

NC DWM/CWF



December 9, 2020

Dearly Beloved NC Disciples Women,

Everyone is saying it...and it is true...what a year this has been! My vision of 2020 was quite different than what unveiled, as it was for many of us. In Ecclesiastes 3:1 it says, "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens..." Look at all we have witnessed this year. We have seen many changes in our daily lives. In the NC Cabinet we have had trials and sicknesses; yet, God has been our strength and sustainer. Some Cabinet members have rotated off and there will be positions open giving new opportunities to serve God and the disciples women in North Carolina. Please be in prayer and be searching and seeking those you know who would be dedicated and willing to serve our women. This Covid-19 virus has changed our operating environment; so, we have been blessed to venture into new realms of technology. The Lord does not call the equipped, but He does equip the called, as we have evidenced during this pandemic. Thanks to the efforts of many, our NC Region offered its first virtual retreat this year. Our regional staff has overgone changes in working remotely to continue to serve this blessed region while remaining safe. The staff does not want to hinder resources available to our Disciples Women.

My prayer is that each of you are strong in your faith during these times of isolation and prayerfully, you know the NC DWM Cabinet loves and cares about YOU! We are meeting and planning our 2021 year for disciples' women. Hopefully, we will be able to meet physically in 2021. We may undergo more changes in the upcoming year. The NC DWM Cabinet is comforted and finds peace in knowing we have your prayers and support as we move forward to serve you all.

Our national office of Disciples Women's Ministries has also experienced changes in staffing and below the Executive Director and Program Director and Merger Staff with Disciples Women and National Convocation share parting messages to you:



A note sent on behalf of Pat Donahoo, Executive Director:

I want to thank you for your support and care of Disciples Women's Ministries and myself. We have faced many challenges together and I have appreciated your wisdom and encouragement. I will be ending my time with Disciples Women on June 30, 2021, to retire to a life of "what's next". We have tried to adapt and move to continue to be relevant and effective in serving the Church. We have felt the call to encourage and uplift women to remind them that they, too, are the beloved of God and are called to hear their call and live it out. I trust my successor will continue to accompany and encourage women in their journey with Christ. Again, I am so thankful for the ministry we have shared and the love and grace you have offered to me. You will be missed as will the work in this ministry.

Peace and blessings,

Pat

When I accepted the call to serve as Program Director and Merger Staff with Disciples Women and National Convocation, I was working with a local family counseling agency pursuing licensure as a Marriage and Family Therapist. In less than a week, I turned in my badge to the agency and received a plane ticket to my first Disciples Women's assignment. I will be focusing my time on counseling and sexuality education as spiritual development. January 31, 2021 will be my last day on staff with Disciples Women and National Convocation. I am grateful to have had the divine privilege to serve an amazing God with amazing people like you. Disciples Women and National Convocation are powerful ministries whose work I will continue to support as I take the love and lessons I received into all my future endeavors.



In love and liberation,
Rev. Chesla T. Nickelson

We want to know what special things your Disciples Women have been doing project-wise during this pandemic. In what ways have you been reaching out to your community and missions? Share your successes with us by writing a paragraph or two describing what is happening in the photos you send to us. Our January Regional Newsletter awaits your stories. Photos speak louder than words, so please share them. Send your information to the following address: Christian Church in North Carolina, Attention: Regional Newsletter, PO Box 1568, Wilson, NC 27894.

Are your Disciples Women groups hosting any virtual events during December? If so, how about inviting the NC DWM Cabinet to share in your event? Are you having book or bible studies online? Do you offer sharing circles? Do you offer watch parties? Think of sharing your invitation with the NC Region. We would love to announce your events.

In closing, we are thankful for the many blessings the Lord has given us this year. The NC DWM Cabinet is blessed to continue serving Disciples Women in North Carolina. As the year unfolds, we pray we are more united than ever and that our love for one another has no bounds. If you need to reach out to me at any time, please feel free to call my cell at 252.521.2512 or email me at mwevans1953@gmail.com. You will be hearing from me again in the New Year as our plans develop and as Disciples Women we move forward.

2 Corinthians 9:8

“And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.”

Blessings Abound,

Mary Evans

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NC DWM President
And
The NC DWM Cabinet