

Umoja - Unity-Oneness-Harmony

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

The International Disciples Women Ministries of the Christian Church stepped into a new year ! Representatives from our regions and constituency groups gathered together in Indianapolis and brought together over 50 women who encouraged each other. We welcomed Patricia Donahoo, the Executive Director and are gearing up for General Assembly 2011! We worshipped, prayed, laughed, cried, networked and grew as Disciples women!



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Patricia Donahoo shares her vision with the women.



The purpose of Disciples Women is to 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 and to provide a channel through which women in the congregation and the regional Women's Ministries in the United States and Canada may be joined in fellowship and find means for effective participation in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).



Taking 2011 One Step at a Time

Ten Steps to take for the New Year

1. Stay Positive. You can listen to the cynics and doubters and believe that success is impossible or you can know that with faith and an optimistic attitude all things are possible.
2. When you wake up in the morning complete the following statement: My purpose is _____.
3. Take a morning walk of gratitude. It will create a fertile mind ready for success. When you return, place an offering in your **Blessing Box** as an act of gratitude.

4. Instead of being disappointed about where you are - think optimistically about where you are going.



5. Eat breakfast like a king, lunch like a prince and dinner like a college kid with a maxed out charge card.

6. Transform adversity into success by deciding that change is not your enemy but your friend. In the challenge discover the opportunity.

7. Make a difference in the lives of others. Go to our website and join Disciples Women as we unite together to Break the Chains of Hu-

man Trafficking—Our Social Action Project.

8. Believe that everything happens for a reason and expect good things to come out of challenges.

9. Don't waste your precious energy negative thoughts or things you cannot control. Instead invest your energy in the positive present moment

10. Mentor someone and be mentored by someone. Purchase a copy of Wisdom of Women and share the wisdom with a friend.

Sheila P. Spencer,
Program Director/Merger Staff
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National Convocation Dinner

Tell It!

Sunday, 7/10/ 2011;
4:30 - 6:00 PM
Ticket cost: \$35.00
Keynote Speaker:
The Rev. Marilyn Fiddmont
Disciples Women Luncheon
Wednesday, 7/13/2011;
12:00 PM - 1:45 PM
Ticket cost: \$25.00

Go to www.disciples.org/ga



Woman-to-Woman Worldwide

2011 - Republic of the Congo and the Democratic Republic of the Congo applications are now being accepted. Please read the Candidate Guidelines before discussing your application with your regional staff person. Deadline for applications and recommendations is April 1.

Go to www.discipleswomen.org



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From the President

Pamela Dubose

The purpose of the National Convocation Disciples Women Ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada is:

- *To provide support to women of the National Convocation's state structures, districts and local congregations.*
- *To assist state structures in providing opportunities for spiritual growth, personal enrichment, education, and creative ministries.*
- *To enable women in developing a sense of personal responsibility for the whole mission of the church.*
- *To relate to and coordinate work with the International Disciples Women's Ministries and the Office of Disciples Women of the Christian Church Disciples of Church.*



We are preparing for the 2011 General Assembly in Nashville, TN this July 9 –13, 2011. We are also gearing up for the 2012 National Convocation – Houston , Texas – We will continue to be a blessing to the community where we gather for Convocation. We are working with local Houston sisters to connect with an agency in Houston, that blesses women and children.



National Convocation Disciples Women Ministry is on Facebook:

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

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Join Disciples Women in Breaking the Chains of Human Trafficking

Disciples Women Should:

Set goals for participation (monetary and volunteer hours), educate themselves about human trafficking, notify their regional women's staff of their goals, efforts, successes and progress

Disciples Women Can:

Write letters, volunteer at a local agency, become educated through books and movies, invite a speaker to your church, and raise funds to support those who are attempting to break these chains of slavery

Disciples Women Will:

Lift up this human tragedy during our 2014 Quadrennial Assemblies and celebrate our progress in helping alleviate this human injustice.

Go to www.disciplewomen.org and click on Social Action Opportunities and learn about resources and projects that can educate and inform our churches and communities about what we can do to break the chains of human trafficking.



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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. Check out our valuable treasure box of resources.**

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

Sister Share



Get together during the IDWM Church Women Staff Fellowship Meeting—Indianapolis, IN—January 2011

Left to right

Seated: Barbara Williams, Pamela Dubose, Gloria Gillard

Standing: Sheila Spencer, Deborah Nunnerly, Wanona Redd, Claudia Pearson, Pernella Shortie, Frankie Williams, Deborah Garr

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

