

Great River Region Disciples Women Retreat
REGISTRATION FORM 2017
Many Branches ~ Rooted in Love, Ephesians 3:17-18 (CEB)

Name _____
 Address, City, ST & Zip _____
 Home Phone _____ Cell Phone: _____
 Email Address _____ Church and City _____
 Emergency contact & phone _____

ARKANSAS & LOUISIANA - ARE **YOU** (not your roommate) ABLE TO CLIMB THE STAIRS?
 Yes No

Note - you may register for any (or all) retreat(s) using this form

Location:	Dates	Deadlines	Early Bird Registration Fees	After deadline	Which retreat/s will you be attending?
AR 4H Center, Little Rock AR	8/4-8/6	Early bird – before 7/15 Late registration - after 7/15; reg closes 7/31	\$ 200 (doubles)	\$225	
			\$ 175 (triples)	\$200	
			\$ 75 Saturday only	\$75	
Eagle Ridge, Raymond MS	9/15-17	Early bird – before 9/1 Late – after 9/1	\$195 (Fri-Sun) - NEW	\$215	
			\$115 (Sat-Sun only)	\$140	
			\$ 55 Saturday only	\$80	
Wesley Center, Woodworth LA	9/29-10/1	Early bird – before 9/15	\$ 160 Fri & Sat night		
			\$ 100 Sat night only		
			\$ 50 Saturday only		
Total Amount Due				\$	

Roommate --

Which Retreat(s)?	Roommate(s)?
Arkansas	Only 3 handicapped rooms
Mississippi	Four handicapped rooms, one with roll in shower
Louisiana	Ride to meals? Yes No

Make check payable to the **Great River Region of the Christian Church**

Mail Registration Form & payment to:

Great River Region
 9302 Geyer Springs Road
 Little Rock, AR 72209

The ***Christy Pickering scholarship*** enables Great River Region Disciples Women **with financial need** to attend the Disciples Women Retreats. Up to one-half of the full-time registration fee for retreat shall be available through this scholarship program.

THE CRITERIA FOR GRANTING SCHOLARSHIPS IS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The number and amount of grants made each year will be determined by funds available.
2. Grants shall be made to those with financial need and a desire to attend Retreat.
3. Applicants will submit an application with their Retreat registration form to the Regional Office (see instructions below).
4. Up to one-half (1/2) of the full-time retreat registration fee shall be granted to an applicant.

To apply for a Retreat scholarship:

Application for Retreat Scholarships is made through the Regional Office. Please send your COMPLETED application with your registration form. You may apply for this scholarship for yourself and/or encourage women (in your church) who feel they cannot afford the entire fee.

**APPLICATION FOR CHRISTY PICKERING
RETREAT SCHOLARSHIP**

Name _____

Address & Zip _____

Church/City _____

Please **write a brief statement (required)** about yourself and why you would like to be considered for a scholarship **and return this application with your registration form**.

Do you hold an office with your congregational Disciples Women group? If yes, what position?

How do you serve as a Disciples Woman in your congregation?

What Disciples Women events have you attended in the past year?

Please share a part of your faith journey with us:

Signature _____ Date _____

Keynote Speakers



Arkansas Retreat Speaker
Martha Lester

Martha currently serves in the role of Member Care Facilitator for SIL* - East Asia Group. This role includes aspects of lay counseling, life coaching, mentoring and doing debriefing (both routine and crisis/critical incident). She and her husband, Peter, along with their three children, Trajan, Asha and Erin lived and served overseas in several different places in East Asia from 1994 until 2015. They worked in a variety of roles including: linguist/Bible translator, administration, teacher and more. Martha and Peter are now settled back into Fayetteville, Arkansas while Martha continues to serve East Asia Group members both remotely and through trips back to Asia. She enjoys eating hot, spicy Sichuan food, solitude with God, journaling, praying in color, travel, reading, bicycling, the ocean and big waves, cooking various ethnic foods and baking, photography, learning new skills and being a grandmother of three little ones who live far away in Lithuania. *formerly known as Summer Institute of Linguistics

Mississippi Retreat Speaker
Rev. Dr. Pat Donahoo

Pat answered God's call to ministry by serving in her local congregation, district youth leadership, the regional church, pastoral ministry, and now in her role as Executive Director of Disciples Women for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Pat's ministry is marked by community building and a common sense of belonging where all are invited to the table rather than a membership-oriented or checklist of requirements structure. Pat is part of the General Minister's cabinet, a member of the Justice Table, Secretary to the International Disciples Women's Ministry Executive Committee, Secretary/Treasurer of Global Women Connecting, cabinet representative on the Administrative Committee of the General Board, and non-voting staff on Disciples Home Missions Board. She also participates with the Justice for Women Working Group and the National Council of Churches.



Louisiana Retreat Speaker
Rev. Angie Ruggia-Kretzer

Angie was born in 1956 as the child of German missionaries in Windhoek, Namibia. She grew up in Germany and Venezuela, and came to the United States in 1977 to attend university. In 1982, Angie felt the call to ministry, and she attended Brite Divinity School from 1992-95, while a candidate in the United Methodist Church. During her years as a hospital chaplain in San Antonio, she became deeply interested in Hispanic faith and culture and she has worked with Hispanic communities both in San Antonio and in Louisiana. In her 30-something years of ministry, Angie has served in Children's and Youth ministry, in campus ministry, as a hospital chaplain, and as a local pastor to two small congregations in rural Kansas. Angie has a deep interest in spirituality, Centering Prayer, and Interfaith experience. She loves nature photography, camping, hiking, and live music around the campfire. In November 2016, she began serving as the pastor at First Christian Church in Hammond, La.

Retreat Workshop Offerings 2017

Arkansas Retreat Workshops

Card Making & Stamping	Linda White & her band of merry card makers
Bible Study, Part 1 Bible Study, Part 2 (will conclude Sunday AM as Sunday School)	Nadine Burton
W2WW - Middle East	Anne Page

Mississippi Retreat Workshops

Card Making & Stamping	Linda White & her band of merry card makers
Blessing Jars	Avis Phillips
Jewelry Making – cost \$2	Anne Page & Avis Phillips

Louisiana Retreat Workshops

Laughing Yoga	Khadijah Tucker
Indoor Labyrinth	Tina Lewis
Bible Study	Patty DeVille
Hymnal Crosses (or Burlap) – cost \$1 per cross	Yvonne Taylor