

Virginia Region Disciples Women Ministry February 8, 2025

The VA Region of DWM met in Lynchburg at the Regional office on Saturday February 8, 2025. The meeting was opened with a devotion and prayer by the Chairman Margretha Kellam. The agenda, minutes and treasurer's reports were presented and approved.

Communication: Flo Parcell reported that she writes an article and sends it to the chairman for approval. The article is then sent to Rev. Donna Webster to be added to the DWM website. The website (discipleswomenva.org) has been updated and contains valuable information regarding VA women and activities. Flo also submits articles to her church newsletter. Pictures, and information or news may be emailed to Flo or directly to Rev. Webster to be posted on the website.

The Just Women bible study material for 2025 "Come HOLY SPIRIT Come" John 14: 15-17, has been mailed to those individuals and DWM groups who pre-ordered. The Just Women for 2026 is entitled "Living the Abundant Life."

Our Spring Projects-2025 calendar year are: local, The Samaritan House, which has several locations in Virginia and our global project is women in Kenya. A new 2025 Spring Project brochure explaining the projects was distributed, and is available per request. The 2025 DWM offering remittance form was distributed.

There are still vacancies for District representatives for 6, 10,11.

Any woman can individually subscribe for DWLC Newsletter-DW Connect. Margretha forwards this newsletter to the women on the Cabinet.

Kimi Lloyd reported a positive evaluation from last year's retreat "Sowing Seeds of Faith," held last October at Smith Mountain Lake. There were 87 participants. 75 stayed overnight at the 4-H center and 12 were day participants. Women from age 12 to 80's participated. There was a variety of speakers, music, interest groups, and worship. Fellowship, meals, snacks and entertainment were enjoyed and appealing to all. Accommodations were appropriate and comfortable. The retreat committee presented a committee to plan the Oct. 10--12, 2025 retreat with ground work already underway.

The committee was approved and opened for volunteers. The retreat will be held at the SML-4-H Center again in 2025 with a theme "Putting Down Roots".

W2WW, Woman to Woman World Wide trip will be to Kenya September 3-18., 2025. Evonne Wimbush from Fresh Harvest CC, Stuart, VA will represent the Virginia Region on this trip. Upon return, Evonne will then travel to Districts or individual churches to share her

experiences and what she learned. The DWM council voted and approved a gift of \$2000.00 to assist Evonne with her trip. Wanona Redd from Martinsville will also be attending this trip as a member of the International Disciple Women's Ministry.

Rev. Dr. Debra Reid is serving as the interim IDWM Executive Director. Rev. Dr. Reid presided over the virtual Disciples Women Leadership Council meeting held 01/23-25/2025. The theme for 2025 is "Beyond Now Moving Forward to Do Better." Margretha Kellam our Regional President attended the virtual meeting.

April 5, 2025 will be SPA+ Day, (Study, Prayer, Action, and Self Care) 10:00 am to 2:00pm. Theme is "The Power of Grace." They will be held at five different locations the same day strategically throughout the region: Timberlake CC, Olive Branch CC, Pembroke CC, Antioch CC, and Bon-Air CC. Registration forms will be available on the website and in the Virginia Christian.

The General Assembly "Beyond" will be held, July 12-15, 2025 in Memphis, TN. Our SERF (South Eastern Regional Fellowship) meeting is to be held March 13-15, 2026 at Christmount, NC. Tonitia Butler, Chairman of the SERF Committee is requesting pictures from Disciples Women's groups, past, current and any timeframe in between. **Please send your pictures by March 31, 2025.** Her contact email address is: Tonitia1787@att.net . [Her physical address is: 654 County Rd 29, Kileen, AL 35645. Her telephone # is: 256-412-4850.](https://www.google.com/maps/place/654+County+Rd+29,+Kileen,+AL+35645/@33.1444444,-86.1444444,15z)

A Seminary Scholarship Committee was established to review the current guidelines and update as needed.

The Nominating Committee reported that they have met and have some recommendations and are accepting other candidates.

The even districts provided a most delicious lunch for all attendees. The odd districts will provide lunch for the next Regional DWM meeting on May 17, 2025 at the Regional office in Lynchburg, VA.

Respectfully Submitted,
Flo Parcell
Regional DWM District IV member at large