

The Virginia Christian

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Reverend Vernon H. Scott

Reverend Scott passed away on June 4, 2026. Rev. Scott had over a 40-year career and served at 9 churches in various states including Virginia. He was also an Associate Regional Minister in Virginia for two years. For the last 9 years of his career, he was Pastor of Park Street Christian Church in Charlottesville, VA. Throughout his ministry, he preached the love of Christ for all people and spent many hours every week visiting the sick and elderly, as well as parishioners who were going through a rough time. At his request, no formal services will be held. His family will gather privately at a later time to remember him.



Gift of Goodnews Podcast called Energy for Innovation

Here is something worth a few minutes of your time. Rev. Dr. Andy Mangum and I have dreamed about starting a project like this for a long while. We are privileged to see so many stories of success and vitality within the church.

While the world often focuses on what is not working, these innovative ideas serve as examples of the amazing things happening throughout the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

This is just the first installment, so please reach out to me to share ideas and stories we should help lift up. This particular story involves Haley Ellen Hampton, a student at Brite Seminary who was invited to serve as the summer intern at Hillsville Christian Church in Hillsville, VA.

Take a listen: <https://youtu.be/xWuHuPwKADg?si=JNkiHgzvkcfrclgwK>



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

To enter your congregational delegates into ALEX:

- Open your church record by clicking **View/Edit Church** link in the **Church** section of the ALEX home page. The **General Assembly Delegate Assignments** pane appears in the right hand column, immediately below the **Yearbook Reporters** pane.
- This pane will list the congregation's voting delegates or will display **No delegates assigned**. To add delegates or update the list, click the **Edit Delegates** button.
- A window will open where you can add, update, or remove voting delegates for the congregation. Enter delegates or make any needed changes. Click **Submit Delegates** when finished.

General Assembly (Online)

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

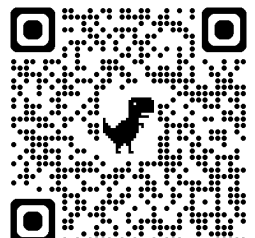
More than a series of meetings, General Assembly is a covenantal table set for education, discussion, worship, business, fellowship, and action.

- 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/>



How to Submit Congregational Voting Delegate Names for the 2026 General Assembly into the ALEX System

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Here is some help in the form of a short tutorial. Please note that entering the names of the voting delegates requires someone with a church staff role on ALEX.

<https://ccdoc-ogmp.freshdesk.com/en/support/solutions/articles/72000660207-how-do-i-enter-my-church-s-general-assembly-voting-delegates->

As a reminder for this new way of doing General Assembly:

- 1) every DOC congregation is able to select 3 voting delegates (not including any clergy with standing;
- 2) those delegate names must be submitted via ALEX;
- 3) the delegates are to be named for the three year triennium, starting this year, in 2027 for a 2nd virtual assembly, and then 2028 for the in person General Assembly.

This site will show you how to select Congregational Delegates, the essential duties and time commitment for the delegates. file:///C:/Users/bsdum/Downloads/Selecting-Congregational-Delegates_for-Congregations.pdf

And this site has additional information for the Congregational Delegate: file:///C:/Users/bsdum/Downloads/Congregational-Delegates_for-potential-Delegates%20(1).pdf

VA Camping Ministry | CCINVA
<https://www.ccinva.org/virginiacampingministry>



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

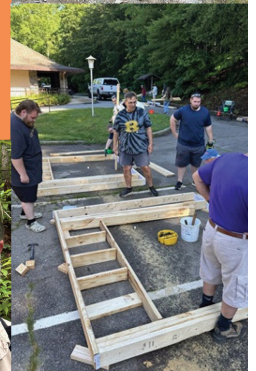
In Partnership with

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



Virginia Mission Trip

83 Virginia Disciples representing 12 churches from ages 11 to 79 went on our fourth annual Regional Multi-generational Mission trip to Western North Carolina from June 14-19. We stayed at our Disciples of Christ National Retreat Center-Christmount. We worshiped together daily but most of our time were spent serving others who had been affected by Hurricane Helene and others in need.

We partnered with Week of Compassion to give over 2000 hours of service. We are still recovering from the wonderful and transforming trip, we will share more details in future editions of the Virginia Christian and on the regional Facebook page but wanted to provide all of you who prayed and supported the trip, a brief overview of some of our service during the week. We broke up into teams and did the following:

1. Cleaned out rivers and creeks of debris still littered from the flood.
2. Remodeled an RV for a family who had been staying with relatives and in a tent since their home was condemned due to mold
3. Worked in a Free farmers' market that primarily serves non-English speaking residents.
4. Put up a fence for an organization that helps the homeless.
5. Took fresh chicken and beef that was about to expire, spices and veggies, and made dishes, vacuum packed them and put them in the freezer for a local food program to use to make lunches
6. Packed veggie boxes
7. Did dry walling and painting, so a family could move into a rental home that non-profit organization owns
8. Helped build homes with Habitat for Humanity including a 70-home village in Asheville, some of our women got to join the women only build for one of the homes
9. Built porches for folks that recently moved into mobile homes
10. Packed 800 pounds of beans into 1-pound bags
11. Built a shed for a Christmount's Camp Lakey Gap that serves young people with Autism to store their equipment
12. Painted rails, built bridges, built picnic tables, cleaned creeks, did landscaping, restored steps for Christmount
13. Organized a clothing bank, including the young men's suit room, high school young men come to this room in the Fall to pick out suits for Homecoming and back in the spring to pick out suits for Prom, the staff told us the young men often walk in with some tough attitude but they are shedding tears by the end realizing how good they are looking due to someone's generosity
14. We worked in the thrift store for a Black Mountain Home, a place for children who have no parents or parents were so abusive and neglectful that there parental rights have restored, our team not only helped organize the thrift, they did an hour of shopping
15. We all joined together Wednesday afternoon to frame a home a habitat in the parking lot of the retreat center, then we loaded it on a flatbed trailer and it will be placed on foundation for a family that lost their home in the flood
16. Tied close to 5,000 veggies bags for Society of St Andrews for crops that our gleaned and given to food banks.

The above is just part of what we did, we did many other acts of love and service as we partnered with many organizations and individuals. We also had some fun free times that was filled with a trip to sliding rock (a natural water), swimming, many trips to the local ice cream shop, card games, exploring the area, a trip to the arcade, church Pictionary and other activities.

We are so grateful for all who prayed, those generous donors and especially the 83 Disciples that gave week to serve others, we hope many of you will join us next year.

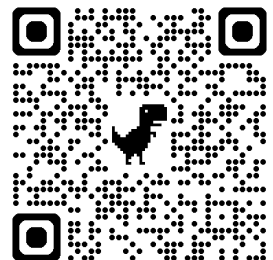


**ARPR Workshops
Registration Here:**

<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



**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 or call the
Regional Office 434-846-3400

Have you Every Wondered?



WHAT SHOULD OUR CHURCH KEEP?

- Real estate deed to church property or properties, including parsonage or camps.
- The church constitution or the bylaws of the church
- Church incorporation papers
- Tax records to include payroll tax forms, housing allowance designations for pastors, any other forms filed with federal, state or local tax authorities (**keep for 7 years**).
- Insurance policies covering church properties and church vehicles.
- Titles and registration forms for church vehicles.
- Employment records for all employees (**keep for 7 years**).
- Minutes of church council meetings and committee reports.
- Financial records to include: Annual Reports; Monthly or quarterly income reports (**keep for 7 years**); Expense reports (**keep for 7 years**).
- Church endowment papers such as wills or letters from a donor. Information on whether the monies are use-restricted (church council notes or copy of minutes).
- List of church members.
- Church bulletins - keep when milestone events happen for historical purposes.

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THE DATE

PDC Convention 2026

JULY 30TH-AUGUST 1ST

New College Institute
191 Fayette Street
Martinsville Va, 24185



[PDCnews.org](https://pdcnews.org)

Disciples Church Extension Fund

Due to a strengthening El Niño pattern, temperatures across the United States and Canada will be hotter-than-average this summer. 🌡️ Is your community of faith ready? If not, Disciples Church Extension Fund (DCEF) has affordable church renovation loans that can help. Tailored to make the buildings of congregations, camps, seminaries, and regional ministries more environmentally friendly, DCEF's green loans can assist your leadership in:

- Upgrading older air-conditioning systems
- Replacing or repairing broken or inefficient windows
- Insulating, rewiring, or weatherproofing facilities

Contact Virginia Advisor Rev. Richard N. Williams at 317.635.6500 Ext. 2537 and/or rwilliams@disciplescef.org to learn how you can receive up to \$150,000 to increase your faith community's energy-efficiency!

Thank you,

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