

*GREETINGS to my sisters in Christ,*

What a disappointment it was for me personally to not be with you in Brighton, England for the Women's Retreat and World Convention in July. As I'm sure you heard at the event, surgery in June made it necessary for me to eliminate some travel during July from my schedule, but I knew you were in excellent hands with Muriel Garrow and Ellen Frost, past President and Secretary/Treasurer respectively. It is a blessing to report to you that, contrary to what doctors believed, no signs of cancer were discovered and I am back to normal and praising God for this miracle.

Since we have not had the pleasure of meeting face to face yet, International Christian Women's Fellowship President, Brenda Etheridge, and your new President-elect, Jackie Bunch, asked me to tell you a little bit about myself.

I serve as Secretary/Treasurer of Global Women Connecting (formerly World CWF) by virtue of my position as Executive Director of the Office of Disciples Women for the general church of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States. This is a new position for me which began in May of 2003. Prior to my moving to Indianapolis, Indiana, my entire life (some 50+ years) had been spent in Southern California. Born into the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), my membership remained with the Westchester Christian Church until my move and I now call Allisonville Christian Church home.

Still residing in California are my three children, Melanie age 38, Robert, 28, and Bethanie, 26; my mother and father, and one of my four grandsons, Matthew, 14. My other grandsons, Tyler age 3 ½ and twins Parker and Carter, 2 ½, live in Arizona. My life-long passions include reading, singing and spending time with my family, and my current passion is traveling all over the United States and Canada meeting and worshipping with Christian women just like you.

I consider it a privilege and honor to be your partner in Global Women Connecting and solicit your articles and updates about what is happening in your local and wider church family. Including information from around the world will help keep us connected between our gatherings in a more personal way, so please send news and notes to me at [abowman@dhm.disciples.org](mailto:abowman@dhm.disciples.org)

Until we meet in the United States in 2008, may God richly bless you and yours.

*Adonna*