



What to Know About Disciple Women of Virginia

A safe space for all Disciple Women by creating opportunities for women to connect in ways that empower other women to find their voice and live out their call. We do this through justice-focused missions, leadership development, and spiritual formation and renewal. Women can participate on congregational, regional, interregional, national, and international levels. Such programs and initiatives offered by DWM have included human trafficking, food insecurity, and much more. There are no membership requirements outside of being a women's fellowship within a Disciple of Christ congregation to participate in and benefit from this ministry. All our retreats and spring workshops also welcome women from other denominations as well as other world religions.

Governance

General Church –

<https://www.discipleshomeissions.org/ministry-programs/disciples-womens-ministries/>

You can also follow them on Facebook.

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- Member at Large- Rev. Renae Earl-CA-N/NV NW
- Member at Large- Anna Donaghue-Capital Area

Virginia Disciple Women Cabinet

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Disciple Women of Virginia Priorities

1. **Mission** -It is the mission of the Disciple Women of Virginia to support women here in our region and around the globe. Each year, the local mission project is voted on by the Disciple Women of Virginia Cabinet and the Global Mission Project comes out of our Woman-To-Woman journeys. If you would like to submit an idea for next year's local service project, please contact your district representative.
2. **Our Disciple Women Logo**- In this symbol, artist, Michael Dominquez, a Cuban Disciple, reflects on the heritage and linkages of Disciples Women. The lines indicate the continuous flow and interconnectedness of all women. The foundation for all Disciples Women is our faith in God and the Lord Jesus Christ. The Cross is the pivot-point around which all our beliefs and activities revolve. The Cross becomes the first element in our symbol. The second component of our symbol recognizes our legacy and heritage of the Christian Women's Fellowship. Our future as Disciples Women is built upon our heritage and the faith and vision of our foremothers.
3. **Blessing Boxes** -Each year, Disciple Women/CWF Circles collect money throughout the year to support the Office of Disciple Women in the General Church and to support all the ministries associated with Disciples Home Missions (DHM). The total amount collected is distributed equally between the two entities.
4. **Talents for Missions**- Disciple Women of Virginia are encouraged to make homemade items for mission. These items are sold at our Fall Women's Retreat.
5. **Seminary Scholarships**- VA Disciple Women/CWF Circles give to support women currently enrolled in an accredited seminary for the purposes of pastoring a local congregation. To be eligible, applicants must be a member of a Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) congregation in Virginia and enrolled in seminary at the time of application. In addition, financial assistance may be available for further education for female clergy currently serving a congregation within Virginia. The applicant must be in good standing with the Virginia Region. Contact your district representative for more information.
6. **Woman to Woman Program**- Every two years through the General Church, women have the opportunity to apply to travel abroad to share and learn from women in countries where Global Ministries has a presence. For more information, please

contact your district representative on updates and how to apply for future opportunities. If selected by the General Church, the Disciple Women of Virginia will provide a partial scholarship. All scholarship recipients agree to provide several presentations throughout the region in exchange for support.

7. **Women Action Web**- Opportunities are provided every two years for hands on experiences in various parts of the country. Contact your district representative for more information.
8. **Women's Endowment Fund**-A named fund to support our shared work. Named funds for Virginia Women include Odetta Redd, Rev. Marilyn Taylor, Nancy Bradshaw and others.
9. **Just Women Study**-An annual study subscription highlighting many female clergy and laity across the nation. Contact your district representative for more information.
10. **Thursdays in Black**-Disciple Women are encouraged to wear black on Thursdays for awareness of domestic violence against women. Contact your district representative for more information.
11. **Leadership Apprentice Program (LAP)** This program is for women of color specifically designed to support new leaders. Contact your district representative for more information.
12. **General Assembly**-Every Three Years women across the U.S. and Canada gather in one venue to learn, fellowship, and attend (optional) the Disciple Women luncheon.
13. **International Disciple Women Service Project**- This year the focus is on Reproductive Justice. We will support and learn from Sister Reach in Memphis, TN.
14. **Disciple Women Spring Workshops-SPA+ Days**-Yearly gatherings around the region, hosted by various Disciple Women/CWF Circles throughout the Virginia Region, intended for study, prayer, action, and self-care. If your church is interested in hosting next year, please let your district representative know.
15. **Annual Fall Retreats**- These annual retreats are to learn, study, fellowship and self-care. Special speakers are invited to deliver keynotes and on occasion breakout sessions on various topics. If you would like to help at the retreats, or have recommendations for future retreats, please let your district representative know. This year our retreat will be held October 10-12th at the Skelton 4-H Center- Smith Mountain Lake. Keynote speakers include Rev. Wendy Wilson, Unity Christian Church and Rev. Latisha Lee, Ministry Church, Richmond. Theme is "Putting Down Roots." Speakers will help us live into a shared purpose with the hope of an abundant harvest going forth!
16. **SERF Retreat**-Held every four years. This is an opportunity for women from the South Regional Regions to come together for leadership training, fellowship, and self-care. The next SERF Retreat will be held March 13-15, 2026 at Christmount

Retreat Center, Black Mountain, N.C. Contact your district representative for more information.