



Disciples Women Leadership Council Quarterly Update

April 2022

Disciples Women: Reignite! Reengage! Reimagine!

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10



Greetings!

I pray that you are well and are in good health and joyous spirits. While it has been a few months since we gathered virtually for our annual meeting, please know that you are constantly in my prayers for God to sustain and renew your ministry in ways that are impactful to the women you reach. This is the first of many quarterly updates that you will receive to help keep you up to date on DWLC business. It is my goal to ensure that communication gaps are closed via this quarterly email and welcome conversation with you as the frontline leaders in your respective regions. To date, I have had an opportunity to connect with many women, hearing their hearts and passion for this ministry and I look forward to continuing to do so in the months to come.

As signs of new life emerge in these early days of Spring, I invite you to be open to what new thing God might be calling you to do as a Disciples Women Leader. While it is tempting to remain comfortable with the familiar, there comes a time when the equilibrium of life is disturbed and we are forced to reorient our way of being. With that, I encourage you to think about what opportunities have presented themselves because of such disturbances. It can be uncomfortable and

challenging but it can also birth new ideas that will help us perpetuate the eternal Gospel in an everchanging world.

Beloved, as we spring forward into a new season of Disciples Women's Ministries, ask yourself: Who is God calling me to connect with? What leap of faith has been placed before me? In what capacity am I being called to serve? Where is the new place that I am being led toward in this ministry? ***What new thing is God calling me to in this season?***

Be open to something new that will help **REIGNITE** the DW fire!

Let us **REENGAGE** the world in a new way!

Now is the time to **REIMAGINE** this ministry!

Don't be afraid! You are kept by the One who never sleeps or lets us out of sight! God is doing something new in our ministry. Let the Holy Spirit guide you into something new this season!

Peace and Love,

Rev. Angéle Saunders Johnson

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*Behold, I am doing a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.*

Isaiah 43:19 (ESV)

News for You

2022-2023 DWLC Service Project

As Disciples Women, one of the ways we make the gospel of Jesus Christ live is through our partnership with our communities as the hands and feet of Christ on earth. To that end, we are reinstituting the

Disciples Women service projects, effective immediately. Through December 2023, the IDWM Executive Committee is calling all DWM ministries to partner with local domestic violence shelters in your region to help provide them with essentials that will help them serve those in need. We hope that you will form a relationship with them and provide tangible resources (donated toiletries, socks, sheets, a meal, etc.) quarterly.

Click the button for complete guidelines.
Do not hesitate to contact me via email with any questions.

[Service Project Guidelines](#)

Planning Ahead

It's been a few months since we gathered virtually for our annual meeting and I would like to thank you for sharing your time and hearts with me and the Executive Committee. I was truly blessed to be able to spend time listening to your questions and hearing your concerns regarding moving Disciples Women's Ministry forward. We had a great showing and received a lot of positive feedback. I believe the fire for Disciples Women is indeed being reignited!

There are several things that I am working on to help resource DW ministries as we move ahead. Please make note of the following:

- It is my hope that leaders always walk away from our annual meeting with something new in their toolbox that can be used to grow and strengthen DW in their region. To that end, I am working on a series of development workshops to address ministry operations and spiritual renewal. You will hear more about this later this year as planning for DWLC 2023 begins.
- As COVID continues to persist coupled with varying case severity and vaccination rates, I wish for you to be safe and

well as we imagine how to move forward with our annual meeting. Therefore, I am cautiously planning to return to in-person meetings on a bi-annual basis beginning in 2024 with virtual meetings occurring on the off years. This will give us ample time to adequately plan the agenda, logistics, and accommodations in a way that addresses the health and wellbeing of everyone. Please remain flexible as we work to move forward in the safest and most effective way possible.

- Lastly, I am reinstating the Women's Resource Committee to serve as a think tank for Disciples Women's Ministries. This diverse group of women will help explore ideas for new programming, publications, and resources for women to do contextual ministry in the local, national, and global arenas.

Travel Dues

When I began serving as Executive Director, the DWLC travel dues account was in a deficit of more than \$27,000. However, thanks to your dedication and diligence, this deficit has decreased significantly.

THANK YOU!!!

As promised, I am providing you with a report of all payments made as of

April 14th. Please note: If your payments are sent through Treasury Services, be aware that there is a delay between the time the payment is sent and when our office receives the notification of Treasury's deposit into our account. So, we may not know immediately when your payment is remitted.

Should you find that there is a discrepancy in the report, please contact me via email and copy my Ministry Associate, Regenia Smith (rsmith@dhm.disciples.org), so that any necessary corrections can be made.

If your dues have not been paid, please make every effort to meet the June 15th deadline. If you are experiencing trouble making payments, please contact me immediately so that we can work toward a solution.

Click the button below to view the full report.

[Travel Dues Report](#)

We're Hiring!

Disciples Women's Ministries is hiring for a Communications Coordinator (part-time, contract) to help carry out some of the communications duties of the office. Click the button below to view the full job description and feel free to share!

[Communications Coordinator Job Description](#)

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