

the COORDINATOR

AUGUST 2025

BECOME A SILVER CHALICE CHURCH

Statistically, over half of total members in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) are over 65 years of age. How might our churches here in the West Area create projects and ministries that support and nurture the physical and spiritual lives of older adults? How might we support those who care for older adults in our congregations? How might we advocate for justice concerns that impact the older adults in our community--like elder abuse, increasing healthcare costs, and impacts from agism? How might your church intentionally create opportunities for intergenerational ministries that include older adults? Could your church be invigorated by this sort of ministry?

At the 2025 General Assembly, those assembled voted to approve a resolution to form the Silver Chalice Ministry. "The purpose of the Silver Chalice Ministry is to encourage, support, and celebrate congregations, DOC offices, assemblies and organizations who have a strong desire to live out their Christian faith by caring for, assisting, and utilizing the gifts and wisdom of older adults."

Like the Green Chalice program, Silver Chalice invites the church to assess and celebrate what they are currently doing in ministry with seniors, and it also challenges the church to identify new ways of expanding their ministry within the church and in their local community. Here are some ideas they share for starting or improving programs for older adults in your church:

- Make large-print Bibles, bulletins and hymnals available.
- Provide a way for those with diminished hearing to hear what is being said in worship.
- Start a Bible study addressing the concerns of older adults.
- Spend time celebrating the longevity of members of the congregation or institution.
- Provide a support group for those who have recently faced loss.
- Provide a support group for care givers.
- Provide meditations, prayers and devotions geared for older adults.

If your church is interested in becoming a designated Silver Chalice congregation, see the Silver Chalice program overview and documents in the links below:

<https://www.nbacares.org/programs/older-adult-ministry/resources/>

Webinar introducing the resolution and the General Assembly resolution document that was approved:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d4KxN7-NXhs> and

<https://cdn.ga.disciples.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/16194316/GA-2512-4.6.2025-11.00pm-Silver-Chalicefinal.pdf>

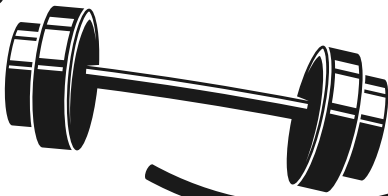
Other resources full of more ideas from the Mid-America region:

<https://www.mid-america-disciples.org/older-adult-ministries>



BODY BUILDING

Does your church have sufficient clearly marked parking spots for people with disabilities? Are there marked and accessible “companion care” or family restrooms so that caregivers can assist loved ones? Do you have needed ramps and wide enough access so persons in wheelchairs or other mobility equipment can navigate throughout the entire building?



GRANTS FOR YOUNG ADULTS



National Benevolent Association

Through NBA's Young Adult Leadership Development program area, we seek to co-create spaces with and for young adults 18-30 to flourish in life and service. NBA's YALD grants are specifically designed to support current and future leaders in identifying their leadership qualities, building leadership capacity, and allowing young adults to explore new possibilities in the areas of service and justice. NBA offers two types of grants for young adults: Development and Exploration/Ingenuity. The grant requests may be up to \$1,000 to support Disciples young adults in education and leadership, and the application closes **August 6, 2025**.

<https://www.nbacares.org/programs/grant-programs/young-adult-leadership-development-grants/>

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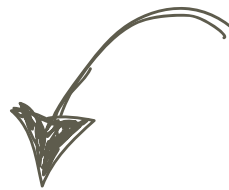
After **20** Years
OF FAITHFUL SERVICE

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE THE RETIREMENT OF OUR BELOVED PASTOR BROTHER BILL FOR 20 YEARS OF DEDICATED LEADERSHIP, LOVE, AND SERVICE TO OUR CHURCH AND COMMUNITY.

SUNDAY, JULY 27TH, 2025

Sebree First Christian DOC
1-4 PM -Come & Go
Finger Foods

Let's come together in gratitude and joy to honor a legacy of faith, compassion, and commitment.
"Well done, good and faithful servant." — Matthew 25:21
Everyone is welcome!



Calling all soloists, instrumentalists, choirs, bell choirs, children's choirs, orchestras, jug bands, and toe tappers.

ALL DISCIPLES SING & WEST AREA ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, AT 4PM

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)
1030 COLLEGE DR., MADISONVILLE

Save the Date

"Gather Us In:
Songs around the Lord's Table"



CAMP NEWS

DISCIPLES CHURCHES GET 10% OFF OF DAY USE



This spring the KBY Advisory Team approved a 10 percent discount to Disciples of Christ churches who reserve Camp Kumbaya for a “day use” reservation! Day use includes use of the pavilion, bathhouses, worship areas, small group meeting rooms, hiking trails, recreation areas, waterfront, dock, canoes, kayaks, and the 75-seat dining hall meeting room with TV, projector and screen. Schedule your church group’s discounted day retreat, meeting, fellowship event, or special worship gathering today!

<http://www.campkumbaya.org/reservations/>

YOUTH NEWS

HIGH SCHOOLERS, APPLY TO THE WEST AREA YOUTH COUNCIL

Do you have some great student leaders in your church? The West Area Youth Council (WAYC) is seeking high school students who are active in their churches and have gifts for leadership to help plan and lead youth events for 2025-26. Candidates must be willing to attend organizational meetings either virtually or in person. The application deadline is **August 4**. An informational flyer and application may be found on the WAYC webpage. Help us spread the word about this unique opportunity.

Questions? Contact Rachel at (270) 821-1332.

<https://www.westareadisciples.org/youth-ministries-wayc/>



Save the date for this great weekend for youth grades 6-12 from across the region of Kentucky. Watch here for details!
<http://www.ccinky.net/ymyac/>



DISCIPLES MEN'S NEWS



SAVE THE DATE AND REGISTER FOR THE 2026 REGIONAL MEN'S CHORAL RETREAT

The 2026 Regional Men's Choral Retreat will take place **January 23-25, 2026** at Glasgow First Christian Church. Registration is \$65 – lodging and apparel not included. We will be singing at Sunday morning worship at Glasgow First Christian.

To learn more and register, visit www.ccinky.net/disciples-men/.

Questions? Contact Rick Jouett at RHJOUETT@aol.com.



DISCIPLES WOMEN'S NEWS

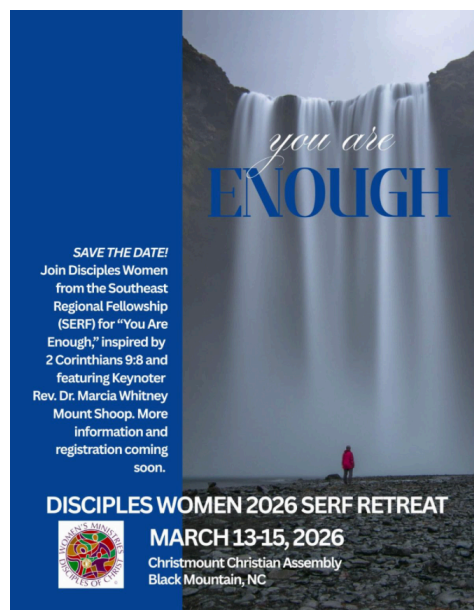
REGISTER NOW FOR THE FALL RETREATS

KENTUCKY WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT October 24-26

Barren River State Resort Park, Glasgow
Featuring speaker Rev. Dr. Denise Bell.
Make room reservations now by calling 1-270-646-2151.
Use group code 4947. Registration is due **October 12**, and
lodging arrangements must be made by **September 26**.

KENTUCKY WOMEN'S SILENT RETREAT November 14-16

Knobs Haven, Loretto
Facilitated by Bonnia Fouts. Registration is due **October 31**, and the retreat is limited to 16 participants.



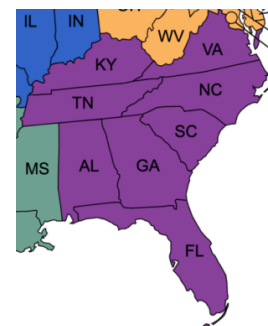
SAVE THE DATE FOR THE SERF RETREAT

March 13-15, 2026

Christmount Christian Assembly
Black Mountain, N.C.

The Disciples Women of the Southeast Regional Fellowship (SERF) will gather for a retreat around the theme, "You Are Enough." Keynote Rev. Dr. Marcia Whitney Mount Shoop will explore the theme inspired by the focus scripture 2 Corinthians 9:8. The SERF is a geographic cluster including Alabama-Northwest Florida, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia regions.

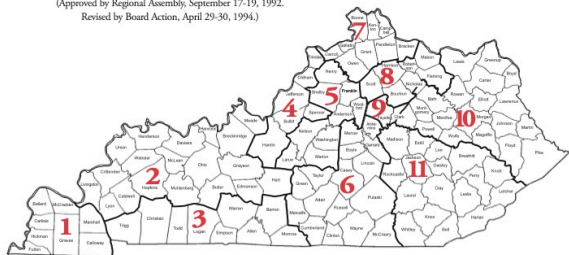
<http://www.ccinky.net/disciples-women/>



CLERGY NEWS

District Boundaries

(Approved by Regional Assembly, September 17-19, 1992.
Revised by Board Action, April 29-30, 1994.)



AUGUST MINISTERS MEETINGS

DISTRICT 1

Tuesday, August 26, at noon Central at Paducah First Christian (415 Audubon Dr.) and on Zoom. (Check your email for Zoom link.)

DISTRICT 2

Tuesday, August 12, at 10 a.m. Central at Madisonville First Christian (1030 College Dr.) and on Zoom. (Check your email for Zoom link.)

DISTRICT 3

Thursday, August 21, at 10:30 a.m. Central on Zoom. (Check your email for Zoom link.)

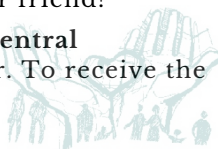
BI-VOCATIONAL/PART-TIME

Thursday, August 14, at 7 p.m. Central on Zoom. (Check your email for Zoom link.)

FOR CLERGY CAREGIVERS

Are you a minister who is also a regular caregiver for a family member or friend?

Thursday, August 7, 10-11 a.m. Central
Facilitated by Rev. Marie Weaver. To receive the Zoom link, contact Marie at craftywriter000@gmail.com



PRAYER CHAIN

Pray the West Area Prayer Chain with us.

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| August 3 | First Christian Church, Nortonville |
| August 10 | First Christian Church, Owensboro |
| August 17 | First Christian Church, Paducah |
| August 24 | Pembroke Christian Church |
| August 31 | Christian Care Communities of Owensboro |

BOUNDARIES TRAININGS FOR CLERGY STANDING

Healthy Boundaries Trainings are now also being offered in shorter-form webinars! Take this 1.5 hour module to count toward 25% of the total required training for ministerial standing.

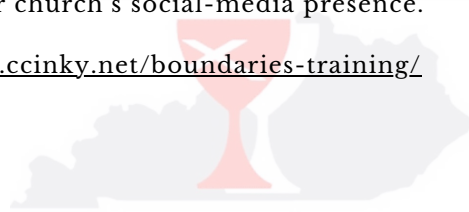
Boundaries Module: Ethics from the Pulpit – Thursday, August 21, via Zoom 1-2:30 p.m. Eastern, 12-1:30 p.m. Central

Pastors are given great responsibility and trust when preaching. It can be tempting for the pastor to use the pulpit to speak to their thoughts and feelings on certain issues, and we know there are pastors who use the pulpit to exert their authority over the congregation. This training will help pastors address their preaching in a healthy and faithful way--as well as in an honest way as technology makes it easier for pastors to borrow work and words from elsewhere.

Social Media Boundaries Webinar – Tuesday, October 14, 2025 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Eastern/6:00pm-7:30 p.m. Central
Cost: \$15

Join Rev. Josh Snyder and Rev. Chloe Specht for a boundaries training about social-media ethics. In this training, you'll explore how to create and maintain professional boundaries around your personal social-media presence as well as your church's social-media presence.

<http://www.ccinky.net/boundaries-training/>



2026 MINISTERIAL STANDING FORM

NOW LIVE ON THE CCK WEBSITE

STANDING FORM ONLINE

To renew your ministerial standing for 2026, please head to www.ccinky.net/ministerial-standing-form/ and complete the short form by the August 11 deadline

WELLNESS FOR CLERGY FAMILIES



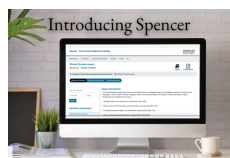
Learn to Live offers webinars each month to help clergy focus on your mental wellness. The webinars are free for all Pension Fund members who are active clergy and their family members age 13 and older. Find the webinar that is right for you on Pension Fund's events page.

<https://pensionfund.org/learn/resources/events?start=2025-01-15&end=2025-1231&category=learn-to-live-webinars>

DCHS WEBSITE

The Disciples of Christ Historical Society is pleased to announce the launch of a new website and archival collections catalog. Check it out!

<https://discipleshistory.org/>



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THANK YOU FOR GIVING!

Our deep gratitude to the churches who have supported the West Area's ministries in the first six months of 2025:

Benton First Christian Church
Berea Christian Church
Cadiz Christian Church
Crofton Christian Church
Glasgow First Christian Church
Henderson First Christian Church
Hopkinsville First Christian Church
Liberty Christian Church
Madisonville First Christian Church
Millbrooke Christian Church
Owensboro First Christian Church
Paducah First Christian Church
Providence First Christian Church
Sebree First Christian Church
Sinking Fork Christian Church
Russellville First Christian Church

Help support our West Area ministries!
<http://www.westareadisciples.org/give/>





An Invitation to Join the West Area Prayer Chain

In 2021, the West Area connected in a powerful chain of prayer. Let's covenant to pray for one another again in 2025!

Each Sunday and the following week, the prayer chain invites to pray for one of our churches or ministries in the West Area. Our chain of prayer will begin the first Sunday after Epiphany on January 12 and take us throughout the year to the Sunday before Advent. We might list each one on our prayer lists in our newsletters and bulletins. We could raise up their names in worship, in our prayer groups, at our devotional times, or in our prayer moments at staff meetings. It's an opportunity to invite our Elders, Deacons, and other intercessors to speak the names of our sister churches and ministries in their own daily prayers.

Thanks be to God that we are able to connect across the miles in a chain of prayer with one another.

"I don't stop giving thanks to God for you when I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, will give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation that makes God known to you. I pray that the eyes of your heart will have enough light to see what is the hope of God's call, what is the richness of God's glorious inheritance among believers, and what is the overwhelming greatness of God's power that is working among us believers."
(Ephesians 1:16-19a)

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| January 12 | The retired ministers of the West Area |
| January 19 | Bardwell Christian Church, Bardwell |
| January 26 | Morris Valley Christian Church, Bardwell |
| February 2 | Baskett Christian Church, Baskett |
| February 9 | Beech Grove Christian Church, Beech Grove |
| February 16 | First Christian Church, Benton |
| February 23 | First Christian Church, Bowling Green |
| March 2 | Cadiz Christian Church, Cadiz |
| March 9 | Sinking Fork Christian Church, Cerulean |
| March 16 | Crofton Christian Church, Crofton |
| March 23 | First Christian Church, Dawson Springs |
| March 30 | Camp Kum-Ba-Ya |

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| April 6 | Ilseley Christian Church, Dawson Springs |
| April 13 | First Christian Church, Earlington |
| April 20 | The Christian Church of Elkton, Elkton |
| April 27 | First Christian Church, Fulton |
| May 4 | First Christian Church, Glasgow |
| May 11 | First Christian Church, Greenville |
| May 18 | First Christian Church, Henderson |
| May 25 | Roaring Springs Christian Church, Herndon |
| June 1 | First Christian Church, Hopkinsville |
| June 8 | Liberty Christian Church, Hopkinsville |
| June 15 | Millbrooke Christian Church, Hopkinsville |
| June 22 | First Christian Church, Madisonville |
| June 29 | Christian Care Communities of Hopkinsville |
| July 6 | Potluck Church, Madisonville |
| July 13 | First Christian Church, Mayfield |
| July 20 | Second Christian Church, Mayfield |
| July 27 | First Christian Church, Murray |
| August 3 | First Christian Church, Nortonville |
| August 10 | First Christian Church, Owensboro |
| August 17 | First Christian Church, Paducah |
| August 24 | Pembroke Christian Church, Pembroke |
| August 31 | Christian Care Communities of Owensboro |
| September 7 | First Christian Church, Princeton |
| September 14 | First Christian Church, Providence |
| September 21 | Berea Christian Church, Russellville |
| September 28 | First Christian Church, Russellville |
| October 5 | First Christian Church, Sebree |
| October 12 | First Christian Church, Smiths Grove |
| October 19 | Maxon Christian Church, West Paducah |
| October 26 | Christian Care Communities of Bowling Green |
| November 2 | Whitesville Christian Church, Whitesville |
| November 9 | Wickliffe Christian Church, Wickliffe |
| November 16 | The leadership and staff of the Christian Church In Kentucky |
| November 23 | The leadership and staff of the West Area |