

# DW CONNECT

February 2019

## Happy Black History Month!

### DWLC Highlights

The Disciples Women's Leadership Council (DWLC) met in Las Vegas, Nevada January 24 – 27, 2019. This annual meeting is an opportunity for learning, fellowship and ministry planning among the Disciples Women staff, the Disciples Women regional leaders and the International Disciples Women Ministries Executive Committee. During our time together this year, we had two special visitors from the past help us celebrate the 145<sup>th</sup> birthday of Disciples women, Caroline Neville Pree and Sarah Lue Bostick. Additionally, the women of the DWLC gave more than enough to name establish a named fund by contributing to the *HerStory Continues Fund*, which requires at least \$1,000. DWLC gave to celebrate the past 145 years and to participate in the work of the next 145 years of Disciples Women's Ministries.

Gary Kidwell, the President of the Christian Church Foundation came to share with the group the new Sarah Lue Bostick Select Investment Fund. The Bostick Fund honors the ministry of Sarah Lue Bostick, one of the first African American women ordained in the Christian Church and she served over 40 years as a devoted worker for the National Christian Missionary Society and the Christian Women's Board of Missions. The Bostick Select Fund will continue to uphold the Christian Church Foundation's commitment to being an active faith based investor while also excluding investments in fossil fuels, weapons manufacturers, and companies targeted for divestment because of their involvement in perpetuating the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The Fund will actively invest in environmentally sustainable companies as well as those responding to an increasing global population. The income from this fund will go directly to Disciples Women's Ministries for the continued work of making diverse connections and empowering women to find their voice and live out their call.

With all the excitement we were able to get work done. Both the Executive Director, Rev. Dr. Pat Donahoo and the Program Director/Merger Staff, Rev. Chesla Nickelson gave their annual reports including the 2018 Woman to Woman Worldwide Cuba report, reflections from participants and the chosen special projects. You can find links to those reports at [www.discipleswomen.org](http://www.discipleswomen.org). The inter-regional teams met to discuss and plan their perspective Inter-Regional gatherings. The next up is the ROSES (Great River Region, Oklahoma, Southwest, Southwest Convencion, MCMC and TCMF) September 13-15, 2019.

### DISCIPLES WOMEN MISSION PROJECT 2019

#### Shelter Supplies for Women and Children

We encourage Disciple Women's groups to adopt a local shelter. Reach out to the staff of the shelter. Ask them what

they need and then commence to providing what was requested. Please share with the Disciples Women office what you are doing and if you post about it on social media don't forget the tag it with #DWConnect so we can all celebrate and support the work.

## Woman to Woman Worldwide Cuba 2018 Reflections

## Woman to Woman Worldwide 2018 Cuba Special Projects

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