

Significant Dates

- 1874 Christian Woman's Board of Missions (CWBM) formed
- 1919 CWBM merged with other church mission boards to form The United Christian Missionary Society
- 1949 Christian Women's Fellowship (CWF) organized
- 1953 International Christian Women's Fellowship (ICWF) for Canada and the United States formed
- 1955 World CWF organized, with women in 16 countries
- 1957 - Women's offerings became part of general offerings and
- First ICWF Quadrennial Assembly held
- 1973 Department of Christian Women's Fellowship becomes Department of Church Women
- 1992 Department of Church Women becomes Office of Disciples Women
- 1999 CWF celebrates 50th birthday
- 2002 Quadrennial Assembly moves from Purdue University to Louisville, Kentucky
- 2004 World CWF renamed to Global Women Connecting
- 2005 Percentage of Blessing Box offerings return to support Disciples Women's ministries
- 2006 - ICWF name change to International Disciples Women's Ministries (IDWM) and
- Mix in '06 in Indianapolis — a joint event for Women of Disciples and United Church of Christ
- 2007 IDWM hires 3rd Staff person for ODW
- 2010 Quadrennial Assembly in Greensboro, North Carolina

IDWM Executive Committee 2010–2014

- President* Mary Jacobs, Tempe, AZ
- Vice President* LaVerne Thorpe, Arizona City, AZ
- Secretary* Adonna Bowman; Indianapolis, IN
- Hispanic Women's Representative*
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Help may also be available from your Regional Staff for Women's Ministries

DISCIPLES WOMEN'S MINISTRIES



The Office of Disciples Women, Disciples Home Missions, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is available to help women with:

- Leadership
- Service/action
- Resources for local fellowship groups
- Organizational helps
- Outreach giving
- Study materials
- Retreat planning
- Special services



Disciples Women's Ministries

Purpose:

Provide opportunities for spiritual growth, enrichment, education and creative ministries to enable women to develop a sense of personal responsibility for the whole mission of the church of Jesus Christ.

Women are invited to share the Good News through:

Worship

for spiritual growth and renewed discipleship

Bible Study

for greater knowledge, understanding and service

Issue Study

for action and advocacy

Mission Study

for knowledge, understanding and acceptance of others

Service / Action

for hands-on/personal involvement

Fellowship / Networking

for building the faith community with other women

Leadership Training

for service to God in the church, the community and the world

Stewardship

of time, talent and resources for the mission of the church

Stewardship

In 2009, Disciples Women gave a total of over \$1,269,997 to Disciples Mission Fund (DMF) in over and above gifts for outreach. Disciples women contribute towards the mission and ministry through individual gifts.

In gratitude for the blessings of life, women developed the **Blessing Box**: a spiritual discipline of giving out of gratitude for God's blessings. These over and above gifts to the whole mission of the church, with a portion supporting Disciples Women's Ministries, help turn hopes into reality. Blessing Box offerings for 2009 were \$195,911.



Disciples Women's Fellowship and Mission

Your gifts through DMF help support the ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 33 regions, seven seminaries and foundation houses, 14 colleges and universities, unity concerns, global ministries in 52 countries, home missions, stewardship and funding for the church, ministerial relief, communication and much more.