

# Umoja - Unity-Oneness-Harmony

A Newsletter produced by Disciples Women of the National Convocation of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

## Tell It! General Assembly 2011

Spring 2011

### What is there for me to do at General Assembly this year?

We are so glad you asked!!

Things to do in preparation:

Visit [www.disciples.org/GA](http://www.disciples.org/GA) to register for the event.

While there click on the Online Meal Event Ticket Ordering link to purchase your ticket for the Women's Luncheon on Wednesday. The QA 2014 site will be announced.

Click your way to the Resource Groups and Save-A-Seat for the Tuesday 2:30 PM session titled "Breaking the chains of human trafficking" presented by Ev Penzel.

Do you wish to serve in a more tangible way?

#### Volunteer opportunities abound:

The luncheon needs 60 hostesses, the Well

can use 30 women to staff the area, and the Boutique can use 40 volunteers to assist during the open hours of the exhibit hall. Email [odw@DHM.Disciples.org](mailto:odw@DHM.Disciples.org) (subject line: GA Volunteer) with your contact information and preferred volunteer venue.

**After-Sessions** are in the Well, room 201 in the convention center:

Saturday: Leader Apprentice Program & Enablers

Sunday: Clergy Women & Women Seminars

Monday: Woman-to-Woman Worldwide & Women's Action Web

Tuesday: former ICWF/IDWM Executive Committee & ODW Staff

**Boutique** will feature the newly released *Wisdom of Women*, Volume 2, featuring Melvia Fields plus other new items.

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Rev. Marilyn Fiddmont  
Keynote Speaker  
National Convocation Dinner  
Sunday, July 10, 2011  
West Ballroom  
Nashville Convention Center

Note to self:  
Can't miss this.



Here's what's *NFW* —  
Saturday—Young Women (ages 18-35) After-session / Evening Social @ Downtown Presbyterian Church, 130 Fifth Ave. / Gather for free food & fun! / Pass it on.

# Let's Tell It! A Special Message

*Hello my sisters,*

Greetings in the name of our lord and savior Jesus Christ, behold how good and how pleasant it is for sisters and brothers to share, worship, play, and commune together in love. Psalm 133:1 (paraphrased by me)

What I'm saying is; let's get together and have some good old fashion fellowship, reunion time, renewing time, catching up time. The psalmist states that the lord would bless this act of unity and that there would be blessings, even life forever more.

When we come together like precious oil, oil does not separate, it stays constant. Coming together is also like dew. The Bible often speaks of the dew of heron. Heron was a very tall mountain, known for its dew, plentiful water that fell to the ground, making the soil fertile.

When God's people gathered to worship on sacred holidays, they came from far places, they traveled long distances.

Unlike us today, travel is more convenient, even our method of communication.

Today we have Skype, email, text, cell phones, trains, planes, boats, cars and even motorcycles. What I am saying is we have the means to communicate with one another. ...but there is nothing like being there face-to-face. So come join me at the 2011 General Assembly in Nashville, Tennessee, July 9-13. Let's fellowship, let's share, let's tell of the goodness of Jesus. I am excited! I have a story to tell of God's goodness and blessings in my life and my congregation.

Come on "tell it" tell your story. There will be a video booth for you to tell your story or your congregation's. Tell your story of how the gospel has changed your life.

As you prepare to join me at General Assembly in Tennessee, I also would like to extend a warm welcome and invitation to the 2012 National Convocation to be held July 26-30 in Houston, Texas. Theme: 'And yet I will rejoice'. Prepa-

rations are being made now for the success of this event.

As sisters, our mission focus for the 2012 National Convocation will be *the Houston Women's Center*. Start now collecting and gathering items to support this project. Items needed are women's personal hygiene products, also crayons, coloring books and puzzles for children. All of which can be easily packed in your luggage!!

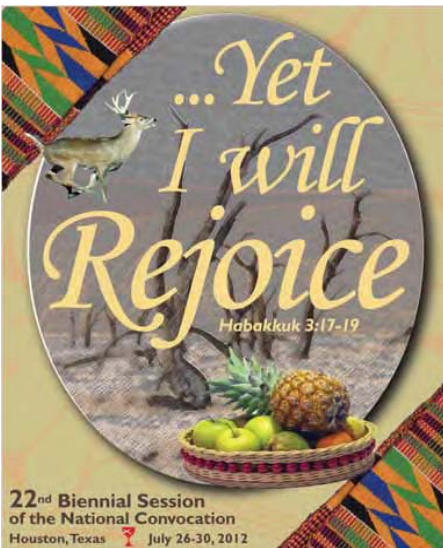
I am excited; hope you can feel the fire, the spirit within me.

*Blessings,*

**Marilyn F Williams**

*Sewing as You*  
2<sup>nd</sup>-Vice Moderator for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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### Just Women Update

- *Just Women* Spring 2011 was mailed May 10, 2011.
- *Summer* 2011 covers "dress for success" in various venues and as various concepts. Both available at GA.
- Keep your subscription up-to-date to avoid shipping charges for single issue orders.

**Disciples Women Ministry is on Facebook:**



**Join us at Umoja Unity (non-profit organization)**  
**Join us at Disciples Women (non-profit organization)**




**Pamela Dubose**  
President  
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## Wisdom of Women DVD Series: Melvia Fields

*"I am where I am because of the bridges that I crossed. Sojourner Truth was a bridge. Harriet Tubman was a bridge. Ida B. Wells was a bridge. Madame C. J. Walker was a bridge. Fannie Lou Hamer was a bridge." – Oprah Winfrey*

**Your life will be enriched by hearing and reflecting on the Wisdom of Women.**



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Disciples Women launched the Wisdom of Women DVD project – a series of video interviews with Disciples Women from across the life of the church. This year, General Assembly will be the introduction site for Wisdom of Women – Volume 2 –Melvia Fields. Melvia Fields is an African American author, leader and historian. She is the author of "Women on a Mission" – a book about African American women who were integral parts of the history of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) . She is a Cane Ridge historian. She also co-authored with her daughter, the Rev. Sharon Fields "In Other Words – Stories of African-American Involvement in the Early Years of the Stone-Campbell Movement in Kentucky." Everyone who has had an opportunity to preview the first draft has been inspired and moved.

- The DVD is divided into 13 short six to ten minute chapters.
- A study guide with questions for reflection and conversation for each chapter will be available in July.
- Use as a personal/group study or during Christian education time
- The cost of the DVD is only \$29.95

Have you purchased tickets for National Convocation Dinner on Sunday, July 10, 2011? Let's support the guest speaker – the Rev. Marilyn Fidmunt ! Have you purchased tickets for Disciples Women Luncheon on Wednesday, July 13, 2011? Go to <http://www.disciples.org/GeneralAssembly/Schedule/MealsandEvents/tabid/506/Default.aspx> to buy tickets.

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## Connection Section

Join us on Facebook:



Connect and engage in conversation with Disciples women from all over. We can't wait for you to join our fan pages. Be a friend and tell a friend!

- *Disciples Women*
- *Umoja Unity*
- *Just Women Magazine*

- **Grow as a Disciples Woman at [www.discipleswomen.org](http://www.discipleswomen.org). Check out our valuable treasure box of resources.**

How are you spending your time at General Assembly?  
The schedule for Disciples Women's Ministry sponsored activities is available at [www.discipleswomen.org](http://www.discipleswomen.org)  
This includes volunteer opportunities.  
See page 1 for more information..

## Sister Share

### Disciples Women Saved to Serve:

Members of the Ministers Spouses Ministry of the National Convocation for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) took a missionary journey to Ghana this February. These Disciples women raised and donated funds to install the water well behind them!



How is your Disciples Women's Ministry transforming your church, community and world? Submit the information to [odw@dhm.disciples.org](mailto:odw@dhm.disciples.org) and put *Umoja SisterShare* in the subject line.

## Great Dates

July 9—13, 2011 General Assembly Nashville, TN  
National Convocation Dinner—Sunday July 10, 2011  
4:00—6:30 pm  
Disciples Women Luncheon—Wed. July 13, 2011  
(Quadrennial 2014 site will be announced at lunch!)

July 26— July 30, 2012 National Convocation  
Houston, TX

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