



*Christian Church  
(Disciples of Christ)  
in North Carolina*

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## **Moderator's Challenge**

At our Regional Assembly held in Wilson, the moderator issued a challenge to every congregation. It is to honor and recognize the upcoming 170th Regional Assembly. He challenged each congregation to raise \$1700, to send ahead of time or bring to the Assembly, as celebration of all that the Region has and continues to be. The money would be used for the program ministries of the Region. Many congregations have already accepted the challenge and are raising the funds. Some have even pledged to do more than one challenge.



### **Regional Prayer concerns**

- Rev. Wendy Miles suffering health issues
- Family of Mary Ellen Burton
- Family of Glenn Briggman, retired minister in Wilmington who had served Hood Memorial and Elizabeth City
- Family and friends of Emma Wadlington, a minister at Mount Pleasant Christian Church in Greensboro
- Our Regional Search Committee as they do their work



## Chi Rho Fall Retreat 2017 Next Weekend

- **Who:** 6th-8th Graders
- **What:** Fall retreat for middle school youth all across North Carolina
- **When:** October 6-8, 2017
- **Where:** Camp Caroline
- **Cost:** \$90
- **Theme:** Children of God: Building Self-Image
- **Keynoter:** Beth Morris
- **Registration Options**
  - Register online: <http://bit.ly/2017chirhofallretreat>
  - Register by mail

*Congratulations, North Carolina DMF giving is up 9.5% over last year at this time. Thank you for your partnership in ministry.*





# Race: From Brokenness & Fragmentation to Wholeness

## —Racial Equity Training for Clergy—

Resolution 116, passed at the 2016 Regional Assembly held in Greenville, N.C., requires all commissioned and ordained ministers who desire to maintain their standing to complete this training. The next training will be held January 22 & 23 at Chestnut Ridge Camp. The training will be held 9:00 – 6:00 on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, and then 8:00 – 5:00 on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Registration forms will be available on our website soon. [www.ncdisciples.org](http://www.ncdisciples.org)

## Upcoming in the Region



- Sept. 28 – **Western District** Clergy meeting at 11:00 at Christmount Conference Center
- Oct. 5 – **Hookerton District** Ministers Meeting at Gordon Street Christian Church in Kinston
- Oct. 7 – **Yam Jam** - Contact First Christian Rocky Mount for details and information
- Oct. 14 and 21 - **School for Congregational Leadership**, St. Paul's Christian Church in Raleigh
- Oct. 24 – **Albermarle District** Meeting at First Christian Church, Oak City
- Oct. 26 - **Hookerton District** meeting at Proctor Memorial Christian Church
- Oct. 29 – **Ordination for Verna Daye** at St. James Church of Christ in Fremont

## *Congregations currently in ministerial transition*

Not all are at the same point in the process. If interested or wish additional information, contact the Regional Minister.

First Christian Church, Belhaven  
First Christian Church of Asheville, Candler  
Chapel Hill Christian, Chapel Hill  
Carr Memorial Christian, Clinton  
First Christian Church, Englehart  
First Christian Church, Fayetteville  
Reelsboro Christian, Grantsboro  
Lanie's Chapel Christian, Kinston  
LaGrange Christian, LaGrange  
Lincolnton Christian, Lincolnton  
First Christian Church, Morehead City  
Gold Point Christian, Robersonville  
Middlefork Christian, Winston Salem  
Messiah Community Christian , Winston Salem

Bath Christian Church in Bath seeking a youth pastor



## RECONCILIATION MINISTRY

to become an pro-reconciling and anti-racist church utilizing experiential education, inclusive worship and intentional dialogue. Our efforts to promote healing, relationship and restoration in the whole family of God are enlivened by funds from this offering. Through it we are able to provide programs for leadership development, curriculum for dialogue and learning, and partnerships within the Church and our communities.

Special offering received  
**October 1.** The Special Offering is  
used to fund our Church's mission imperative

**DISCIPLES**  
Called to be  
Together in Christ.

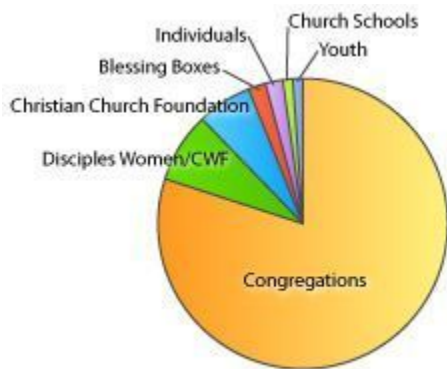


# DISCIPLES MISSION FUND



Most congregations are in the time when they are building their budget for the next year. As you plan and decide on budget for 2018, remember to intentionally include a line item for **Disciples Mission Fund**. This fund ensures the ministries of the Region and beyond will be provided.

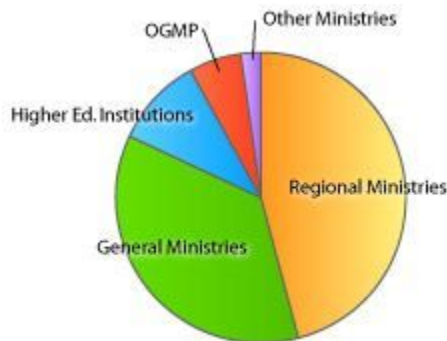
## Where the gifts come from:



- 82.45% – Congregations
- 8.75% – Christian Church Foundation
- 6.01% – Disciples Women/CWF
- 1.36% – Blessing Boxes
- 1.32% – Individuals
- .08% – Church Schools
- .03% – Youth

Where The Gifts Come From

## How the Gifts are Distributed:



- 47.9% – Regional Ministries
- 35.6% – General Ministries
- 8.9% – Higher Education Institutions
- 6.2% – Office of General Minister and President
- 1.4% – Other Ministries

Where The Gifts Go

*Approximately 50% of funds received here provide for ministries of the Christian Church in North Carolina. Too often, unless we, as leaders, intentionally include DMF, we forget to support and partner with the larger church in those ministries. I challenge you to increase your DMF offerings by 5% or \$500, whichever is larger.*

# School for Congregational Leadership

## Facilitated by Barton College

**Class Location:** St. Paul's Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Raleigh, NC  
3331 Blue Ridge Rd, Raleigh, NC 27612

**Instructor:** Rev. Jackie McHenry, D. Min.

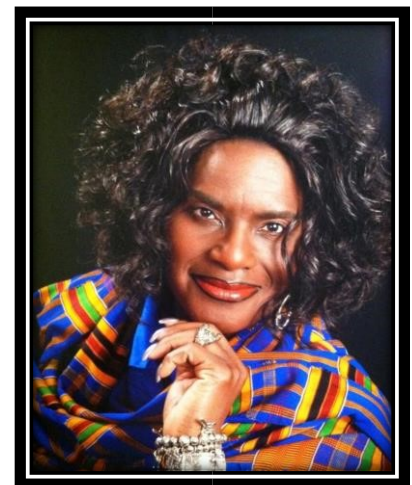
**Course:** Spirituality



### Course Overview:

Very often on the Christian journey, we assume that salvation makes us so fully accepted before God, that He (God) will be pleased with whatever we offer Him, as long as it appears to flow from good intentions. The course, "Spirituality," will explore deep, spiritual matters including an intense, biblical understanding of our Creator, examine concerns with "our doing and not our being," which obstruct spiritual formation, and will offer a theological colloquy on maintenance, purpose, preservation and improvement from a personal and congregational context.

This course is open, but targets those who have a heart to venture into the costly price of spiritual maturity that will minister to the spiritually sick, weak and wounded. We invite you to join us!



### **Dates: 9am – 12pm (12 contact hours)**

- ❖ Saturday, October 14, 2017
- ❖ Saturday, October 21, 2017
- ❖ Saturday, November 4, 2017
- ❖ Saturday, November 11, 2017
- ❖ For Registration details and information, please contact:

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