, 2026

Join us as Fort Lewis Christian Church celebrates  
100 years of faith, community, and ministry.

*Revival Weekend*

More details coming soon!

Mark your calendar — you won't want to miss it!

Learn more at [www.flccsaalem.org](http://www.flccsaalem.org)

 Follow us on Facebook  
[facebook.com/FortLewisCC](https://facebook.com/FortLewisCC)

Fort Lewis Christian Church  
2931 West Main Street | Salem, VA



**SAVE**

**THE DATE**

PDC Convention 2026  
**JULY 30TH-AUGUST 1ST**

New College Institute  
191 Fayette Street  
Martinsville Va, 24185

 [PDCnews.org](http://PDCnews.org)

## Virginia Disciple Women's Ministry Installation of New Officers

The installation of the new officers for the Virginia Disciples Women Ministry's Cabinet was held on Saturday March 7, 2026. It was our first Cabinet meeting for the year and was held in Lynchburg, VA at the Regional office.

The Cabinet meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by newly elected President Florence (Flo) Parcell. Following a business meeting and lunch our regional minister Rev. Bill Spangler-Dunning installed the newly elected officers. President, Florence (Flo) Parcell, from District IV attends Rocky Mount Christian Church; Vice President, Cathy Law from District VII attends Bon Air Christian Church; Secretary, Amanda Perry, District III attends Bethany Christian Church (unfortunately closing its doors soon); and Treasurer, Kay Ainsworth, District VIII attends Olive Branch Christian Church.

Rev. Spangler-Dunning had the cabinet members to stand and form a circle. The newly elected officers were invited to step into the middle of the other cabinet members and the officers were charged with their respective responsibilities and then all participants were asked to lay hands on each other. The act of laying on hands was to support, and to connect the officers, and the cabinet members and our regional minister. Rev. Spangler-Dunning then offered prayer that Disciple Women's Ministry will grow and continue ministry in our communities, in our region and beyond.

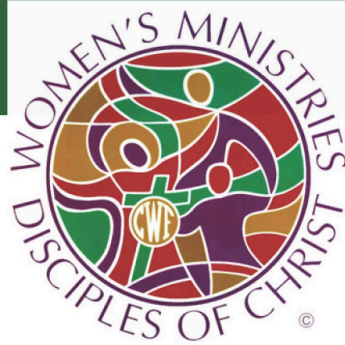
Margretha Kellam was shown appreciation for her service as President of the Cabinet from 2022 through 2025 with two other terms prior to 2022, for a total of eight years as President of the VA Region. The meeting was closed with the installation of our new officers and prayer by our regional minister, Rev. Bill Spangler-Dunning.

Picture: Seated, Former President Margretha Kellam,  
Current President Florence (Flo) Parcell;  
Vice President Cathy Law  
Standing: Treasurer Kay Ainsworth and Secretary Amanda Perry

Florence (Flo) Parcell  
President Virginia Disciples Women's Cabinet



Virginia  
Disciples  
Women  
Regional Retreat



September  
18 - 20,  
2026

## *"Sprouting Our Faith"*

**Keynote Speaker: Dr. Erin Reibel**

*"For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as the garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations"*

**Isaiah 61:11 ESV**

Dr. Reibel is a dynamic, thoughtful and inspirational speaker who has served in multiple church settings.

The VDWM Retreat means fellowship with old and new friends, learning and growing our faith through worship and study, and having fun together. Bedrooms are single to triple, twin or full beds, with a private bathroom.

The retreat is Friday dinner through Sunday morning worship.

### LOCATION:

W.E. Skelton 4-H Conference Center  
at Smith Mountain Lake, Wirtz, VA

**Registration opens May 1st, 2026 and closes Aug. 15, 2026**



Please see registration form for cost details.

To register, use the QR code or link below:

<https://bit.ly/48hO3Pe>



Questions? Email [ccinvaoffice@gmail.com](mailto:ccinvaoffice@gmail.com) or call the  
Regional Office 434-846-3400

## Disciples Women Southeast Regional Fellowship Retreat

SERF Southeast Regional Fellowship  
March 13-15, 2026  
Christmount, Black Mountain, N.C.

Our Southeast Regional Fellowship retreat was held March 13-15 at Christmount retreat center at Black Mountain, N.C. The theme for the retreat was "You Are Enough." The scripture was 2 Corinthians 9:8 "and God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work".

There were 77 ladies registered, with 74 ladies in attendance, which included 2 women who just showed up as alternates. SERF stands for Southeast Regional Fellowship. Virginia proudly had fourteen in attendance. Women attended from: North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Kentucky, KCMC, Piedmont District Convention, Florida, Virginia, Alabama-Northwest Florida, and Tennessee.

There were generations of women in attendance. Teenagers to women in their 80's, women of color, and different ethnicities. Women from all walks of life came together in fellowship and on one accord. The retreat was informative, yet fun filled and relaxing. Some women dressed up, and some women dressed casually. We were all, together, in one room the entire time during the retreat. At times we were quiet and we listened and at other we were engaged and participated in workshops.

The keynote speaker was Rev. Dr. Marcia Mount Shoop from Ashville, NC. She spoke on Friday night On Saturday morning, Rev. Dr. Debra, Transitional Executive Director of the International Disciple Women's Ministry, spoke on the Leadership in Disciples Women's Ministry. It was very informative. We were given an opportunity to ask Dr. Reid questions about her presentation and International Disciple Women's Ministry. Also, on Saturday we participated in two excellent workshops one on Spiritual Gifts and one on Conflict Styles. We had ice breakers/movement activities as well. One ice breaker was led by Wanona Redd, International Disciple Women's Ministry President. We played gossip as one activity. There were four groups and we were all given the same phrase. The first person had to read the message, then tear up the paper it was written on, start the message and the last person had to remember what she heard until it was shared at the end with the entire group. Result: we have a lot of work to do! We remembered self and family and forgot community!

Saturday evening was relaxing by playing different games. The women were competitive, loud, laughed, and had fun.

On Sunday morning we closed the retreat with worship. Rev. Deborah Clark preached. Communion was served by the VA region and prepared by Olive Branch CC. Deacon Margretha Kellam instituted the Communion, Elders Cathy Law and Flo Parcell presided at the table. Offering was collected for Christmount and Disciple Women's Ministry. Over \$2000.00 was collected for each ministry. Then we sang a hymn, and closed with our DWM/CWF benediction. Result: We are to share our abundance in Christ Jesus into our homes and our communities. Our message was "God has blessed us, family and community abundantly and I will always give him the praise".

Yours In Christ,

Florence Parcell, President Virginia Disciple Women's Cabinet  
Margretha Kellam, District IV Representative

## **Open Ministry Positions**

If you are interested, contact Bill Spangler-Dunning at [bsdinvirginia@gmail.com](mailto: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).

**First Christian Church, Shenandoah.** 312 Third Street, Shenandoah, VA is seeking a part-time minister.

**Hampton Christian Church.** 151 E. Mercury Blvd., Hampton, VA is seeking a part-time minister.

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

**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](mailto:pastormichael@slashcc.org) for more information.

**Snowville Christian Church.** 5436 Lead Mine Road, Hiwassee, VA is seeking a pulpit supply to part-time minister.

**Timberlake Christian Church.** 20261 Lynchburg Highway, Lynchburg, VA is seeking a full-time minister.

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

**West Point Christian Church.** 290 West Euclid Blvd., West Point, VA is seeking a part time minister.

**West Side Christian Church.** 535 Cherokee Road, Portsmouth, VA is seeking pulpit supply to part-time minister.

## **Belmont Christian Church**

### **Administrative Assistant/Media Specialist**

Belmont Christian Church is searching for someone to fill the position of Administrative Assistant/Media Specialist. This is a part-time position with hours from 9 am to 1 pm, Tuesday through Thursday (12 hours per week). This individual will need to know how to use Microsoft Office software: Word, Excel, Publisher, and PowerPoint. This individual will also need to be familiar with various social media platforms such as Facebook and Twitter. Responsibilities will include but are not limited to the following:

- General Office duties such as:
  - Getting and distributing the mail
  - Answering phone calls, taking messages, and handling correspondence
  - Greeting people at the office door and assisting them with their needs
- Typing, preparing and emailing documents to Minister, Elders and others for Sunday service and other events
- Preparing and publishing newsletter and monthly calendar
- Updating various data files such as newsletter list, membership roster, shepherd lists, email list, birthday list, prayer list, vendor list, and accounts/passwords list.
- Ordering supplies and seeing that equipment is maintained
- Updating the Disciples of Christ yearbook using Alex.

Compensation: \$17.00 per hour for 12 hours per week – no benefits

If interested, email [belmontchristianchurchdoc@gmail.com](mailto:belmontchristianchurchdoc@gmail.com) or mail resume to Belmont Christian Church at 1101 Jamison Ave., SE, Roanoke, VA 24013