

Just Women Study Information

Update:

The Spring 2018 issue will be the last quarterly issue of Just Women Magazine. Declining subscriptions for the magazine (4 quarterly issues) has forced the end of the magazine subscription as we knew it. Beginning now, Just Women will produce one annual issue that will be the Disciples Women Study publication. It will continue to be produced/delivered in January with pre-orders necessary by the beginning of December.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: The deadline to order Just Women Study for delivery in January is December 1st. Cost is \$12 when purchased from discipleswomen.org (if you purchase from region – cost will be \$15 to cover shipping/handling)

You can also download a digital copy of the 2018 Just Women Bible Study (cost \$6.99) at: discipleswomen.org – click on Just Women link in the right banner and scroll to the “download” link.

Currently available for sale through the Region (cost \$15):

2018 Bible Study ~ *Called for God's Purpose*

Stories of call abound in the Bible, offering readers encouragement and promise that God rarely calls the equipped, but rather, God equips the called.

This eight-session Bible study will explore Old Testament and New Testament stories of women and men called according to God's purposes. Rahab, Abigail, Lydia, Phoebe, Mary and Mary – just a few of the women whose stories are examined in this look at how we, as women, are called for God's purpose

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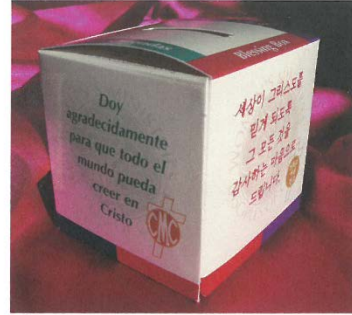
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**Congratulations Disciples Women
in the Great River Region!!
Thank you for Counting Your
Blessings!!**



Thank you!

*Thank you for your faithful giving.
We celebrate that Great River's
2017 offerings of gratitude exceeded
2016 and that Great River is in
the top 10 regions in blessing box
giving.*

*Continued blessings,
Pat*

Thank you for your gift to the Blessing Box offering. This gift reminds all of us of what God has done and is doing in our lives.

- * Your gift allows women to be part of the Woman-to-Woman journey*
- * Your gift supports leadership training*
- * Your gift speaks wisdom and advocacy into a world in need of justice*
- * Your gift supports the whole mission of the Church*

Thank you for being part of the Woman-to-Woman Worldwide journey to India where our global partnership is rescuing women and girls from trafficking, and teaching marketable skills that uplift whole families and protect them from increased vulnerability to trafficking.

Double your Blessing Box offering in 2018 to

- *Support girls and high school women to increase their leadership capacity*
- *Provide opportunities for clergy women to be healthy and thrive*
- *Empower each woman to find her voice and live out her call*

Thank you for your partnership in ministry.

In gratitude, Disciples Women

Great River Region Disciples Women Service Projects 2018

Global Project: Anti-Human Trafficking Program of the Diocese of Durgapur		Regional Project: Feeding America
Arkansas:	Mississippi:	Louisiana:
Emergency Duffle Bags for Foster Kids	Southern Christian Services for Children & Youth	Room in the Inn, Lake Charles

GRR DW Global Service Project – Woman to Woman Worldwide 2017: Anti-Human Trafficking Program of the Diocese of Durgapur (Church of North India)

Anti-Human Trafficking Program of the Diocese of Durgapur (Church of North India)



The Church of North India (CNI) was formed by the union of six Protestant denominations committed to actions of restoring the integrity of God's creation through breaking down barriers of caste, class, gender, economic inequality, and the exploitation of nature. The Diocese of Durgapur, a district of the Church of North India, began their Anti-Human Trafficking (AHT) ministries in 2006 with the creation of a program for vulnerable children.

Women from the Diocese were compelled to open a program to offer a safe space and new opportunities for self-expression to children who are at-risk of being trafficked. Today, this program continues to grow and the Diocese runs **six child development centers** and **four residential homes**. *Each center provides an impressive range of opportunities including formal education, kitchen gardening, string instrument lessons, nutritional meals, medical check-ups, sports, sewing lessons, and more.*

More than 350 children attend programs at one of the children centers of the Anti-Human Trafficking Program with many others awaiting admission into one of their residential homes. The Diocese of Durgapur raises funds for these programs through local and international relationships. Additionally, the Diocese sells handicrafts such as handmade cards, to raise funds for school fees, school uniforms, books, and meals. To learn more about the work of the CNI's Diocese of Durgapur, go to:

https://www.globalministries.org/diocese_of_durgapur

GRR DW Regional Service Project – *Feeding America*

In 2017, Disciples Women in the Great River Region raised \$780 for Feeding America
– for every \$1 donated, 11 meals are created –
Disciples Women – you served 8,580 meals last year!!



Our mission is to feed America's hungry through a nationwide network of member food banks and engage our country in the fight to end hunger.

Make an impact today

When you give to Feeding America, you are joining us in the fight against hunger. For every \$1 donated, the Feeding America network of food banks secures and distributes 10 meals to people facing hunger.



Advocate to end hunger

Together, we can end hunger, but it's going to require an active partnership between individuals like you, charity, the private sector and the government. That's why Feeding America advocates for policies that will ensure aid to hungry families.



Volunteer your time and talents

It doesn't take a big commitment to make a big impact. Together, with millions of other food bank volunteers, your time makes a difference in the lives of your neighbors struggling with hunger. Help the Feeding America nationwide network get food in the hands of those who need it most.

Learn more at <http://www.feedingamerica.org/take-action/>

GREAT RIVER REGION HUNGER STATISTICS*:

In Arkansas, 549,000 people (18.4% of the population) struggle with food insecurity

Avg meal cost \$2.72

In Louisiana, 789,000 people (18.9% of the population) struggle with food insecurity

Avg meal cost \$2.81

In Mississippi, 643,000 people (21.5% of the population) struggle with food insecurity

Avg meal cost \$2.88

*2015 data

GRR DW Arkansas Projects – Duffle Bag Project for Foster Kids

In 2017, the Disciples Women in Arkansas filled **200** duffle bags with hypoallergenic soap and shampoo, washcloths, deodorant and a variety of small stuffed animals and non-battery operated toys and games – it was so successful in 2017, the DW Cabinet decided to support the same project again this year.

Between now and the Arkansas Retreat, August 17-19, please collect the following for this year's project and bring it with you to the Arkansas Retreat – we will put the bags together as a part of our Friday evening activities!

1. Hypoallergenic soap
2. Hypoallergenic shampoo
3. Washcloths
4. Deodorant
5. Small stuffed animals
6. Small non-battery-operated toys and games

GRR DW Mississippi Service Project – Southern Christian Services for Children & Youth (SCSCY)

[Our Mission](#)

In response to the love of Christ, Southern Christian Services for Children and Youth, Inc. serves and equips vulnerable children and youth, assisting them in the process of becoming self-sufficient and contributing members of society.

[Our Vision](#)

To be an organization that has a positive, recognizable, long-term impact on ALL children and youth in our care by providing professional, cost-effective and timely services.

Wishes, Wants & Needs for Boy's Group Homes - 2018

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| • Dish soap | • Deodorant | • Liquid laundry detergent and fabric softener |
| • Toilet paper | • Hand soap | • Spoons, butter knives, forks |
| • Paper towels | • Washcloths/towels/
Bath towels | • \$10 Kroger, WalMart or Target gift cards |
| • Shampoo | • Twin Sheet Sets | |
| • Body Wash | | |

BIG NEED – PAPER PRODUCTS & CLEANING SUPPLIES – Paper towels, toilet paper, Kleenex, etc; Household supplies – laundry soap, dishwashing liquid, cleaning supplies

Board games (ages 12+), decks of playing cards, outdoor games/sports equipment – badminton sets, basketballs, footballs, etc

Funds: We always need funds to help with operating expenses which cover the cost of children living in our group homes.

GRR DW Louisiana Service Project – Room at the Inn, Lake Charles



WHAT WE DO – The Room In The Inn - Lake Charles is a 501(c)3 nonprofit public charity that partners with local churches and organizations to help feed and shelter those experiencing homelessness in our community. Founded in 2016, we are modeled after the extremely successful Room In The Inn volunteer-driven sheltering program that is celebrating over 30 years of operation in Nashville, TN.

HOLY HOSPITALITY - HOW IT WORKS - Room in the Inn-Lake Charles recruits local communities of faith to open their doors to unsheltered neighbors during the coldest months of the year. The

Room in the Inn staff selects & screens guests and hands out vouchers for overnight stays at area churches. One night a week, a congregation sends a van to downtown Lake Charles to pick up 12-15 guests (who have been oriented to the program), take them back to their location, share an evening meal together and stay with them overnight. In the morning, the host church provides a quick breakfast and a snack bag, and then returns their guests to the same downtown location. During this experience, the guests and volunteers get to know a little about each other.

The Room in the Inn IS:

- a way for more people in every sector to understand the problems of the homeless by becoming directly involved with people who are experiencing homelessness.
- a means through which congregations open their facilities to welcome 12-15 homeless people as guests
- about changing people. It creates an environment and an opportunity for the guests to learn that there are people who care and for the hosts to come to understand that the faceless figure on the street corner is more than a statistic.
- about serving without prejudice or pride. It is about accepting everyone.
- about people of religion putting the tenets of their faith into practice.
- not about giving; it is about receiving. It is about everyone, both guests & hosts, receiving a blessing—an encounter with God in the midst of suffering, hardship, pain & grief.
- an opportunity, not an answer. It is an experience, not a solution.

In short, Room in the Inn is an opportunity to experience the presence of God in a different way.

<https://www.ritolakecharles.org/>

Great River Region 2018 Calendar

Dates		Event / Activity
February	5-9	TCU Ministers Week
	18-19	RCOM, Shreveport
March	2-3	DW Cabinet Meeting, Monroe
	10	MCMC Board Meeting, Jackson
	17	unConference, North Little Rock
<i>April</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>DW Workshop - Arkansas</i>
	<i>13</i>	<i>DW Workshop - Northwest Louisiana</i>
	<i>28</i>	<i>DW Workshop - Southeast Louisiana</i>
	<i>28</i>	<i>DW Workshop - Mississippi</i>
May	25-27	* Family Camp 1
June	1-3	* Grand Camp
	1-2	Regional Board, Utica CC, Utica MS
	4-6	RCOM, Mississippi
	4-9	* Adventure Camp
	8-10	* Discovery
	11-16	* Chi Rho 1
	18-23	Magnolia Camp & Conference, MS
	18-23	* CYF Camp and Niners Camp
	24-30	* Eighters and ADDaM Camp
July	2-6	* JYF 1
	16-21	* Chi Rho 2
	19-22	National Convocation, Birmingham AL
	25	MCMC PreEvent, Clarksdale MS
	26-28	MCMC 131st Assembly, Clarksdale MS
	Jul 30-Aug 3	Water Sports Camp
August	6-10	JYF 2
	10-12	Family Camp 2
	<i>17-19</i>	<i>Retreat #1, 4H Center, Little Rock AR</i>
	27-28	RCOM, Little Rock
<i>September</i>	<i>14-16</i>	<i>Retreat #2, Eagle Ridge, Raymond MS</i>
<i>November</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>Regional Assembly Pre Event</i>
	<i>2-4</i>	<i>Regional Assembly, Shreveport</i>

Monthly Clergy Gatherings - all are welcome

2nd Wednesday	___	Central MS Clergy lunch (dutch treat)
3rd Wednesday	___	Northwest AR Clergy lunch (dutch treat)
4th Tuesday	___	Central AR Clergy dinner (depends on location)
Varies	___	LA Clergy Gatherings

* At Disciples Crossing, Athens TX

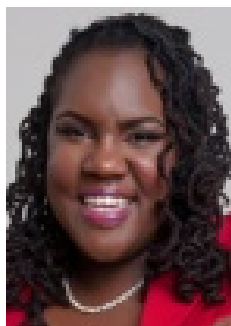
Great River Region Disciples Women Retreats 2018

WE: *Moving Forward Together*

Philippians 2:14; Hebrews 10:24-25; Ecclesiastes 4:12

Retreat #1 Speaker (Arkansas)

Rev. Linda White is an ordained minister of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) from North Little Rock, Arkansas. She served on the staff of Park Hill Christian Church for eighteen years as Minister of Youth and Christian Education, Associate Minister, and acting Senior Minister before her retirement in 2016. She is an active member of Park Hill CC's Disciples Women, and has led workshops at DW retreats in Arkansas and Mississippi. Linda received a Bachelor of Music degree from Henderson University, majoring in piano performance. She is still very involved in music, and also enjoys all kinds of paper crafts, especially card making. Linda and her husband Mike have been married for 48 years and have three children and five grandchildren.



Retreat #2 Speaker (Mississippi)

Chesla T. Nickelson was born and raised in Newport News, Virginia where she led and participated in a multitude of church, community and school activities.

As a college student, Chesla played an integral role in a campus ministry that worked with local churches and other organizations to develop youth and young adult ministries as well as ministry with people who have never been associated with a faith community and people who have been hurt by and thus disassociated from faith communities.

In 2013 Chesla received both an MDiv and an MA from Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis. She became a Disciple in 2001 when she joined Ray of Hope Christian Church (Atlanta, GA). Since then, she has been engaged in various aspects of the Christian Church having served with the Executive Committee of the Disciples Peace Fellowship and the Disciples Leadership Institute, as an intern for Global Ministries and Reconciliation Ministry and as a Minister of Leader Development for Hope Partnership

She is a member of Light of the World Christian Church (Indianapolis) where she also serves with the Young Adult ministry. She is a fan of the Justice League, loves roller coasters and is the reigning Game Night Champion of Taboo. As Chesla strives to live out her purpose and calling in a way that pleases God, she lives by a two-word command; Love unconditionally.

Retreat Workshop Information

Retreat #1 Workshops (in Arkansas) – we'll start on Friday evening with a *“service workshop”* and we'll fill duffle bags for foster kids; on Saturday afternoon, Robin Baxter and Debi Vowell will lead us in making (knitting or crocheting) *“prayer squares”*; we'll also have a *Bible Study workshop* and, tentatively, we have a workshop designed to do team building.

Retreat #2 Workshops (in Mississippi) – we'll start with a workshop on Friday evening – *making bows* with Avis Phillips and Pernella Shortie. Saturday workshops include a *Bible study* and a yet to be determined *crafting workshop* led by Stacy Eastwood and Sabrina Feilen.