

## HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

*Register directly with the hotel of your choice.*

When reserving rooms by phone, let them know you are with the Christian Church in Georgia for the promotional rate. Reservation links are available on the Regional Assembly page at [www.gadisciples.org](http://www.gadisciples.org).

### Marriott Courtyard Macon

3990 Sheraton Drive  
Macon, Georgia 31210  
(478) 477-8899

<https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/mcnga-courtyard-macon/>

\$114 per night plus taxes

Start Date: Thursday, April 23, 2020

End Date: Monday, April 27, 2020

Last Day to Book: Friday, March 27, 2020

### Residence Inn Macon by Marriott

3900 Sheraton Dr.  
Macon, GA 31210  
(478) 475-4280

<https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/mcnri-residence-inn-macon/>

\$129 per night plus taxes

Start Date: Thursday, April 23, 2020

End Date: Saturday, April 25, 2020

Last Day to Book: Wednesday, April 1, 2020



Christian Church  
(Disciples of Christ)  
In Georgia

# 169th Regional Assembly

April 24-25th, 2020

Hosted by:

Vineville United Methodist Church  
2045 Vineville Avenue  
Macon, GA 31204

Online Registration is available at  
[www.gadisciples.org](http://www.gadisciples.org)



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## PRE-ASSEMBLY

Friday, April 24th, 2020

***"LIFT: Discovering, Dialoguing, and  
Discerning wholeness and strength  
together"***

***-Ephesians 3:16-19***

Come join us for a day of discovery where we will dialogue about necessary tools for self care that will add to your journey toward wholeness and additional tools to assist in strengthening your ministry and your congregation. We will begin with a plenary session on clergy wellness and care and then throughout the day we will have four additional Ted Talks. Then each of you will participate in open space conversations where you will dig deeper with the facilitator and your colleagues regarding your specific thoughts and questions. This day has been designed for full engagement of all participants. So come with your thinking caps on and let's discern where God is leading us in our movement toward loving, impactful, faithful and transforming leaders and communities of faith.

## Rev. Linda McKiernan-Allen



Rev. Linda McKiernan-Allen, a life-long Disciple, currently serves God as one of the ministers of West Street Christian Church, Tipton, Indiana. She actively engages in community connections, working with Mustard Seed (working with families

struggling from poverty-induced challenges), Jubilee Christmas (providing gifts for young children of low-income families), Tipton County Ministerial Association, and Backpack Blessings (providing weekend food for elementary age children). She is married to Dr. Ron Allen, parent of five young adults and happy "Mimi" of five pre-school children.

## Schedule

Friday- April 24th

**8:00 - 9:00 am**– Registration / Exhibits

**9:00 - 10:00 am**- Plenary – Clergy Wellness and Care- (Rev. Linda McKiernan-Allen)

**10:15 - 10:30 am** - Talk – Community Mission & Ministry- (Rev. Chad Hyatt)

**10:35 - 10:50 am** - Talk – Igniting Your Passion - (Dr. Deana Ervin)

**11:00 - 11:15 am**- Break

**11:20 - 12:20 pm** - Group talk (3)

**12:30 - 1:15 pm**– Lunch

**1:30 - 1:45 pm** - Talk – The Sabbath Life (Rev. Warren Lynn)

**1:50 - 2:05 pm** - Talk – The Gentle Prophet: Learning to Preach from Mister Rogers- (Rev. Dr. Jarrod Longbons)

**2:10 - 2:25 pm** - Break

**2:30 - 3:30 pm**- Group Talk (2)

# Regional Assembly

April 24-25, 2020

## Friday Night Keynoter: Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Hale



**Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Hale** is the founder and Senior Pastor of the Ray of Hope Christian Church in Decatur, Georgia. A native of Roanoke, Virginia, Dr. Hale received a Bachelor of Arts in music from Hollins University; a Master of Divinity degree from Duke University; and a Doctor of Ministry degree from United Theological Seminary. She holds five honorary Doctorates of Divinity and an honorary Doctor of Law degree. She is also an active member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. As a woman of vision, Dr. Hale is revered worldwide for her leadership, integrity, and compassion. Her vision and leadership led her to establish two ministries; Elah Pastoral Ministries, Inc. and the Women in Ministry Conference, Inc. Dr. Hale presently serves on the Board of Trustees at Hollins University, she is the Chairperson of the Board of Directors at Beulah Heights University and the Vice President for the Hampton University Ministers' Conference. During her 40 years of ministry, her ministerial gift has drawn thousands, young and old, to witness the anointing of a woman totally sold out for the Kingdom of God.

- Schedule for Friday – April 24th :**
- 3:30 – 4:30 PM** – Registration / Exhibits
  - 4:30 – 5:45 PM** – Opening Session and business session
  - 6:00 – 7:30 PM** – Dinner/Program
  - 7:45 – 9:00 PM** – Opening Worship - Rev. Dr. Cynthia Hale

## Schedule for Saturday – April 25th :

- 8:15 - 8:45 AM** – Bible Story
- 8:45 -10:15 AM** – Workshop Session 1
- 10:15 – 10:30 AM** – Break
- 10:30 – 12:00 PM** – Workshop Session 2
- 12:00 – 12:15 PM** – Break
- 12:15 – 1:15 PM** – Lunch
- 1:15 – 1:30 PM** – Break
- 1:30 – 3:00 PM** – Closing Worship – Rev. Dr. Ron Allen

## Saturday Keynoter: Rev. Dr. Ron Allen

**Rev. Dr. Ron Allen** taught preaching and Gospels and Letters at Christian Theological Seminary from 1982 to 2019. Prior to that, he and his spouse, the Reverend Linda McKiernan-Allen, were co-ministers of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Grand Island, Nebraska. He loves leading Bible studies in congregations.

He has published more than 40 books, three of which are widely used in small group studies in congregations. Allen and his spouse have five young adult children: Canaan, Genesis, Moriah, Barek, and Sabbath, as well as five grandchildren. He and his family spent summers teaching in Zambia and Jamaica. He has also traveled to more than 20 other countries.



16 I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, 18 may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, 19 and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.—*Ephesians 3:16-19 (NIV)*

## WORKSHOPS

Workshops are being offered for three tracks (Strength, Wholeness, and LIFT) during two rotations on Saturday. The workshops in red are will take place during the **1st session**, and the ones in blue are scheduled for the **2nd session**. When registering for workshops, please choose one from each session. Seating is limited for each workshop. Descriptions for each can be found on the website.

- Strength**
- A. Revitalizing Women's Ministry in the local church– Rev. Betty Brewer Calvert
  - B. Ministry to victims of violence and trauma– Laura and Rev. Dr. Jerry Gladson
  - C. Mental Health First Aid– Rev. Erica Geraldson
  - D. Pastors Response to Dementia – Rev. Jared Wortman
  - E. Understanding Ministry to Children– Rev. Dr. Gloria McCall (For parents & children)
  - F. Mining Trust and Love– Rev. Wilma Zalabak

- Wholeness**
- G. Contemplative Prayer– Rev. Nick Chambers
  - H. Our Church Isn't Ready– Rev. Dr. Diane Bales et al
  - I. Sabbath Life– Rev. Warren Lynn
  - J. Covenanting congregations- Growing a healthy congregation- Evan Junker
  - K. Whole Church Funding- DMF– Rev. Justin Floyd
  - L. Strength and Wholeness in preparation- Sandra Lilly

- LIFT**
- M. Green Chalice- Rev. Carole Devine
  - N. Return to "Why"- Reassessing and Reapplying your Values and Beliefs– Pastor Terrell McTyer
  - O. Tent or Temple– Rev. Craig Walls
  - P. Church Communication Strategies- Kia Smith
  - Q. Discipline of Spiritual formation – Rev. Byron Wells
  - R. A Faith of Your Own - Rev. Dr. Ron Allen
  - S. Church Lessons– Rev. Dr. James Brewer Calvert & Rev. Tom Edmondson

## WORSHIP & WONDER Nursery & Children's Programming (Infant to 5th Grade)

All nursery and children's programming will follow the Assembly schedule.

*NOTE: The workshop during the second session "Understanding Ministry to Children" is for parents and children to attend together.*



## Youth Lock-in at Camp Christian (for 6th-12th graders)

Friday, April 24 at 9:00 pm -  
Saturday April 25 at 12:00 pm

During this Regional lock-in at Camp Christian, we'll learn some ways we can spread God's love through the world, all while we hang out and enjoy seeing old friends and making new ones at our favorite place to be!

Transportation will be provided from Vineville Methodist to Camp Christian and back.