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My Sisters in Christ,

The time has come for us to once again travel to Bethany Hills for our annual fall retreat. We go there each September to worship and praise the Lord, fellowship with one another and to be inspired by a resource leader. This year we are looking forward to hearing from Rev. Audrey Connor, Family Life Minister at First Christian Church in Lynchburg, VA. Our theme is: Women in Today's Culture/Living to Please God, Family and Self.

After the cabinet members reviewed the evaluations from 2009, the retreat format has been altered so there is more time for fellowship. A number of cafes will be available for your choosing. They are as follows:

- Song Fest Café—with musicians--Vicki Heidle and Beth Ingles
- Book Chat Café—with Pastor Joyce Knauff—the book will be "Still Alice" by Lisa Genova. This novel is about a woman who develops early onset Alzheimer's disease (bring the book to the retreat with you).
- Improv Café—with Karleen Sternisha and Ann Cheatham.
- Specialty Coffee Café—with Pat Row, Julia Keith, and Barbara Bekaert.
- Front Porch Café—with friends who just want to rock and fellowship.
- Silent Café—by Lakeside Chapel with soft music and meditation.

Our goal is to have something for everyone. And, of course, you can always spend your time doing whatever it is you might choose that is not listed. Please try to encourage all the women from your churches to attend.

Our service project is the ADFAC Crisis Cupboard (Aid to Distress Families of Appalachian Counties). Please bring any of these following items to Fall Retreat with you: toilet paper, cleaning supplies, laundry detergent, diapers (especially medium and large), shampoo, sanitary napkins/tampons, dishwashing soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, travel toiletries, deodorant, and disposable wipes. There will be a mission activity to sort these items to be donated to ADFAC's Crisis Cupboard.

We will also be collecting offerings from your blessing boxes.

If by chance you are no longer the leader of your women's ministry group, please forward this information to the appropriate person. We certainly hope all churches in Tennessee will have representation at this retreat. Please post this information along with copies of the registration form.

My prayer is that God will bless the Tennessee Disciples Women Ministry as we grow and mature in Christ. Hope to see you at the retreat.

Sisterly yours,

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