

CHRISTMOUNT CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY, INC.

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Mission Statement: Located in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina, Christmount is the camp, conference and retreat center for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Its mission is to serve God by providing opportunities for life-changing and enriching experiences in faith, knowledge, leadership and personal relationships.

Christmount has served the church for over 60 years as a retreat center. Ours is a ministry of hospitality which provides not only for physical needs like food and lodging, but spiritual and intellectual needs, too. This program ministry has expanded to include eleven youth events and nine adult conferences each year, continuing our commitment to providing educational and spiritual programs for and with the Church. Programs are well-attended. The program ministry is strong and doing well. These programs offer challenges to clergy and laity of all Disciple's traditions.

Christmount's mission is directed towards leadership development and transformation, while providing openness to all Christians regardless of race, national origin, or economic circumstances. Christmount provides scholarships for youth of all ages to attend camp, with a philosophy that turns no child away for economic reasons. Christmount's Patrons Association provides the financial support to carry this out. In 2008, Christmount hosted the SERF Youth Leadership Event for regional youth cabinets, helping to train CYF delegates to better serve their regions. Disciples men from Georgia and North Carolina, North Carolina CWF, and South Carolina Ministers and Mates were here for their 2008 retreats. Christmount will continue to work with regions and general units to be a host for Pro-Reconciliation/Anti-Racism training events. Hispanic churches are using our facility on a regular basis now. Several ministers have used Christmount for their sabbaticals. All of these things strengthen the local church, since participants take home what they have learned and put this knowledge to work in the communities where they live. All of these point to Christmount's continuing to be a strong advocate and participant in current mission priorities of the Disciples of Christ.

Youth and adult Work Camps not only provide labor for tasks on our grounds, but evening programs inspire groups to return home and educate other members about Disciples-related missions and to find ways to become involved in mission in their local communities. In 2009, Christmount begins a mission element to programs as youth and adults are asked to bring components for medical supply boxes to be sent to the Democratic Republic of Congo through Week of Compassion. Christmount continues to educate elders and deacons during the annual Elders and Diaconate Workshop, co-sponsored with Lexington Theological Seminary. A new Arts and Spirituality retreat will teach specific skills while incorporating liturgical elements and relate these to one's personal spiritual journey. Other programs emphasizing leadership development or church transformation include Gigabytes for the Gospel (web site design for local churches), Discovery Weekend Women's Retreat, College Retreat, Oreon E. Scott Clergy Conference, and Christmount Week.