

**“When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.” Psalm 104.30**



The gift of the Holy Spirit is linked to the renewal of creation. God's spirit was there during the creation breathing over the waters. The Hebrew word for spirit also means breath and wind.

There are critical issues which demand our attention, concern and action as women of faith. We also are committed to caring for our children and providing a nurturing home for our families. We need to encourage one another realizing that together there is much we can do to make a difference. Through prayer, study, discussion, and application, we can transform as **Disciples Women** and as the church of Jesus Christ.

At the Regional Assembly the CWF as it has been known for over 60 years ceased to exist. The women of the Christian Church (*Disciples of Christ*) are now Disciples Women! We are transforming into a more flexible, spontaneous and spiritual team of women. We are embracing technology, doing away with rigid formats and opening the doors to a different way of meeting the needs of women today.

At the June General Meeting we decided to embrace being **Disciples Women** and form a team to explore where we want to go as Women of Faith, how we are going to get there, and what do we want to accomplish.

As we step out of the box into this new world we realize we are going to have to re-think and change much of what we have been doing. We want to be transformed into an exciting, dynamic and spiritual asset to our congregation and to each other. We want to explore how singles and married engage one another in church and in our culture. Are we reaching individuals who have been divorced or widowed? How do we break down some stereotypes and learn about the many relationships around us? Can we be single and satisfied?

A new Bible study "Journeys through *Revelation: Apocalyptic Hope for Today*" by Barbara Rossing explores one of the least understood books in the Bible. Although brimming with mysterious symbolism, *Revelation* ultimately is a book of hope that has sustained people throughout history. In a journey reminiscent of the ancient Israelites' exodus from slavery, Rossing leads readers from an unjust empire through mythical battles to the renewed creation where God lives with us on earth... a *contemporary study*.

Any thoughts or comments on the above? A basket will be on the table at the back of the church. Watch the August Lamplighter for more on **Disciples Women**.