Greetings Disciple Women!

Welcome to #DWConnect: The Newsletter

In order to remain connected and share information throughout the year now that *Just Women is* an annual Bible Study and no longer is a quarterly resource, this newsletter is intended to bring you information, challenges, opportunities, connections and joy. We will feature what Disciples Women are doing all over and share some history. For the best impact, we need your input. Please share with us the ways you and your Disciple Women are making an impact in your communities.

Disciples Women’s Ministries is changing. *Just Women* has changed. As most of you know at this point, After much prayer, listening to Disciple Women in the USA and Canada, and considering our financial resources, *Just Women* has evolved from a quarterly printed publication to a single annual printed publication. The Just Women Bible Study will continue to offer thought provoking and spirit moving bible studies with some added bonuses. Beginning with the 2019 Bible Study, it will also include some Connections, an article about the 2018 Woman to Woman Worldwide Journey to Cuba and a couple other delightful surprises. This newsletter will help us stay connected during the year.

In this season of Advent, a time of waiting, and with all the changes, hopeful about what is to be birthed by Disciples Women in the coming year.

While our methods have changed, our mission has not; Disciples Women’s Ministries continues to be a conduit for diverse connections, empowering each woman to find her voice and live out her call.

Chesla Nickelson
Program Director and
Merger Staff

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While on the Woman-to-Woman Worldwide Journey to India, the Disciples Women delegation had the opportunity to visit Global Ministries partners in Durgapur, Malda, Kolkata, and Delhi. The work already being done there is amazing and life-giving and the women of the delegation wanted to make sure that it continues and expands.

Those who were in the delegation have been sharing their stories and experiences far and wide. We are inviting support for a couple of ongoing healthy projects in Durgapur and Delhi. One of the smaller projects that was particularly inspiring was the group of women in Delhi who bought ten sewing machines with the plan of training 10 women to sew to make a living for them and their families. They began their project but discovered they did not have the funds to continue. They learned from this first attempt that to be a sustainable business they would need to have enough funds to pay the ten women for three months while they were learning to sew, then for an additional three months while they got their business up and running and sustainable. They already have a market for their work. Before they can begin again they wanted to make sure they had enough to pay the women throughout the first six months to ensure their success.

When we learned that the amount needed was $6,000 we knew that Disciples Women would enthusiastically support this dream. Many women and groups of women and gatherings of women have contributed to this project. **We have exceeded our goal** and will be sending these funds through Global Ministries for our sisters in India.

We are grateful to all who have supported this project and invite you to celebrate with us and continue to pray for these women and their children whose futures will be positively affected by this training and opportunity. If you would like to read about or contribute to the ongoing projects in India you can follow this link:

[https://www.globalministries.org/w2ww_india_projects](https://www.globalministries.org/w2ww_india_projects)

This is what God is doing in women’s ministries.

Patricia Donahoo
Executive Director
CCIW LAP Training

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.

The above photo is of the attendees for the LAP training that took place in the Christian Church of Illinois/Wisconsin Region.
**Disciples Women Merchandise**

The Disciples Women’s Ministries sponsors much of the ministry with and for women of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada. Show your support and participation by wearing beautifully created jewelry and other items featuring the Disciples Women logo. Please direct your questions to odw@dhm.disciples.org.

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**Connection Section**

**Events to Know About**

Join us on Facebook: 🌐

Connect and engage in conversation with Disciples women from all over. Come, join our fan pages. Be a friend and tell a friend!

**Yearly Deadlines:**

- **March 15** — Women’s Endowment Fund application due
- **February 15** — Woman-to-Woman Worldwide application due
- **October 15** — Women’s Endowment Fund application due

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**Special Dates to Remember:**

- **January 24-27** DW Leadership Council Annual Meeting
- **July 21, 2019** Disciples Women Luncheon
  General Assembly, Des Moines, Iowa
- **September 13-15, 2019** ROSES Interregional Gathering

**Human Trafficking Awareness Day, Jan 11.**

Add this link https://humantraffickinghotline.org/

Please let us know what you are doing in your region, church or women’s group to acknowledge this day.

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**2018 Cuba Woman to Woman Worldwide Journey Participants**

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