

Virginia Disciples Women's Ministry
Regional Cabinet Meeting
Regional Office
Saturday, February 8, 2025

Attending: Margretha Kellam, Kay Ainsworth, Joy Flowers, Belinda Lineberry, Doris Daughtery, Flo Parcell, Amanda Perry, Kathy Witt, Kimi Lloyd, Resa Payne, Teresa Peterson, Maryanne Farley, Rev Donna Webster, Rev Bill Spangler-Dunning, and Marney Brickhouse.

President Margretha Kellam called the meeting to order, opening the meeting by reading a thoughtful devotion and prayer.

Minutes of the last meeting and the agenda for this meeting was reviewed and approved. Kay Ainsworth gave everyone a copy of the treasure's report which was also approved by the cabinet. Kay encouraged Cabinet members to distribute blessing boxes and stressed their importance to DWM funding. As many members to the cabinet were not familiar with the structure of this program. Kay will get appropriate information out as soon as possible. One suggestion was to think of a story about a blessing box which would touch hearts and encourage others to use them.

Donna Webster gave an update on the DWM Regional Website. Everyone was encouraged to send in articles and pictures regarding activities, celebrations, and projects as we are an active region and sharing these activities will encourage other Disciple Women in the region to become active.

The new Just Women study for 2026 is entitled” **Living the Abundant Life”**

The New Remittance Form 2025 was passed out to Cabinet members. The Cabinet members were asked to distribute copies to all the churches in their districts.

Margretha passed out the 2025 brochure designed by Kathy Witt explaining both our Spring Projects 2025. The Local is “Samaritan House” and the Global is Kenya. Maryanne Farley gave us some very positive comments about the local project.

Evonne Wimbush from Fresh Harvest CC has been selected as our Virginia representative for the WW2W trip to Kenya this year. Evonne sent a letter and ask the Cabinet to help fund her trip to Kenya. After some questions and discussion about the trip to Kenya and the cost it was moved by Kay and seconded by Flo Parcell to give \$2000.00 to help fund Evonne's WW2W trip to Kenya. The motion was approved.

Kimi Lloyd distributed the evaluation report from the 2024 Fall Retreat and then gave an overall evaluation and highlights of the retreat. The discussion following was so very supportive of the retreat and the blessings felt by all who attended.

Donna Webster gave an update on Spa Day 2025 which will be held on April 5th throughout the region of Virginia. Four churches in our Virginia Region will be hosting the program and the theme is **“The Power of Grace”** a lesson from the Just Women study booklet. After lunch hopefully each church will be set up to have a Zoom meeting to coordinate with the others and hear the message from the speaker. All Cabinet members were encouraged to get this information out to their churches so that the day will be filled with Christian Women enjoying each other.

Reminders included: **General Assembly will be July 12-15th in Memphis Tennessee.** The theme is entitled **“Beyond.”** SERF (South Eastern Regional Fellowship) will be held March 13-15, 2026 at Christmount, NC. The theme is entitled **“You Are Enough.”**

Lunch break included delicious dishes supplied by our even district representatives and a chance to fellowship with Cabinet members about catch up friends and activities.

Donna Webster gave a report on the upcoming **2025 VDWM Retreat which will be held on October 10-12 at the Smith Mountain Lake Center again. The theme is “Putting Down Roots.”** The board approved both the committee and speakers for the event. Donna asked if anyone on the board would like to be on the retreat committee to please let her know.

Margretha appointed Kay Ainsworth, Terry Peterson, and Kathy Witt to updated the guidelines for the Seminary Scholarship committee so that the current rules and regulations can be properly updated and presented to the board,

The meeting was closed with prayer by Rev. Bill and the Disciples Women’s benediction.

The next meeting will be May 17th 10:00am in Lynchburg and the odd districts will be responsible for lunch.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marney Brickhouse, Secretary

Margretha Kellam, President