

Women's Ministries Regional Report – February 5, 2022

Christian Church in OR and SW ID

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As the Regional Board member responsible for Women's Ministries, I attended the virtual meeting of the Disciple Women Leadership Council (DWLC) on January 21st and 22nd. This group includes both regional clergy and lay leaders for women's ministries throughout our denomination.

It was our first meeting with the Rev. Angèle Saunders Johnson, the new Executive Director of the General church Disciples Women Ministries. Below is the mission statement Rev. Johnson included in her report to the Council:



'...for the next three years, I will be working from the theme Disciples Women: Reignite, Reengage, Reimagine (Ecclesiastes 4) where I will focus on reinvigorating Disciples Women Ministries through relationship building, program expansion, and financial growth. Disciples Women Ministries continues to be a network of women committed to the justice-seeking, compassion-focused mission of Jesus Christ. I look forward to working with the IDWM Executive Committee, leaders of DWLC, Disciples Home Missions, the Office of the General Minister and President, as well as ministry partners across the Church to continue this necessary work in the world.'

I currently serve as a member of the International Disciples Women's Ministries (IDWM) Executive Committee to which Rev. Johnson refers. This group has not met recently.

Much more exciting to report is our Regional Women's virtual event on January 29th. Our theme was "Soul Food", and we focused on both physical and spiritual nourishment. Our speakers were two clergy women relatively new to the Oregon/SW Idaho region, Rev. Cynthia



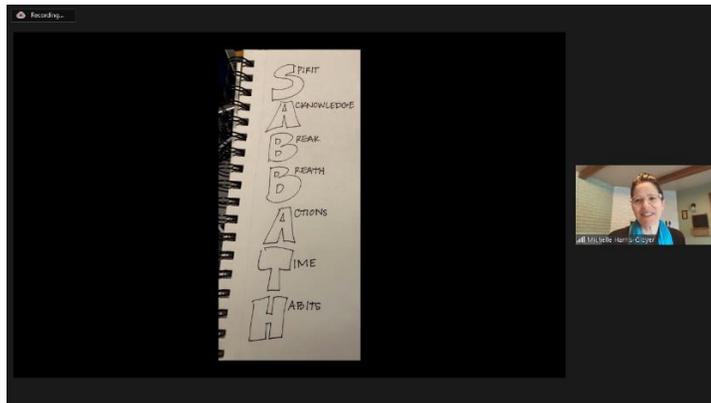
Dobson McBride, Senior Pastor of Portland First Christian spoke compellingly to us of the physical food that Portland First and other downtown Portland churches are serving to the people of Portland. In small



groups we heard of other congregations that are carrying out similar food ministries to the people of their communities. The Rev. Michelle Harris-Gloyer, Associate Pastor of Salem First Christian, spoke movingly of the importance of spiritual nourishment that we need to care for our own souls and to carry out our mission to others. Over 60

women from 23 congregations attended this event, 2 congregations had members that signed up but had to cancel. Women from Montana and Wyoming also attended.

Our offering will be open until February 10, and we have currently received over \$900 for the Mental Health Initiative of the National Benevolent Association (NBA) which was started by six women in the late 1800's for the care of children and the elderly in our churches and our communities. NBA is now the health and social services general ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).



**10:00 a.m.
Pacific**

**11:00 a.m.
Mountain**

10/11	Opening Hello/Prayer	Renee Windsor-White
10:15/11:15	Soul Food for the Body	Cynthia McBride
10:35/11:35	Small Groups	
11/Noon	Soul Food for the Spirit	Michelle Harris-Gloyer
11:20/12:20	Small Groups	
11:45/12:45	Soul Food for the Mind	Cathy Myers Wirt
Noon/1:00	Event done by zoom connections stays open for Informal conversation	

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