

*Combined Pre-Recorded Disciples of Christ CMF/DWM Retreat*  
*Saturday, September 12, 2020 Available 10 AM*  
***Unity and Resilience: Hallmarks of Faith***  
***From Cane Ridge...***



***To the World!***

***Join the Pre-Recorded Virtual Retreat at Website [ncdisciples.org](http://ncdisciples.org), Sept. 12, Available 10 AM***  
***No Fees or Registration Required; Offerings to NC Regional Ministries Appreciated!***

A Retreat in Three Parts:

**A HERITAGE OF UNITY**, including the origin of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the history of Disciples in NC by our presenters Rev. Jerry Burton, Rev. Doug Stokes, Rev. Rex Horne, Rev. J. O. Williams and Rev. Marilyn Williams

**THE HORIZON OF RESILIENCE**, with an emphasis on our current ministries, including Camps, Youth and Woman to Woman Presentation by Chantia Battle

**THE HALLMARK OF OUR FAITH**, including the Celebration of the Lord's Table, with messages from General Minister and President Rev. Teresa "Terri" Hord Owens, Rev. Dr. William Barber, II, NC Regional Minister Rev. Bishop Valerie Melvin and others

Links to Breakout Sessions on Disciple History, DWM, CMF and much more!

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**Focus Scripture: Heb. 12:1-2a**

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup>looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.”

**Introduction to the Retreat** Rev. Bishop Valerie Melvin, NC Regional Minister

**Part One**  
**The Cloud of Witnesses: A Heritage of Unity**

**Gathering Music**

Angel Lorton

**Welcome and Greetings**

Rev. Bishop Valerie Melvin, NC Regional Minister  
Mary Evans, NC DWM President  
Rev. Andrew Shue, NC CMF President  
Horace Williams NC Christian Church Regional Moderator  
Rev. Marilyn Williams, International DWM President  
Dr. Greg Alexander, Director of Disciple Men

**Presentations of Disciple History**

*Our Early Beginning*, Rev. Jerry Burton, NC Disciples History Task Force  
*Our Story's Beginning in North Carolina*, Rev. Doug Stokes, NC Disciples History Task Force  
*Our Story Continues: from the Sixties to the Present*, Rev. Rex Horne, Former NC Regional Minister  
*The Fullness of our Story*, An Interview with Rev. Marilyn Williams, President, IDWM and Rev J. O. Williams, Former Regional Minister

**Part Two**  
**Running with Perseverance: The Horizon of Resilience**

**The Life of One Witness**

*A Tribute to Elder Daisy Chambers*, Devoted Leader and Servant, Regional and International DWM and Woman to Woman

**The Race That Is Set Before Us**

Casey Perry, Director, Camp Caroline, and Luke Miles, Director of Youth Ministries, CCNC

**The Affirmation of our Faith and Confession**

Rev. Dr. Zenobia Fennell, Messiah Christian Church

**A Testimony of Resilience from Across the World**

*Presentation by Lady Chantia Battle, 2019 Woman to Woman to Morocco*

**The Power to Persevere**

*A Celebration of Disciple Women* from Rev. Dr. Pat Donahoo, Executive Director, Disciple Women

**Part Three**  
**The Hallmark of Faith: Looking to Jesus, the Pioneer and Perfecter of Our Faith**

**Greeting**

Rev. Teresa “Terri” Hord Owens, General Minister and President for the United States and Canada, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

**Scripture Reading**

Hebrews 12:1-2, Eleanor Bradshaw, Carr Memorial Christian Church

**Call to Offering**

Claretta Witherspoon, Mt. Pleasant Christian Church

**Prayer of Dedication**

Elder Mary Hooks, St. James Christian Church, Disciples of Christ

**Communion Hymn of Preparation** Angel Lorton

**Communion Meditation** *Unity and Resilience, Hallmarks of our Faith,*

Rev. Dr. William Barber, II, Senior Pastor, Greenleaf Christian Church; President, Repairers of the Breach; Co-Founder, Poor People’s Campaign, A National Call for Moral Revival

**Prayers for the Table for Bread and Cup**

Pastor Jessica Braxton, Mill Creek Christian Church and  
Pastor Jamie Haddock, Grifton Christian Church

**Invitation to Communion and Words of Institution**

Rev. Bishop Valerie Melvin, NC Regional Minister

**Benediction Litany**

Rev. Shyrl Uzzell, Associate Minister, Greenleaf Christian Church and  
Evelyn Paul, Greenleaf Christian Church

**Closing Music** A Tribute to Angel Lorton

**Please enjoy these video Break Out Sessions or links to updates for:**

*More on History of Disciples*, Rev. Jerry Burton, NC Disciples History Task Force

*More on History of Disciples in North Carolina*, Rev. Doug Stokes, NC Disciples History Task Force

*More on Disciples in North Carolina from Sixties – Present*, Rev. Rex Horne, Former NC Regional Minister

*More on the Fullness of our Story*, Rev. J. O. Williams, Former NC Regional Minister

*A Message from Rev. Pat Donahoo*, Executive Director for Disciple Women

*A Message from Chesla Nickelson*, Program Director, Disciple Women

*A Message from Rev. Alex Ruth*, Assistant Director, Disciple Men

*A Message from Christmount*, Rev. Rob Morris, Executive Director, Christmount Christian Assembly

*Full Tribute to Daisy Chambers*, Devoted Leader and Servant, NC DWM, and International DWM

*Biblical Storytelling and Remembering Disciple Women*, Ethel Ragland, Former NC Regional Director for Women’s Ministry

*Young Adults in the Christian Church in North Carolina*, Pastor Jamie Haddock, Minister, Grifton Christian Church and Pastor Jessica Braxton, Mill Creek Christian Church

*Anti-Racism and Pro Reconciliation Work in North Carolina*, Rev. Dr. Jackie McHenry, Chair, Anti-Racism/Pro-Reconciliation Commission, CCNC

