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Women's Spiritual Writing Retreat: The Art of Pausing

A Presentation and Writing Workshop
Presented by author Judith Valente

Saturday, August 2, 2014
First Christian Church
401 W. Jefferson St. Bloomington, IL
9:00 am—3:00 pm

Please join us for this one day Women's Spiritual Writing Retreat with author Judith Valente. Judith's presentation will center on her book *The Art of Pausing, Meditations for the Overworked and Overwhelmed*, co-authored by Brother Paul Quenon and Michael Bever. The book is a collection of moments from each other's life, captured in haiku, with an accompanying description to fill in the edges of the experience.

Retreat participants will spend time practicing the art of pausing, being still to experience what is before them, and respond in writing haiku and prose. Gather with other women as we spend time writing and sharing moments of our lives.

The cost for the retreat is just \$30. This includes lunch and a signed copy of *The Art of Pausing, Meditations for the Overworked and Overwhelmed* by Judith Valente, Brother Paul Quenon, and Michael Bever.

The Women's Spiritual Writing Retreat is sponsored by CCIW. Visit us on the web for more information and to register online: www.cciwdisciples.org

Saturday Workshop Schedule

9:00—9:30	Registration
9:30—10:00	Welcome and Setting Sacred Space
10:00—12:00	Morning Session with Judith
12:00—1:00	Lunch and Sharing Around Tables
1:00—2:30	Afternoon Session and Book Signing
2:30—3:00	Reflections and Sending Out





REGIONAL MINISTER'S MOMENT

Rev. Dr. Teresa Dulyea-Parker

“Plant for the Future, Play with a Purpose”

“Plant for the Future, Play with a Purpose” is the theme of our October 10-11, 2014 Regional Assembly. It's based on Jeremiah 17:5-8. Rev. Dr. Frank Thomas will be our guest preacher. (see related article about him.)

The Pre-Assembly opens on Friday with a clergy/friend lunch at Eureka Christian Church. Two workshops will take place on Friday afternoon from 2-5 p.m at 5 Points Washington, IL:

Cherilyn Williams, Vice President for Communication in the Office of General Minister and President for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will be offering a workshop on “Disciple Identity” on Friday, October 10 from 2-5 p.m. at 5 Points.

Our Pro-Reconciliation/Anti-Racism Team will also offer a discussion group for those who have read “*A Lesson Before Dying*” by Ernest Gaines. (See related article)

Our first official all assembly opening/gathering will be at 6:00 p.m. with our banquet, which will feature the State of the Region Address, election of officers, honoring our CCIW Disciple(s) of Merit, and our congregations for mission and ministry.

At 7:30 p.m. we will begin our worship in the world class theater at 5 Points Washington. Our offering that evening, beyond Regional Assembly expenses will be going to Week of Compassion.

Hotel rooms have been arranged at two nearby hotels: The Sleep Inn of Washington and the Hampton Inn of East Peoria. Mention that you are with the Christian Church.

Our young people will stay overnight at 5 Points for a Lock-In. Plans are underway to take full advantage of the facilities' pool and gymnasium for fun, fellowship, food and “Yes” some sleep. The next day the Youth will meet at Sunnyland Christian Church for workshops and to go out to do Washington Tornado relief work.

The next day we will have workshops and mission opportunities at First Christian Church, Peoria and Glen Oak Christian Church, Peoria. A full list of workshops and locations is coming soon. Lunch will be provided at each congregation. Our Pro-Reconciliation/Anti-Racism Team will be hosting a lunch at Glen Oak on the “*Doctrine of Discovery*” with David Bell from Yakima Christian Mission.

We will begin and close our Saturday with simulcast Bible Study, Rev. Michael Karunas, and Worship. It won't matter which church you are at, we will all be together in the Word and with Technology.

See our website www.cciwdisciples.org to register online or download the form for mailing. To have a display table, please contact Arlene Conaghan at [\(309\) 359-8559](tel:3093598559). The cost is \$25. To do a workshop, please contact Rev. Kris Light at revkrislight@yahoo.com.

Let us be prepared to plant what we may not taste, and play for the sake of generations to come.

Fill My Cup CCIW Fall Women's Retreat

All who are thirsty should come to me !

All who believe in me should drink !

John 7: 37b – 38a

Event Schedule

Friday - Travel Time/ No
Planned Activities

Saturday

8:00 am Continental Breakfast
9:00 Welcome and Centering
9:15 Bible Study
9:45 Songs and Break
10:00 Keynote 1
11:45 Break
Noon Lunch
1:00 pm Keynote 2
2:00 Activity –
crafts, prayer walk, service
project
3:00 Activity
4:00 Prayer Partner Time
5:30 Supper
6:30 Trivia
8:00 Vespers
8:45 Time around Campfire

Sunday

8:00 Breakfast and Bible Study
9:00 Break
9:30 Worship
11:00 Lunch and Good-byes

Jesus promises that he is *Living Water* quenching the thirst of all who come to him. We invite you to come, bring your daughters and granddaughters ages 12 – 18, to the Well of Living Water and fill your cup as you commune with God, delve into the Bible, laugh with friends, enjoy nature, relax and indulge your creative side. **Come Fill Your Cup.**

Our Keynote Speaker – The Reverend Mary Runge

Mary is a Priscilla of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Galesburg. She is a commissioned minister and seminarian from Lexington Theological Seminary. Mary is currently serving as Minister of Senior Adults and Caring Ministries at First United Christian Church in Galesburg, IL. Mary has been active in the Region since she was in high school, participating in ADDaM Camp and other ministries. She is married to Jake, who has recently received his Masters degree from Western IL University and teaches at Carl Sandburg College.

Our Bible Study Leader The Reverend Linda Hunsaker

Linda is the Senior Minister at First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and Cedar Memorial (Disciples of Christ) in Davenport, Iowa. She is married to Ryan and the mother of two daughters, Hannah and Jaz. Linda is a graduate of Culver Stockton College and Eden Theological Seminary. She has served congregations as pastor in the Illinois and Wisconsin and Upper Midwest Region for over a decade.



Fill My Cup
CCIW Fall Retreat
Camp Walter Scott
September 26 -28, 2014

Cost

Friday – Sunday \$100.00/ Saturday – Sunday \$80.00/ Saturday – Sunday Commuter \$65.00/ Saturday only \$50.00



PLANT FOR THE FUTURE, PLAY WITH A PURPOSE

October 10-11

2014 REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Keynote Speaker at the 2014 Regional Assembly will be Rev. Dr. Frank A. Thomas. Thomas currently serves as Nettie Sweeney and Hugh Th. Miller Professor of Homiletics and Director of the Academy of Preaching and Celebration at Christian Theological Seminary of Indianapolis, Indiana. His newest book is the revised and updated version of *They Like to Never Quit Praisin' God: The Role of Celebration In Preaching*, considered by many to be a classic. *American Dream 2.0: A Christian Way Out of the Great Recession*, was released by Abingdon Press in August, 2012. *Preaching With Sacred Fire: An Anthology of African American Sermons, 1750 to the Present*, co-edited by Martha Simmons, offers a rare view of the unheralded role of the African American preacher in American history. He is the CEO of Hope For Life International, Inc. which formerly published *The African American Pulpit*. Thomas also serves as a member of the International Board of Societas Homiletica, an international society of homiletic professors.



Rev. Dr. Frank Thomas

Thomas and his wife, Rev. Dr. Joyce Scott Thomas, earned their Certified Professional Coaching Certificates (CPC) from the Institute for Professional Excellence in Coaching. While they are equipped to coach corporate, executive, business, life, personal, or group, their most passionate areas are pastors, pastor's spouses, and coaching in the area of preaching.

YOUTH LOCK-IN AT Regional Assembly

We are EXCITED about the upcoming Regional Assembly in Washington, Illinois. We are going to have a lock-in, participate in Mission work in and around Washington and Peoria and have an incredible time of Worship, Fun and just plain ole hanging out!!! The expectation is to have a minimum of **100 Youth and Sponsors** ready to have a great time on the weekend. We invite you to register at a cost of \$60 for the Regional Assembly Youth Lock-In and Saturday's activities. It is important that the Youth of the CCIW REGION **grades 6-12** come ready to have a great time. Please watch the CCIW- ENEWS and the CCIW Website (www.cciwdisciples.org) for More Information and Registration Forms!!!



FIVE POINTS Youth Activities (grades 6-12) WASHINGTON

- Friday Evening**—All-Region Dinner (\$20 charge not included in registration), followed by Worship at Five Points
- 9:15 pm YOUTH LOCK-IN BEGINS**—Swimming, Video Games, Board Games, Open Gym, Snacks, and FUN!
- 7:30 am** Breakfast at Sunnyland Christian Church, Two Fantastic Workshops for Youth and Sponsors, and Lunch
- 12:30 pm** Leave for Mission Opportunities in Washington and Peoria
- 2:45 pm** Arrive at First Christian Church in Peoria for Closing Worship

This is only a brief outline of the fun events scheduled for our Youth Lock-In. For additional information contact:
Terri Grove: 309-828-6293 or Terri@cciwdisciples.org — Dr. Christal L. Williams: Pastorchristal@cciwdisciples.org

2014 Schedule

Friday, Oct 10

EUREKA CHRISTIAN CHURCH

11:30 Gathering with Child Care
 12:00 Clergy and Friend Luncheon
 Revs. Glenn and Nina Merkle Nestlerode/Wencis
 and New Hope Cluster will host.
 12:45 Presentation by Rev. Dr. Frank Thomas

FIVE POINTS WASHINGTON

12 noon set up begins for worship, display areas
 1 p.m. Registration Opens and Displays Open

2:00-5:00 p.m. Workshops

Disciple Identity with Cheryl Williams, VP
 for Communications Office of GMP
 PRAR "One Region, One Book" discussion.

5:30 p.m. Gathering Time
 6:00 p.m. Banquet, State of the Region
 7:30 p.m. Worship in the Performing Arts Center
 9:00 p.m. Moth Hour—Rebecca Anderson

YOUTH LOCK IN

Registration at 8:30 p.m. for late arrivals
 9:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. at 5 Points

Nursery Care is available to all preschoolers
 registered at each site.

Children and Youth are welcome at the Fri-
 day banquet, worship and fellowship.

Children (Kindergarten through 5th
 grades) will enjoy their own special activi-
 ties beginning Saturday morning.

Saturday, Oct. 11

Youth leave Five Points by 8 a.m.

TWO SITES FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH AND GLEN OAK, PEORIA

9:00 a.m. Biblical Story tellers
 9:30 a.m. Break
 9:45-11:45 a.m. Workshops and Mission

12 NOON LUNCHEONS

Social Concerns Lunch at Glen Oak
 Other lunches

1:15-2:45 p.m. Workshops and Mission

3:00 p.m. Closing Worship



Youth (grades 6-12) A Lock In is planned
 at Five Points for Friday night. Mission
 Opportunities and workshops will also be
 available on Saturday.

The Assembly is open to all CCIW Disci-
 ples. Each congregation is entitled to five
 delegates, and Pastors with standing.

More information will be posted at www.cciwdisciples.org as it becomes available.

Jeremiah 17:5-8, Psalm 1 and Colossians 1:1-15

Hotels

You must make your own Hotel Reservation.
 Cut off date for Discounted Rate Sept. 19th.

Hampton Inn East Peoria

11 Winners Way, East Peoria, IL 61611
 309.694.0711

Rooms at \$109.00 per night
Free Shuttle Service to Five Points

Sleep Inn and Suites

1101 N Cummings Lane, Washington, IL 61571
 309.481.0450

Rooms at \$72.00 per night

Display Tables

Here is the call for church related organizations, business-
 es serving church life, colleges, and General Ministries to
 reserve a display table located surrounding the conven-
 tion hall. Cost is \$25 per skirted table. Contact the CCIW
 Regional Office to reserve your table by September 12,
 2014. There are limited spaces, so respond early! 309-828-
 6293

Church Addresses

Eureka Christian Church

302 S Main St | Eureka, IL 61530
 309.467.2369

First Christian Church

6400 N. University | Peoria, IL 61614
 309.692.1420

Glen Oak Christian Church

1115 East Republic St | Peoria, Illinois 61603
 309.688.3464

**THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
 IN
 ILLINOIS AND WISCONSIN**



North American Pacific
Asian Disciples

The 18th NAPAD Convocation at University of Chicago
Wednesday August 6th, 5:00 p.m. - Saturday August 9th 11:30 a.m.
Theme: "Singing the Lord's Song in the New Land" (Psalm 137:4)
Locations: Hyde Park Church, University Church, and Disciples Divinity House in the
University of Chicago

Early Registration fee: \$200 (includes lodging, meals, and Cultural Night Dinner)

Keynote Speakers:

Rev. Dr. Sharon Watkins (General Minister and President of the Christian Church, Disciples of Christ)
<http://www.disciples.org/Home/WhoWeAre/OfficeoftheGeneralMinisterandPresident/DrWatkinsBiography/tabid/259/Default.aspx>

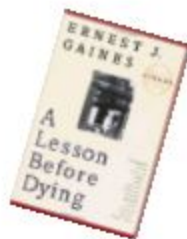
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One Region, One Book

A Lesson Before Dying: A Novel



Two years ago, the Pro-Reconciliation Anti-Racism Team encouraged us to read and discuss John Howard Griffin's *Black Like Me*. In this American classic, Howard, a privileged white Southern man, came to understand what it was like to be a black man in the 1950s in New Orleans. Last year, the Team asked us to look at the contributions of persons of color as we read *The Beatitudes: From Slavery to Civil Rights* by Carole Boston Weatherford. This year, the team has picked an equally challenging and provocative book by encouraging everyone to read and each congregation to read Ernest J. Gaines' *A Lesson Before Dying: A Novel*.

Set in a small Cajun community in the late 1940s this novel asks us to consider what it means to be human, to live and to die with dignity. It explores the consequences of important life choices as Grant struggles with what it means to stay or escape his surroundings by moving to another state. While set in the 1940s, Gaines' understanding of the human psyche asks us to engage with universally relevant questions. At the same time it gives us insights into the struggles of persons of color both historically and in our society today.

The Pro-Reconciliation Anti-Racism Team invites you to read *A Lesson Before Dying* and then join us at the Regional Assembly in October as we share our insights and lessons learned in reading this book at a Regional Book Club Discussion on Friday, October 10 in Washington, IL. The team will provide refreshments and leadership for a vigorous discussion of what are vital lessons to be learned before dying.

Pastor Changes

Peggy Stott completing her ministry at Lomax the end of June.
Charles Witte retiring the end of June from Watseka.
Tyler Whipkey returning to Missouri to be near family.
Rob Rixman closing Interim at Metropolis on May 28
Stacey Brohard concluding his ministry at Decatur Crestview May 31. Now, Executive Director at Samaritan Inn, Decatur.
Dee Ann Woods concluding her ministry at First, Janesville, WI, going to UMC Waupaca, WI July 1
David Beebe concluding his ministry at New Bedford the end of August.

Prayer Concerns

Please remember the Rev. Sandra Brown (Park Manor) in your prayers. We celebrate with Rev. Scott and Vicki Woolridge on the marriage of their daughter Shalon Woolridge to Patrick Hyde. And, we celebrate with Rev. Geoff Mitchell and Marissa McClure Mitchell on the birth of their son Clyde Worth Mitchell. Congratulations to all of those graduates!

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WE WANT... **“Good News” Stories**

We need to spread the “good news” of CCIW and your congregation so that others will

- See God at work
- Be inspired by what God is doing
- Be encouraged to do similar things for God

Therefore, we want stories that -

1. Show the impact of our CCIW ministry, ie. Visioning, new church, camps, Summit, tornado relief, mission trips, ministers, staff
2. Share the ministry of the local congregations, ie. Mission activities, education, evangelism, stewardship/finance, worship, men-women-youth-children’s work, plus special events.

“Together Making Disciples of Christ”

You may report your Good News Story electronically by going to the CCIW website and clicking on the link for “Good News Stories”. www.cciwdisciples.org