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# News & Notes

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## Serving in New Ways

Sisters, I write today in anticipation of calling a new staff person for Disciples Women in the PSWR.

I have been serving the CWF/Disciple Women in the region as a staff person since the early 1990's. I served as volunteer clergy with the Regional CWF leadership for several years and worked on the restructure of the CWF/DW Commission. I traveled with the Women to Women Worldwide team to the Caribbean, although I stopped telling people I was going to the Caribbean, and shared that I was going to Haiti with Church women (no beaches involved). And when the region opened up a part time position I

was encouraged to apply. We have done a lot of good work together sisters in the last 20 some years. We have sent women to the first WWW trip to the Philippines, and then to Haiti, Puerto Rico and Jamaica, to Cuba, and Columbia, to Kenya and Korea to Israel/Palestine and to Turkey to China and Bosnia/Croatia to Mexico. Each woman who traveled and met faithful Christian women across the world was transformed, and they in turn came home and shared their story with all of you in congregations. We hosted two Women's Action Web experiences, one for our PSWR women and one for the women of the denomination. We hosted 400 youth and their sponsors for a mission

transformation. We have held bi-Annual Women's Convocations and annual Women's retreats for the women of the PSWR. We have held trainings for leaders annually in many forms, and we have restructured our format 2 more times.

Over the course of these past 20 years, many other regions have eliminated their Disciples Women's staff, followed by their programing. THE PSWR has managed to continue both the work of the women and the staff to support the leadership. I have asked many of you over the years to make sure to tell me if it was time for me to step down, and one day last February the day came when I knew it was time (thankfully before you had to tell me). It is time for a new voice, and for someone who has new energy, passion and new ideas to serve the women of the region. We have received several applications and will be setting up interviews soon, so please look for the news of a new staff person to serve the Disciples Women of the PSWR.

Thank you for the many years you have supported me in this work, I have been truly blessed by your love and care for me in this ministry.

Blessings, Susan



experience in 2006 for the Denominational youth event. We hosted the Miracle on 43rd Street for our youth and adults to be a part of congregational and community

## General Assembly

General Assembly this year is being held in Columbus, OH on July 18-22, 2015. The Theme, "Soar!" is based on Isaiah 40. Comfort, preparation, call, challenge—all are contained in this single chapter. And there is also the promise of fresh strength to SOAR!

We look forward to wonderful storied of renewal and challenges for our Disciple Women of the region.



# Social Action



## Breaking the Chains:

### Link by Link

Women's group around the country feel they are just getting started working on their social action emphasis on human trafficking.

The International Disciple Women's Ministries Committee heard our cry and has agreed for 2014 through 2018 to continue our focus in this area.

Studies will focus on three

areas of human trafficking, three links of the chain:

**Chain Link 1:** Sex trafficking

**Chain Link 2:** Immigration/ Labor trafficking

**Chain Link 3:** Demand their



Info and resource tools and tools to help you and your group get started can be found at:

<https://>

[www.discipleshomemissions.org/dhm/dhm-ministries/disciples-women/linkbylink/](https://www.discipleshomemissions.org/dhm/dhm-ministries/disciples-women/linkbylink/)

Check back frequently as more information will be added.

To report a tip:

U.S.A. 1-888-3737-888

or text HELP (233733)

Share your stories  
of wisdom!

# Passing Wisdom

Greetings my Sisters,

I have been serving as your Co-Facilitator of the Disciples Women for the last four years, and I am grateful for all of the lessons that the Lord has brought me through. I also want to thank you for your prayers, your loving kindness and concern you've shown to me concerning my granddaughter. Many of you know that she was born 24 weeks and 3 days (6 months premature), and what a blessing she is to our family. She is now three years old, growing, learning to walk, loves playing with her toys and loves books especially when you read to her. She's off the ventilator while she's awake, and we know that soon she'll be coming home for good. Praise the Lord!

I am learning that God does have a wonderful plan for our future one that entails many curves, surprises, and wonderment. (Have you noticed there's never a dull moment)? God wants so much to have a relationship with us that He stoops to the lowest depths to scoop us out of our "messy mess", and brings us into His Kingdom where we are loved unconditionally, accepted "just as we are" and counted worthy because of His dear Son, Jesus Christ.

God wants us to delight in Him, worship Him, bless His Holy Name, thank Him for all that He's done for us and just be **real** with Him. He

knows us inside and out; we can't fool Him, so let's forget about ourselves and **Worship** Him.

I'll let you in on a secret, if you'll cry out to our merciful God; He'll answer your aching heart, put His loving arms around you, comfort your longing heart and He'll love on you as long as you'll let Him. What a mighty God we serve!

Until next time, keep on worshipping our God in spirit and in truth.

Love Note from Carol Warsaw



# Mission Work

## Woman-to-Woman Worldwide 2014 FRANCE & ITALY

In October 2014 a group of Disciples Women participated in a 10 day pilgrimage, coordinated with Global Ministries, to France and Italy. Just Women magazine issues in 2015 will share stories and information on their life-changing journey and the wonderful women the met along the way.

Invite one of the participants to visit your group and tell of their journey.

More information can be found on Disciples Home Missions site—Disciples Women/Woman-to-Woman Worldwide link.

# Events

## Save the Date!

**September 12, 2015: Young Adult Women's Spa Day**, East Whittier Christian Church, 10am to 1pm, "Caring for the World and Self". Flyer coming soon!

**September 26, 2015: Rock the Loch V**, Loch Leven Christian Retreat Center. Go to [www.facebook.com/RocktheLoch](http://www.facebook.com/RocktheLoch) for more info.

**March 4-5, 2016: 23rd Regional Women's Convocation** to be held at First Christian Church—Torrance. Check out the flyer at

[www.pswdw.com](http://www.pswdw.com).

**Join women from around the Pacific Southwest Region for the 2015 Spiritual Growth Retreat to be held at the Loch Leven Christian Retreat Center.**

The theme, "Believe", will give us an opportunity to ponder, identify, and share our beliefs with one another. You may be surprised to learn that we have some differences, and that those differences are welcome.

Registration and Scholarship forms can be found on the Disciples

## 2015 Spiritual Growth Retreat

October 2-4, 2015

Loch Leven

Christian Retreat Center



*"Strawberry Spinach Salad. It could double as dessert"*

# Church Kitchen

## SALAD:

- 8c fresh Baby Spinach
- 2c sliced fresh strawberries
- 2ea Avocado
- 1/4c Feta Cheese
- 1/2c Candied Pecan pieces

## DRESSING:

- 1/3c Balsamic vinegar
- 1/3c Olive Oil
- 1/3c Sugar

## Directions:

Clean spinach, hull strawberries and slice avocados. Prepare dressing and chill. Keep all ingredients separate until ready to serve.

Just before serving, place all ingredients in large bowl, sprinkle with candied pecans and add dressing.

Serves: 6

Calories: 350



# YouTube Channel - Disciples Women

## Disciples Women Voices...

Have you heard? Have you seen? Disciples Women's Ministries has its own YouTube channel.

Lots of new videos have been added.

Go to:

[www.youtube.com/user/DisciplesWomenDOC](http://www.youtube.com/user/DisciplesWomenDOC)





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Loosen your girdle and let 'er fly!  
**Babe" Didrikson Zaharias**—Athlete

The Disciples Women of the Pacific Southwest Region provide opportunity for spiritual growth, enrichment, education and creative ministries to enable women to develop a sense of personal responsibility for the whole mission of the church of Jesus Christ.

Contact our Newsletter Coordinator, Jenice Carter, if you have articles /events you would like to see in our Newsletter.



# Calendar 2015

## September 12, 2015

Young Adult Women's Spa Day

## October 2-4, 2015

Spiritual Growth Retreat

## JUST+WOMEN

Just Women magazine has  
gone digital!

To subscribe visit: [joomag.com](http://joomag.com) and  
Search: Just Women Magazine.

## Spring 2015

"Women of the New Testament: Finding their Voices" is a self-contained study offering eight structured lessons with an intro that may serve as a ninth lesson. Leaders

instructions are included in the publication.

## Summer 2015

### "Finding our Voices through Art"

follows the traditions of quilt-making, sewing, and knitting/crocheting to dancing, drama, poetry, and beyond, Disciples women use various medium to speak-out their passion and love of God. This issue also continues the stories from the 2014 Woman-to-Woman Worldwide Program experience in France and Italy. (A four-session study guide will be available as a free download).

## Spring 2015

### "Finding our Voices through Storytelling"

teaches us to learn about narrative therapy ~ the re-writing of our story with an alternate future. Read stories of overcoming divorce, death of a child, and other losses. See what the fu-

ture holds for QA. This issue concludes the stories from the 2014 Woman-to-Woman Worldwide Program experience in France and Italy. (A four-session study guide will be available).

**More info on how to get your own copy delivered to your door can be found at [www.pswdw.com](http://www.pswdw.com).**

