

# NC DISCIPLES WOMEN'S MINISTRIES & CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP NEWSLETTER



*SPECIAL EDITION*

*September 2021*



Recently during the weekend of August 13 – 15, 2021, the Lord blessed CMF and CWF/DWM with a physical retreat at Christmount with around 50 attendees. This special edition newsletter is an attempt to share the weekend with those who were unable to attend and to recap some precious memories for those in attendance.

## ***Blessing Box Dedication and Friday Evening Dinner***



## ***Quilt Raffle for Spring 2022 for the Woman-to- Woman Worldwide Mission Fund***



Claretta suggested we pray as we began our retreat.

Blessing box giving is incredibly low. Please take every opportunity at local gatherings and meetings, as well as daily blessings, to donate to the blessing boxes showing gratitude and supporting our national DWM.

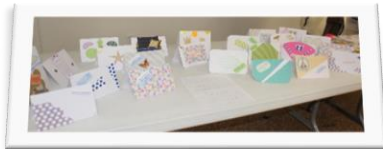
The embroidery and applique work was handcrafted by one of our own, Elaine Kennel, who passed away last spring. How very special to be given this opportunity to continue sharing her talents with DWM. Tickets are available through your district coordinators or through Claretta Witherspoon, at



[cmwspoon@bellsouth.net](mailto:cmwspoon@bellsouth.net)  
or 336.314.6418. The quilt  
raffle will be held the  
weekend of Regional  
Assembly in April 2022.

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**“Bounty and Soul”  
Nonprofit Mission Project**



On Saturday afternoon,  
thanks to Olthea Croom and  
Joann Washington, we  
made 80 cards to be given  
along with produce boxes  
to the poor and needy in the  
Black Mountain area.

“Bounty and Soul”, a local  
nonprofit in Black  
Mountain, thanked us for  
such beautiful cards and for  
adding to their mission  
efforts.

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**We Continue Counting Our  
Blessings with our  
Blessing Box Giving**



**NC DWM Nominating  
Committee**



The Nominating Committee  
has been appointed to find  
dedicated servants for our  
Lord to serve the women in  
our region of North  
Carolina. It is a duty and a  
rewarding experience for  
those who are laborers to  
further His kingdom.  
Please contact Chair  
Eleanor Bradshaw at  
[ebradshaw28@gmail.com](mailto:ebradshaw28@gmail.com)  
or 910-627-3471 with

recommendations for the  
following positions:

President,  
Vice President/President  
Elect, Worship Coordinator  
(Music), Study Director,  
Youth/Young  
Women/Technology,  
Albemarle District  
Coordinator, Central  
District Coordinator,  
Hookerton District  
Coordinator, and  
Southeastern District  
Coordinator.

Also serving on the  
Nominating Committee are  
Bonita Newsome and  
Claretta Witherspoon.

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**Basket Party Was  
Thrilling... Thriving While  
Surviving... Oh, Yes!**



### ***Virtual Retreat Via Videos***

We are sharing with those who were physically unable to attend the retreat videos we hope you will enjoy. We suggest local churches host an event at your church when it is safe to so do to view these videos or use them in your group meetings. Let someone with technology skills share these videos with those who do not use computers.

Control, Click on the links below to view them or type them in the address bar or URL bar.

**Friday Evening Tia and Claretta begin our retreat:**

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/12Dv\\_xZanw10c1u\\_YSgNdS5E9v72BcmKY/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/12Dv_xZanw10c1u_YSgNdS5E9v72BcmKY/view?usp=sharing)

**Friday Evening Just Women Presentation and Communion:**

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**Saturday Morning Music and Devotion:**

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***Be Careful What You Say... God Is Listening...***

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1QsP74iLdf4148eQJDQcK96OvHmz4JRNT/view?usp=sharing>

***Claretta Witherspoon, Outreach/Services Director, Gives Updates On The NC DWM Latham House Project At Camp Caroline in Arapahoe, NC***

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**Listen To Our Keynoter... Rev. Dr. Louis Threatt**

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ePgpjxo92lxRbfodvLdVK4h9wYC8PKd7/view?usp=sharing>

**“Healthy Ways To Address Stress” With Rev. Abby Catoe**

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**Saturday Evening Worship With Moderator Horace Williams**

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**Sunday Morning Bishop Valerie Melvin’s Address To The Region**

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**National DWM News and Information:**



Rev. Angèle Saunders Johnson has been called as the new Executive Director of Disciples Women. As an ordained Minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), she brings experience, passion, and expertise to this role. The IDWM (International Disciples Women’s Ministries) Search Committee Chair, Claretta Witherspoon, shares that the team prayed and deliberated for months to

find the woman that God had ordained to fill the position of IDWM Executive Director. “We unanimously and joyfully selected Rev. Angéle Saunders Johnson. With great excitement we welcome her as the new leader for Disciples Women’s Ministries in the United States and Canada. We look forward to working with her and her vision for the women in our denomination.”

Wanona Redd, IDWM President, shares, “It is a pleasure and an honor to have the opportunity to welcome to the Disciples Women Ministry Rev. Angéle Saunders Johnson. I believe that Rev. Johnson will work diligently to fulfill our purpose statement, “...to be a conduit for diverse connections empowering each woman to find her voice and live out her call.”

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**Information from the National Office For You**

- Blessing Box giving continues to

dramatically decline. Comparing the support given: 2012: \$83,155 and in 2020: \$20,650. This reflects a 55% decrease since last year. Please find ways to support blessing box giving which also supports our national DWM.

- National Service Project for 2021: Feeding the Hungry (Matthew 25:37-40). Contact local organizations for specific needs and develop a relationship. Share what YOU are doing with DWM on social media using the hashtag #DWConnect.
- Stay Connected through social media:
  - [www.DisciplesWomen.org](http://www.DisciplesWomen.org)
  - [www.Facebook.com/discipleswomen](http://www.Facebook.com/discipleswomen)
  - [www.Facebook.com/JustWomenDW](http://www.Facebook.com/JustWomenDW)
  - [www.YouTube.com/DisciplesWomenDOC](http://www.YouTube.com/DisciplesWomenDOC)

- Use the hashtag for photos: #DWConnect
- Beginning September 1<sup>st</sup>, you may order JustWomen bible studies for 2022 at: [www.discipleswomen.org](http://www.discipleswomen.org)
- Send news for the national quarterly newsletter to: [odw@disciples.dhm.org](mailto:odw@disciples.dhm.org) with “DWConnect contribution” as the subject line. The newsletter is posted on the Disciples Women website.
- Subscribe to the quarterly newsletter: email [odw@dhm.disciples.org](mailto:odw@dhm.disciples.org) with the subject line, “I want DWConnect.”

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**Save These Dates:**

- ⇒ March 11-13, 2022, Camp Caroline, “A Day Apart” NC CWF/DWM Retreat
- ⇒ SERF (Southeastern Regional Fellowship) gathering of states in a virtual retreat

via Zoom on Friday evening, March 11, 2022

- ⇒ April 30, 2022, in Charlotte, NC Regional Assembly
- ⇒ Woman-to-Woman Quilt Raffle weekend of April 30, 2022
- ⇒ Pre-order 2022 Just Women bible studies before December 1, 2021
- ⇒ Combined CMF and CWF/DWM Retreat at Christmount on August 12-14, 2022
- ⇒ July 29-August 1, 2023, General Assembly in Louisville, KY

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### Video Update From Christmount

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1KbdPoaeXRjBsSMm72SxFb\\_8HalWX7cPP/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1KbdPoaeXRjBsSMm72SxFb_8HalWX7cPP/view?usp=sharing)

We appreciate the work and effort Christmount did in preparation for our combined retreat. The staff is so helpful. Thanks.



### President's Remarks by NC DWM President Mary Evans



It is amazing to watch God's plan unfold. As humans we worry and fret over all the details in preparing for a retreat. When the retreat happens, He is in control. The Holy Spirit was present. We were blessed to meet physically and safely. We were soulfully blessed through music, devotions, presentations, stories, speakers and keynoters, and food and fellowship with one another. Thanks to all those who helped sanitize the room after each gathering and those who worked diligently behind the scenes to make sure things went well.

A special thanks to our presentation leaders and to our workshop leaders. We appreciate Rev. Dr. Louis Threatt, our Saturday keynoter, and Bishop Valerie J. Melvin, our Regional Minister, who



addressed the region Sunday morning. Dr. Threatt asked the Church to "keep on swimming" and Bishop Melvin asked us to "reach."

Let me say thanks to the NC DWM Cabinet who met so many times to get all the details worked out for this retreat.

We thank the CMF for their support and participation in this retreat. We witnessed God's family in action.



To God Be The Glory.

As President of NC DWM, let me say that none of this is possible without YOU. Your participation is vital to our success. We love you and readily serve you. We hope you continue supporting our events, projects, and retreats.

Please stay safe and share His love with everyone. We can make this world a better place one starfish at a time. It matters.

