



Greetings to all Disciple Women,

March 5, 2009

The Ohio Women's Ministries (OWM/CWF) Convocation Planning Team invites you to attend the 2009 OWM Convocation. The theme of the day is: "WOMEN ACTING OUT!" Our keynote speaker is Rev. Dr. Diane Lobody, professor at Methodist Theological Seminary. You will love her!

The Ohio Women's Ministries Convocation is an annual one-day retreat sponsored by the OWM Commission. It is an opportunity for women from Disciples of Christ congregations throughout the region to come together and share in good fellowship, learning, make new friends, and worship as one body of Christ! In the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), each woman in the local congregation is a member of Ohio Women's Ministries. We are actively focusing on the 21st Century, looking to the present to see who we are as women, as well as looking to the future to see who we want to be as Christian women serving God. We seek to better serve the variety of faith and life needs of all persons and encourage inclusive participation in our ministries of mission, service, bible study, prayer, stewardship and leadership. We are open to the Holy Spirit to let God guide us on our life journey!

Again this year we are encouraging you to bring younger women of your congregation to be a part of the Convocation! That is, women 30 years and under. The first 15 women who register before the "Early Bird" deadline of March 27th will receive 50% scholarship toward their registration. That's a 50% savings! So please, bring some young women from your congregation, friend, daughter, grand-daughter, daughter-in-law, niece, etc. (See the registration form for other prices and deadline dates.)

On-line registration using a credit card is also available. Just go to www.ccinoh.org and click on "registrations". The cost of registration includes a Continental breakfast, lunch and childcare if needed. There are a limited number of scholarships available for "First time" attendees (see registration form for more information.) You can save if you register "Early Bird", and it helps us in our planning, so register early! We are pleased to be able to hold our registration prices the same as last year!

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The event is Saturday, April 18, 2009 at Gender Rd. Christian Church, 5336 Gender Rd., Canal Winchester, Ohio. The day will begin at 8:30 a.m. with registration and continental breakfast and will end after worship at approximately 3:30 p.m.

We are also offering:

- ☺ Child care if needed. Lunch will be provided. (See registration form).
- ☺ We have made arrangements with Best Western Motel (formerly Ameri-Host Inn) for 20 rooms for April 17th and 10 rooms for April 18th. Price per room is \$66.00 plus tax. The deadline for room reservations is March 17th. The phone number is: (614)834-4790. You will need to contact them for reservations. Make sure you mention you are with Ohio Women's Ministries Convocation. Their address is: 6323 Prentiss School Rd., Canal Winchester, Ohio, (right down the road from Gender Rd. Christian Church).
- ☺ Our Service Project for the day will be focused on feeding the hungry as it was last year. What better thing can we do than help feed the hungry? So, we will be "Pounding"! Please bring one pound of non-perishable food which will be delivered to the Mid-Ohio Food Bank.
- ☺ Our offering to be taken at worship will be divided as follows:
One-half to the Cleveland Christian Home and one-half to the Quadrennial Fund.
- ☺ We are pleased that Charlotte Bougher, Choir Director at Gender Rd. Christian Church will be leading our music! Charlotte was with us last year for Convocation and Fall Retreat and is a wonderful song leader!
- ☺ Quadrennial Tee-shirts will be available for sale! Quadrennial will be next year, June, 2010! Come and learn more about this wonderful event!

The format will be a little different this year in that we will have three breakout sessions:
See the registration form for the choices you may sign up for!

We are looking forward to spending the day together as Christian women sharing in fellowship, good food, and most importantly, worshiping together! We have planned this day just for you, so we hope you will come!

Blessings,

The Ohio Women's Ministries
Convocation Planning Team



Christian Church in Ohio

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We are the Body of Christ gifted and called in covenant together as Disciples of Christ
to be centers of transformation on the new mission frontier of our own communities*

Ohio Women's Ministries Convocation

Gender Road Christian Church, Canal Winchester Saturday, April 18, 2009 8:30 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone _____ Email address _____

Church _____ City _____

**Please use the space below to complete your Convocation Registration payment information.
Make checks payable to: Christian Church in Ohio 355 E. Campus View Blvd Suite 110
Columbus, Ohio 43235**

REGISTRATION COST

\$ 40.00	EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT (EBD)	March 9 - March 27, 2009
\$ 50.00	REGULAR REGISTRATION	March 28-April 10, 2009
\$ 60.00	DELAYED REGISTRATION	April 11-18, 2009

PAYMENT INFORMATION

_____ I am registering by March 27, 2009. I am paying \$ 40.00. \$ _____

_____ I am registering by April 10, 2009. I am paying \$ 50.00. \$ _____

_____ I am registering April 11-18, 2009. I am paying \$60.00. \$ _____

PARTIAL PAYMENT TO SECURE THE EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT

_____ I am registering with a partial payment of \$ _____ by March 27, the EBD registration date. I understand that the balance must be paid in full to the Christian Church in Ohio no later than April 17, 2009.

PURCHASE YOUR QUADRENNIAL TEE'S AT CONVOCATION

Quadrennial Tee's will be available for purchase (\$15). Will you purchase one? Yes No

What size do you need? _____

Permission to share Information

You may print my name and information in the directory. _____ Yes _____ No

FIRST TIME ATTENDEE SCHOLARSHIP

A limited number of partial (one-half) scholarships are available for 1st time attendees. Complete this section if you are a 1st time attendee and need a scholarship.

- I am a first time attendee. I am requesting a 50% scholarship.
- I understand that I must pay the \$20.00 registration fee **by March 27, 2009 in order to qualify.**
- I am enclosing \$20.00.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Please mark choice 1, 2, and 3

TITLE/PRESENTER

CHOICE

ACT III : Women's lives comprise many acts as God moves with us through life. Acts One and Two moved us from the Christian Women's Board of Mission to Christian Women's Fellowship to International Disciples Women's Ministries. Our personal lives have seen many changes too. What is God calling us to do and be in this third act of our lives? Come and see.

Leader: Dr. Diane Lobody, Professor of Church History, MTSO

A CONVERSATION WITH AND ABOUT TOUNGER WOMEN IN WOMEN'S MINISTRIES: What is the secret to encouraging the next generation of women, and the one after that to begin developing into the leaders the church needs? I do not have all of the answers (I do have some), but I want to talk with you about it. Come and talk... Leader: LaTaunya M. Bynum

PERSONAL FINANCES IN A TIME OF CRISIS: Peace University has been highly effective in helping people understand the value of money in these financially troubled times. Com and learn ways that you can personally manage your financial resources in these days. Leader: Rev. Nancy Eichorn

Registration/Refund Policies

1. **Pre-Registration** is REQUIRED.
2. **Cancellations**-Please call the Christian Church in Ohio to cancel, and state that your written refund request will be faxed, mailed, or emailed.
3. **Refunds**- Requests for refund should be made at the time of cancellation. They must be in "writing" and postmarked or "faxed" no later than 30 days after day of the Convocation. A \$30.00 processing fee will be retained by the Christian Church in Ohio on all refund requests.
4. Conferees are asked to wear name tags at ALL TIMES for all events at the Convocation.