

Date: June 30, 2024

To: All Women's Ministries & Congregational Leadership

From: Marsha Thornton, Jr., Director of Women's Ministries in Kentucky

RE: Disciples Women's Ministries Fall Retreat – "Come Holy Spirit, Come!" John 14:15-17

ARE YOU READY FOR FALL RETREAT?

We are hosting the retreat on October 24-26, 2025, at Barren River Lake State Park, 1149 State Park Road, Lucas, Kentucky 42156. This year we are adding even MORE opportunities! We will begin with registration and fellowship time on Friday, the 24th at 6:00pm; from 6:00pm – 9:00pm we will again have a fellowship evening, please feel free to bring snacks to share, card and board games—meet someone new! Then on Saturday, the 25th, we will start with registration at 9:00am, and worship begins at 10:00am. You can make your reservations right now; we have cabins and hotel rooms blocked. Registration is \$40. The Silent Retreat will be held on November 14-16, 2025, in Loretto, Kentucky; \$190 with meals and \$140 without meals.

We are returning with our "gently used" bookstore! Please feel free to bring your gently used books that you would love to share. We will receive the books you would like to share and will turn them around for all heartfelt donations. All donations will go back to fund KWM activities, and any books left will be donated to a library.

Something NEW...for music this year we invite you to provide music during worship! We have music opportunities during each session, please let me know directly what session you would like. You can present as a soloist or as a choir; please contact me and let me know if you want morning...afternoon, or evening! I know that we have immense talent in Kentucky. You can also share liturgical dance as opposed to singing a song. JUST LET ME KNOW!!!

I am excited to announce that our retreat keynoter is Rev. Dr. Denise Bell, new Kentucky; however, a powerful addition for us and to Lexington Theological Seminary (LTS). Silent retreat is facilitated by our own Bonnia Fouts, who always does a fabulous job.

Of course, it is not required, but we hope to see those fabulous theme baskets for the silent auction, the proceeds from the auction will go to Woman to Woman. For those not familiar with the theme basket auction...as an individual or with others from your congregation, create a basket to donate for our silent auction. Be as creative as you like! Wrap your basket in cellophane with contents clearly visible and attach a list of the contents and the minimum acceptable bid.

I am so excited to fellowship with you again, this is one of my favorite activities! Feel free to bring your neighbor...sister...mother...aunt, we will even have some spouses; all are welcome! Make your reservations for the lodging now! We do not want anyone to miss out! Call the number on the registration form to make your reservations. Registration forms are included with this communication and can be downloaded from the Christian Church In Kentucky website at www.ccinky.net.

I look forward to seeing you at Barren River State Park!

In His service!