

Disciples Women

LEADER APPRENTICE PROGRAM



Class of 2006

Participants and region, left to right:

Patrice Green - Great River Region, Pauline Choi - Pacific Southwest, Martiza Morales - Central Rocky Mountain, Christie Bell - Tennessee, Rava Chapman - Great River Region, Viann Bristow - Kentucky, Shelia Smith - Southwest

For learning about wisdom and instruction,
for understanding words of insight,
for gaining instruction in wise dealing,
righteousness, justice, and equity

Proverbs 1:2-3

Program

A leader development program for Disciples Women of color with a focus on leadership skills and communications.

The program is designed to prepare participants to move into leadership positions in their local churches, their region, the general church and beyond.



Active . . .

**But called to serve as a
follower of Jesus Christ.**



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Disciple Women's Leader Apprentice Program

History

The **Leader Apprentice Program**, established by the Office of Disciples Women in 1996 as a leadership development program for African-American Disciples women, is now aimed at equipping all Disciples women of color to serve in their home congregations and in regional and general arenas of church life.

The Leader Apprentice Program is designed to:

- Encourage and strengthen participants through Bible study and spiritual disciplines.
- Provide cross-cultural leadership and training opportunities to enhance talents, develop new skills and affirm gifts and graces for ministry.
- Teach history and current information on the ministries of Disciple Women.
- Create opportunities for participants to become actively involved in resource development and networking events of Disciples Women
- Provide history and education on the structures and history of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and all of its ethnic and racial constituency groups, with special emphasis on Disciples Women.



Process

Participants will embark upon a personal journey to look at themselves, their spiritual positioning, and why they were called to participate in this program. They are encouraged to spend time using the Bible and other resources as they seek to identify their own God-given gifts. These activities are part of the program's nurturing for spiritual growth.

Throughout this learning process, participants are encouraged to broaden their perspectives and understanding of larger communities in all aspects — culturally, economically, spiritually, geographically and ecumenically — both in the United States and Canada, and throughout world.

Participants will learn how to actively provide for and spiritually support their local congregations and community. They will be taught how and encouraged to become actively involved in the church, through participation on local and regional boards, in ecumenical activities, through direct involvement with Disciples Women's ministries and through stewardship education.

Opportunities will be created for participants to experience first-hand local community service projects through a Women's Action Web journey and to use the information gained as a basis for starting a successful ministry in their own community.



The experience can be expanded through participation in a Woman-to-Woman Worldwide journey.

Women in the program will attend and participate in many aspects of church life, including Regional and Quadrennial Assemblies and an International Disciples Women's Ministries Cabinet meeting.

If you are interested in this program of leadership development, contact the Office of Disciples Women at the phone numbers and e-mail address shown below.

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