

# Umoja - Unity-Oneness-Harmony

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

## Disciples Women ~ Making the Choice to Rejoice!

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### I See You ...



The 2014 Quadrennial Planning Committee after a great deal of deliberation, conversation and prayer came to realize that:

**“In the midst of busy days, family, and our own struggles, we need to succumb to our awakening and each say to our sisters and brothers, “I See You.” We want those in need to know that we see them.**

- o We see their hope.
- o We see their value.
- o We see their humanity.
- o We see the image of God in them.

*You are invited to worship and fellowship with thousands of your sisters in Christ from all over the world.*

*Will we see you?*

*Stay tuned for more information!*

### JUST+WOMEN

Just Women magazine was created to encourage women and minister to the spirit, body and soul. **One year subscription is only \$19 USD;**

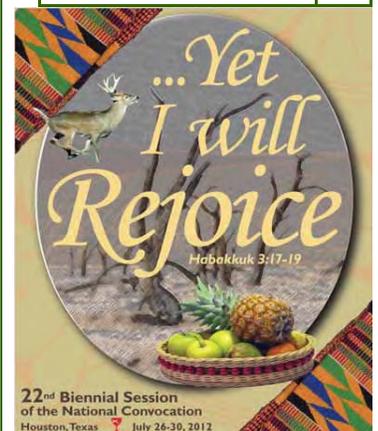
A bundle of 15 or more copies to one address is only \$17 USD per copy. Subscription can be purchased online at [www.discipleswomen.org](http://www.discipleswomen.org) or by calling (888) 346-2631.

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### Did you



If you set aside \$7.00 for three months - you will have more than enough for a one year subscription to *Just Women* magazine. You can purchase your subscription at the National Convocation - Women's Luncheon and at the Disciples Women's Booth. If you already subscribe - consider giving a sister a gift subscription to the magazine.



*Mark your calendars:*  
**22nd Biennial Session of National Convocation in Houston, TX July 26 to 29th, 2012**

**Disciples Women's Luncheon: Friday, July 27, 2012 \$30**

**Purchase tickets at [www.nationalconvocation.org](http://www.nationalconvocation.org)**

**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).**

## From The President.....National Convocation Checklist

### Dear Sisters in Christ:

We are excited about our upcoming National Convocation Disciples Women’s Ministry Luncheon.

**Save the date** - Friday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon.  
The tickets are \$30.

Go to [www.nationalconvocation.org](http://www.nationalconvocation.org) to purchase meal tickets, register for 22<sup>nd</sup> Biennial Session of the National Convocation .

We need volunteers for luncheon hostesses and to staff our booth. Feel free to bring a friend

.Please send complete contact information to [odw@dhm.disciples.org](mailto:odw@dhm.disciples.org) and put “Convocation volunteer” in the subject line.

It has been a pleasure to serve as the President of this Ministry. I am grateful for the sisters who have encouraged me during this journey. It has been an honor to represent Convocation Women at our Staff Fellowship Meetings

*Blessings,*  
**Pamela F. Dubose**  
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### Houston Area Women’s Center

[www.hawc.org](http://www.hawc.org)



This agency provide shelter, counseling and advocacy to support them in building lives free from the effects of domestic and sexual violence. We are asking all Disciples Women to select items from the following list and bring them to the luncheon. We will present the gifts to a representative of the agency.

- Toiletries and packages of new underwear— all sizes for women and children
  - Travel umbrellas
- Check donations are made payable to Houston Area Women’s center

*Bring to Disciples Women’s Luncheon*

### Other Things to Know:

- Go to [www.nationalconvocation.org](http://www.nationalconvocation.org) and check out the [What’s New](#) section
- Register online for the 22<sup>nd</sup> Biennial Session of the National Convocation
- Purchase meal tickets—Disciples Women’s Luncheon is on Friday, July 27, 2012 - \$30
- Like our page on Facebook: Umoja Unity
- Volunteer as a lunch hostess and/or help with Disciples Women’s booth— [odw@dhm.disciples.org](mailto:odw@dhm.disciples.org)

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*“...YET, I WILL REJOICE!” HABAKKUK 3:17-19*



## 2014 Quadrennial Assembly Logo—Calling all Artists!



You are invited to create an art logo for the 2014 Quadrennial Assembly. The overall theme of our event is “**I SEE YOU. . .**”. Our daily themes will be:

- I see you through eyes of grace
- I see you through the voice of compassion
- I see you with hands of justice
- I see you with a heart of joy
- I see you whole

While you create this piece, please keep in mind:

- The piece needs to be able to translate to large pieces like posters and banners, but also smaller pieces such as the charms (which are about 1” in size), not to mention t-shirts and any number of other items.
- The piece may be any shape.
- No limit to number of colors used, but must translate well to black & white.

- The theme needs to appear in English, Spanish (Te Veo. . .), and Korean (나는 당신을 봅니다. . .). Quadrennial Assembly 2014 is only in English.
- All pieces need to be submitted to in vector format and in their final form by **May 31th, 2012** . You can employ whatever medium you would like to create your logo submission, as long as there is a vector submission in high and low resolution.

### File Specifications:

- Resolutions: 300dpi and 72 dpi
- Color : CMYK
- File Types : TIF, PDF or EPS
- If chosen you will be **required** to submit your AI or EPS file.

If your design is chosen, you will receive \$1,000 for the copyright giving the 2014 Quadrennial Assembly permission to use the design as needed.

*Email your submission and all questions to  
Arlene Pimentel - QA Coordinator  
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## Journey to the Congos by Janie Troublefield

*Janie Troublefield was part of the 2012 Woman-to-Woman Worldwide Delegation to the Republic and Democratic Republic of the Congo. This is the first part of a three part series of her reflections*



**Congolese Sisters in Christ**

There were three things that really struck me hard during my visit to the Congo. They are imprinted in my mind as if it were only yesterday that I experienced them. They are in my heart, soul, mind, and spirit. I believe my experiences in the Congo will be with me for the rest of my life. It is truly a journey that only began in August 2011, but has not ended for me and it is now May 2012. I don't want it to end.

The experience of meeting a Congolese sister by the name of Mama Berthe Nzeba grabbed my attention and held me spellbound throughout my time with her. Mama Nzeba has a shelter for women. She has developed a program to teach the women life skills and build their self-esteem. The uniqueness of her program is what I call “each one teach

one.” She teaches the women basic life skills. After learning a skill, (such as canning) the women go back to their various communities/villages and teach the skill to others. This is a far-reaching program that can spread far and wide.

Mama Nzeba is able to reach so many more by her willingness to train those who are able to come to her school, but at the same time her numbers are multiplying as she teaches the women to go back and help their communities. She teaches them to take back home what they learned from her. There is no selfishness in her work; she only wants to help as many as she possibly can. There is a saying in the United States, “A mind is a terrible thing to waste.” I see no waste in

this program. Everyone who enters the doors of Mama Nzeba's program comes with an expectancy to learn, grow, become self-sufficient, and help others. This is the same expectancy they take back to their various communities/villages.



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## Connection Section

*Did you know Disciples Women now have e-commerce options available?*



Now you can purchase online - *Just Women* subscriptions, *Wisdom of Women* and other great resources. Go to [www.discipleswomen.org](http://www.discipleswomen.org) and grow as a Disciples woman!

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*
- *News from 2012 National Convocation*

[www.disciples.org/  
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## Sister Share

*Congratulations to Janis Brown!*



**Janis Brown**, former Disciples Women's Staff received her *Masters of Divinity* degree, May 2012, from Claremont School of Theology in Claremont, CA. She also received the *Chalice Press Award*. "Awarded on the recommendation of the faculty to an outstanding Master of Divinity graduate who is called to congregational ministry."

## Great Dates

**July 26 - 29, 2012** - The 22nd Biennial Session of the **National Convocation**

Houston, TX

July 27 - National Convocation Disciples Women's Ministry Luncheon

**July 13 -17, 2013**      **General Assembly**  
Orlando, Florida

**June 25 to 29, 2014**      **Quadrennial Assembly**  
Atlanta, GA