

The Reverend Doctor Patricia A. Donahoo 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.

Pat began her ministry at Fairhill Manor Christian Church in Washington, Pennsylvania where she served as youth minister, Sunday School teacher, and LOGOS instructor/performance ministry leader. She served as student pastor and co-pastor at Taylorstown Christian Church where she was ordained to vocational ministry. She also served as director, keynoter, and/or counselor in Pennsylvania camping program mentoring, encouraging, and training the youth of the region. She served as senior pastor at Henson Valley Christian Church in Fort Washington, Maryland before receiving her call to ministry at the general office of Disciples Women.

She received her DMin in Ministerial Leadership at Drew University; her MDiv from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary; and her B.A. from California University of PA. Pat's doctoral project and thesis were published in May 2012: *Tangible Expressions of the Lord's Love (TELL) Project: Creating Opportunities to Build Relationships with Digital Women to Encourage a Sense of Belonging.* Pat was raised in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), studied at a Presbyterian seminary, and completed her doctorate at a Methodist University. She has served in ministries of Congregational Life Commission (Capital and PA Regions), Transformation Coordinator/Staff Member (Capital and PA Regions), DWM Worship Director (Capital Region), DWM Study Director (PA Region), Director of Communion for the Mix '06, Communications Team (PA Region), and Director and Counselor of Outdoor Camping Ministry (PA Region).



Pat has also worked as an instructor at Westwood College and a community re-employment program teaching Psychology, Public Speaking, Crisis Management, Microsoft Office software, and English writing. She was previously employed as an inventory analyst/statistician for a mining equipment company, and served in administrative positions for the U. S. Navy where she scheduled installations of message processing systems onboard ships.

Pat contributed to DOC *Justice Primer* published 2012 and wrote a companion Bible study. She has also contributed to *Just Women* magazine. Pat also publishes a Disciples Women blog as well as articles on www.discipleswomen.org website called "Patchwork of Ponderings." Pat wrote and directed a children's musical using camp and Bible songs called "Singing in the Name." She also wrote VBS curricula around a Habitat for Humanity theme and project as well as a Miracle Day theme.

Pat's family includes twin daughters (Erin and Hannah), a son (George III) and his wife (Rachael), two grandsons (Lazarus and AJ) and a granddaughter due October 2012. Pat finds joy in many things some of which are her family and friends, scrapbooking, and quilting.

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