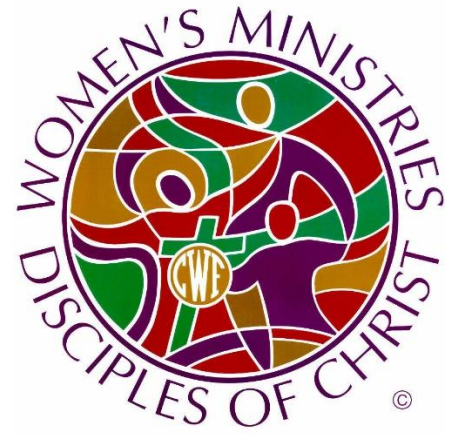


Greetings Ladies,

My name is Jennifer Long. I am from the First Christian Church in Buffalo MO where I serve as the Associate Pastor. I am your new coordinator, working with Ron Rutledge, one of our Regional Ministers.

I am excited to have the opportunity to get to know each of you in the months ahead. I have spoken with several of you and I am encouraged to be a part of this much needed and historically essential part of our Disciples of Christ denomination. Our women have been vital and strong in Missouri, and have implemented many wonderful programs uniting women in service. Together, I believe we can better communicate with each other and grow our individual ministries by uniting together and becoming connected to one another across the Region.



I pray each of you and your families are well and safe. My goodness, what a time we have had and are having. Officially Governor Parson has stated a “stay at home order” making our getting together real soon, in person, a bit challenging. I spoke with Ron and he said there is the chance of a ZOOM meeting in the future to get acquainted and brain storm. Those without a computer or internet capabilities will be able to dial in on their telephone to be part of the conversation. Although this method may not be the most desired, it would give us a head start in the middle of our current pandemic. More information on this to come.

Many gatherings have been cancelled so far this year. This is unfortunate since we are gearing up for our time together in October for the Regional Assembly. We need to work on possibilities for our evening dinner together for the Disciple Women of Missouri.

Ron and I would like to have a gathering in Jefferson City on Saturday, July 11, 2020 to get acquainted and brain storm the future: collectively, hear your ideas of breathing new life into the Disciples Women Ministry, design our Regional Assembly reception program / dinner and award scholarships. I know our world right now is uncertain, however having a time and a place on our calendars to meet and share Christ's love with each other, as we do the work of ministry, will give us something to look forward to. I am excited to be a part of this. I know I will need the knowledge and experience you all can share.

Our Disciples Women are strong and faithful, I am excited to be a part of your walk.

Blessings,

Jennifer