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Heartland Interregional Disciples Women's Leadership Event
Culver Stockton College, Canton, Missouri

What is the Heartland Cluster?

The Heartland Cluster is comprised of the Members of the Indiana, Illinois-Wisconsin, Upper Midwest, Mid-American, Nebraska, Kansas, Greater Kansas Regions along with members of NAPAD, Convention, and Convocation.

What is the Heartland Interregional Disciples Women's Leadership Event?

Every four years the women of the Heartland Cluster meet for renewal and revitalization. This year's Heartland Interregional will include mission opportunity, inspirational worship, empowering Bible Study, workshops, and leadership training.

When and where will the Heartland Cluster occur?

The Heartland Interregional will take place on the campus of Culver Stockton College, located in Canton, MO. It will begin with a mission opportunity at noon on Friday, June 22, and conclude at noon on Sunday, June 24. The cost of the event is \$160.00 per person for a single room and \$130 per person for a share room.

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION JUNE 1, 2018. ONSIGHT REGISTRATION IS \$185.00 FOR SINGLE ROOM AND \$155 FOR DOUBLE ROOM.

OUR PREACHERS



DIETRA WISE BAKER

The Reverend Dr. Dietra Wise Baker was born in Nyack, New York. She has a Bachelor of Science degree from Howard University in Washington DC and a Master of Divinity degree from Eden Theological Seminary in St. Louis, MO. and her Doctor of Ministry Degree in Preaching from Aquinas Institute Theology, St. Louis, MO. Dietra works full time as Chaplain and Program Development Manager for Episcopal City Mission a non-profit providing chaplaincy services to incarcerated children in the St. Louis Metropolitan Area. In addition, she serves as an organizing specialist for the National Benevolent Association of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). In this role she convenes activists and organizers across her denomination. Currently she the organizer of Metropolitan

Congregations United's Break The Pipeline Campaign. She has been a church planter and youth pastor. Pastor Dietra loves to dance, sing, and teach and is married to Cornell R. Baker and they have a beautiful daughter Alexis Baker.



TERESA HORD OWENS

Rev. Teresa “Terri” Hord Owens was elected as the General Minister and President on July 9, 2017. She is the first person of color and second woman to lead the denomination. She is widely sought after as a preacher, speaker and workshop facilitator. Her ministry and intellectual interests include a theology of reconciliation, cultural intelligence, developing inclusive and multicultural congregations, and the mentoring of youth and young adults.

LORI TAPIA

Rev. Lori Tapia is the National Pastor for the Central Pastoral Office for Hispanic Ministries. As a lifelong musician, worship through music is at her core as a songwriter and worshipper. Lori, who was born on the Arizona-Mexico border, is proud of her Mexican American heritage and has worked bi-nationally to increase awareness and develop programs enhancing the quality of life around health issues, youth and family.



Bible Study Leader

MARTI STEUSSY

The Reverend Dr. Marti J. Steussy is the Professor of Biblical Interpretation *emerita* at Christian Theological. She is a biblical storyteller who brings extensive knowledge of the Bible. Marti has published or edited numerous works including *Samuel and His God* (2010), *David: Biblical Portraits of Power* (1999), *Psalms* (2004), *The Chalice Introduction to the Old Testament* (2003), *Gardens in Babylon: Narrative and Faith in the Greek Legends of Daniel* (1993), and two science fiction novels, *Forest of the Night* (1987) and *Dreams of Dawn* (1988). She was a translator for the Common English Bible project (2011), has written and edited notes for CEB study Bibles, and written and published numerous essays and articles.

Since her retirement in 2014, Marti has continued to teach at the seminary part time. Her teaching portfolio includes classes on forgiveness. She has also hiked the Camino de Santiago de Compostela in Spain and parts of the Kumano Kodo, a Japanese pilgrimage trail, completed a two-year certificate in Self Psychology with the Center for Religion and Psychotherapy of Chicago, and memorized the Sermon on the Mount in Greek. She and her husband Nic, a biochemist at Purdue University, have two adult children and a cat.

Leadership Training



PATRICIA DONAHOO

Rev. Dr. Pat Donahoo answered God's call to ministry by serving in her local congregation, district youth leadership, the regional church, pastoral ministry, and now in her role as Executive Director of Disciples Women. Pat's ministry is marked by community building and a common sense of belonging where all are invited to the table rather than a membership-oriented or checklist of requirements structure.

CHESLA NICKELSON

The Reverend Chesla Nickelson is Program Director, Merger Staff for International Disciples Women Ministries. She has worked as a mentor and tutor for the YMCA, volunteered as a Chaplain for spirituality groups for homeless veterans, and continues to facilitate workshops and therapy groups concerning young adult Christians, marital preparation, sexuality and spirituality, social justice and clergy self-care among others.

