



Greater Kansas City Region Disciples Women's Report March 27, 2022

The GKC DWM has had a busy quarter. Last fall we realized our current form of leadership progression was not meeting our needs. We gathered a group of ladies, look at what some of our weaknesses were and made recommendations to our Cabinet in January.

We began planning for our Spring 2022 Retreat as an in person retreat at Tall Oaks. January and the Covid Omicron surge happened. In response to that, we moved to a virtual retreat. As things turned out, Covid dramatically retreated. With two weeks before our event, we began asking if we could do this in person. The answer was a resounding YES! including masks, screening and extra care in planning,

We did pull it off. Little crazy at times. We had 26 ladies join us in person at Tall Oaks and 15 ladies join us for virtual sessions, some doing both. Even a snow storm didn't mess with us too much. It was amazing where our attendees came from. Virtually we had ladies from Nebraska and New Jersey. In person, we had one lady from Cheyenne, Wyoming and our keynote speaker, Reverend Melissa Strong is from Omaha, Nebraska. Our topic was mindfulness and self care.

Wow have a very generous group of dedicated ladies. We collected a significant amount of needed items for Hope House in Independence. Additionally, we took an offering for Week of Compassion for the Ukrainian crisis.

Our Evening Disciples Women's meeting will be April 28th at Overland Park Christian Church. Lisa Englekin and Jenna Beck are our speakers, talking about Revisioning of Tall Oaks. That will be an important meeting as we evaluate our future with Tall Oaks.

On April 30th at First Christian Church, Independence, we are hosting a strategic planning meeting for DWM. As our world is coming out of Covid and how we look at doing ministry in the future, we are also looking at DWM and how it fits in our world.

Respectfully Submitted,
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