

The Virginia Christian



November, 2024

www.ccinva.org/virginia-christian

Hurricane Relief Update

Dear all,

Below are a few links and information regarding our common effort to help with recovery and rebuild efforts in North Carolina following the hurricane. Like most disasters, there has been lots of attention for recovery and clean-up efforts, but this area will need years of rebuilding. We are working with Christmount and Week of Compassion to determine when and how we can be part of long-term recovery/rebuild efforts. With this goal in mind, we are beginning to collect names/contacts for individuals/churches who might want to be part of mission trips to the area. We know not every church can organize something, but as a region we can join together and make a real impact. Please pass along the link/QR code to individuals who might be interested. We will also continue to meet via zoom calls every other week to share information, resources and ways churches/individuals can make a real difference. Thank you, as always, for being willing to work together as Disciples in Virginia.

See the Video, QR Code, Website link and zoom schedule/link below:

Youtube Video: <https://youtu.be/ee0-a8DT08M>

<https://www.ccinva.org/hurricanerelief>

Bi-Weekly Mission Zoom Meetings: 12 noon -1pm

November 27

December 11

January 8th

Future meetings will be announced



Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/485473273?pwd=MkxtZEXsR2wrYWNFMlVXK0h3ay9zZz09>

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Weekend Mission Team
November 22-24, 2024
12 Adult Volunteers Needed

Work Site: Christmount Conference Center, 222 Fern Way, Black Mountain

Type of Work Involved: general cleanup, debris removal, etc

Schedule:

Friday Nov 22 – travel day. If needed, a central location will be set up for car pooling or traveling together. Arrive at Christmount late afternoon and receive assignments.

Saturday Nov 23 – work day on site

Sunday Nov 24 – half day of work. After lunch, will leave site to return home.

Costs:

\$275/room. 2 people can stay in a room together to share cost. All linens provided. Included in cost will be breakfast and lunch on Saturday and Sunday. Volunteers are on their own for dinner Friday and Saturday. Local restaurants are open and you are encouraged to support them in their return to service.

Why does it cost to stay at Christmount? We want to economically support Christmount and get their staff back to work as well.

Interested or Need More Info?

Contact Rev. Karen Kelly, Disaster Response Team Mission Trip Coordinator
karen@fccwilliamston.org

Can't make this one? Others will be scheduled in the near future. Week long trips into the community are also being developed.

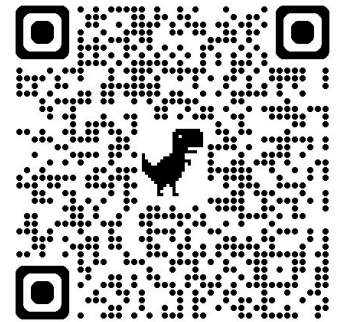
Launch 25

Launch 25 is a retreat for any young adult (High School Senior to Age 23). It will start at 5:00 pm on Friday, January 10 and end at 11:00 am on Sunday, January 12, 2025. The purposes of the retreat are:

1. To help the Virginia Region understand what young adults are looking for in a church.
2. To provide a time for spiritual growth; and
3. To have some great fellowship.

It will be held at Massanetta Springs Conference Center outside of Harrisonburg, VA. The weekend will include an afternoon of snow tubing. Please register on the link below by 12:00 noon, December 23.

https://wmt.suran.com/tool/event_registration_v2/summary?guid=07f6e314a5d211ef93cfe959c81fb703

A winter-themed poster for the 'Launch 25' retreat. The background is a light blue sky with white snowflakes and snow-covered evergreen trees. The text is centered and reads: 'Christian Church in Virginia Disciples of Christ' in white, 'NEW CHURCH' in large orange letters, 'Young Adult Retreat for High School Seniors to 23 years of age.' in purple, and 'LAUNCH 25' in a white box. Below this, it says 'REGISTER BY NOON DECEMBER 23RD', 'Location: Massanetta Springs Conference Center Harrisonburg, VA', and 'Registration Link'. At the bottom, it states 'Begins Friday evening, January 10 to Sunday afternoon January 12. No cost if stay for whole retreat' and 'Includes Snow Tubing at local Ski Resort' in a cursive font.

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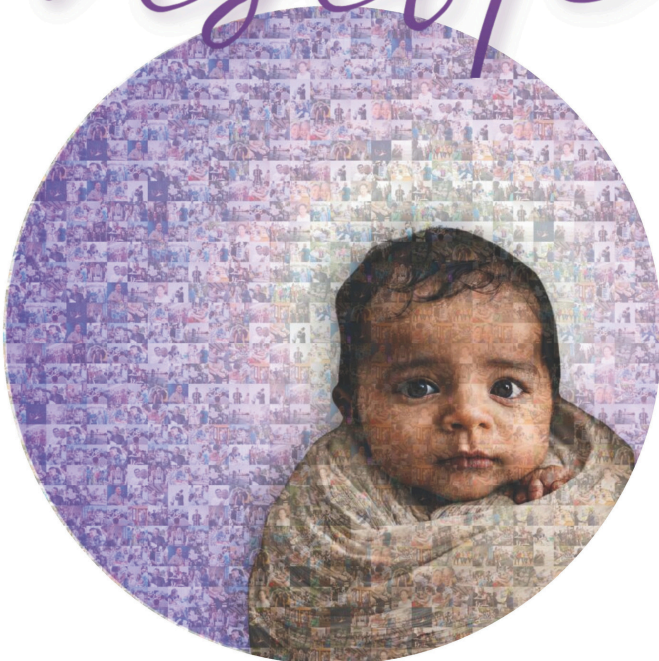


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Students and Resources Together*



*By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God,
so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. ~ Hebrews 11:3*

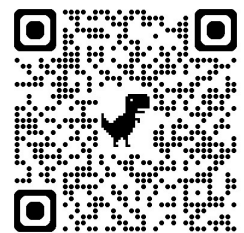
God's love
visible



Message from Bill Spangler-Dunning

**[https://www.youtube.com/watch?
v=ZiOR3IESwmc&t=2s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZiOR3IESwmc&t=2s)**

Give Here:



 **2024 CHRISTMAS OFFERING**
supporting the work of your Region and its ministries

VA CAMP SCHEDULE 2025

- 6.16-6.21 Intergenerational Mission Trip
- 6.21-6.28 TREC Camp
- 6.22-6.27 Nature Camp
- 6.29-7.4 Special Camp
- 7.6-7.11 Triple 1
- 7.20-7.24 New Covenant
- 7.21-7.26 CAMPDD
- 7.27-8.1 Triple 2
- 8.1-8.3 Family Camp
- 8.3-8.8 Adult Hiking Camp

CRAIG SPRINGS

- Nature Camp
- Special Camp
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OTHER LOCATIONS

- Intergenerational Mission Trips
- TREC Camp
- Adult Hiking Camp

June Multi-Generational Mission Trip:

This past summer 29 faithful disciples from the region of Virginia went to Charleston, SC for our second annual Virginia Region Multi-generational mission. We were able to serve in many ways and were planning on returning for a second year. However, with the devastation of Hurricane Helene in Western NC, we are now planning on going to Western North Carolina from Monday June 16 - Saturday, June 21, 2025. We do not have a lot of details to share at this point because the region of North Carolina is developing plans with Week of Compassion to accept volunteer groups. We have been in contact with Rev. Karen Kelly who is coordinating efforts for the region of NC. If you have questions about our June Mission trip, please contact trip leaders Rev. Dr. Jonathan Webster at jonathanwebsterbcc@gmail.com or Diane Clark at 804-712-5728. We do not know when registration will open up, but if you think you will go on the trip, please let Diane or Jonathan know so we can get some idea of how many people might participate. The region of Virginia is also planning other ways to help in this recovery effort.



TOWN HALL MEETINGS

GA-2343 was passed at the 2023 General Assembly. The Implementation Team invites you to join one of the following Town Hall Meetings as they provide additional updates on their work and recommendations.

November 20, 2024 | 7 pm EST
December 10, 2024 | 3 pm EST

Register at bit.ly/Q4TownHallMeetings

Missed Leadership Academy?

Join us online!

New Church Ministry (<https://newchurchministry.org/>) is proud to offer an asynchronous, virtual version of Leadership Academy. (<https://newchurchministry.org/leadership-academy/>)

Learn about the DisciplesNEXT (<https://newchurchministry.org/about/disciplesnext/>) framework from the comfort of your own home and at your own pace. This course is ideal for pastors, core teams, students, ecumenical partners, and others who work during the week or are bi-vocational. While it provides the same curriculum as those who attended this event in person, only one track session – EMERGE - is currently available. This pre-launch cohort is designed to encourage participants to discern their missional purpose, develop their future stories, and prepare to start their community of faith.

Access to this course never expires.

Learn more here: <https://churchx.ca/local/shop/product.php?id=228>

2025 Peace Intern Applications

Disciples Peace Fellowship is overjoyed to announce that we are now accepting applications for the 2025 DPF Peace Intern Program! Visit [disciplespeace.org/apply](https://www.disciplespeace.org/apply) to learn more about the program and to start your application! Applications are due by January 31, 2025.

Each year DPF selects three young adults (21-years-old or older) to serve as Peace Interns. This is a 12-week, paid, summer internship (\$3,000 stipend) that will allow you to serve as an advocate for peace and justice in many different ways and in several different formats. The 2025 DPF Peace Internship will be a hybrid model again this summer. That means that Peace Interns will serve at in-person Disciples of Christ Church Camps AND they will have remote work weeks where they work on specific projects with Disciples Justice Ministries groups (like AllianceQ, Reconciliation Ministries, Green Chalice, Be The Neighbor, and more) or interfaith/ecumenical peace partners (like the Fellowship of Reconciliation, the InterReligious Task Force on Central America, and Blessed Tomorrow). The 2025 Peace Intern summer experience will begin in late May, include a working trip to General Assembly in Memphis, and conclude in early August.

Learn more here: <https://www.disciplespeace.org/what-is-a-peace-intern>

