

Preserving Our Stories for Future Generations

LEGACY STORY PROJECT



WHO

THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF MID-AMERICA REGION

Churches * Clergy & Staff * Disciples Women's Groups/CWF
Disciples Men's Groups * Youth Groups * Mission Trip Groups

WHAT

Sharing our legacy stories will educate, encourage, and hopefully inspire innovative ideas for future service and ministry in our Region.

Everyone in the Mid-America Region is encouraged to share and record their individual and collective legacy stories in an effort to preserve and pass on our history and heritage to future generations.

WHERE

Our stories will be uploaded using the StoryCorp website and/or app:

StoryCorps' mission is to preserve and share humanity's stories in order to build connections between people and create a more just and compassionate world. To learn more go to:
<https://diy.storycorps.org/about/>

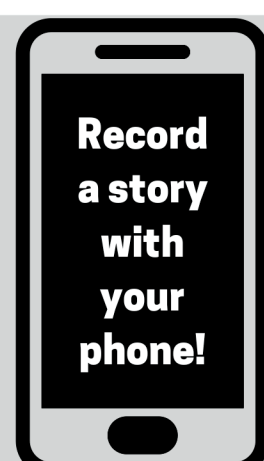
WHY

"This project began as the **Disciples Women's Legacy Project** with the goal of collecting and preserving our heritage stories so future generations would understand the powerful impact of our women's ministries over the years. The project grew and appeared to be a monumental task...then we discovered StoryCorps. They provide the technology (app and website) that allows anyone to record an interview (legacy story) to be saved and preserved in the Library of Congress for future generations. Disciples Women in our Region are proud to be taking the lead in this important legacy-saving project." - **Rev. Jennifer Long, Associate Regional Minister for Women's Ministries.**

WHEN

Your congregation or group can get started right away. Look at the information below to get specific information about the technical aspects of interviewing and using StoryCorps. Watch some interviews and get inspired to start today! <https://storycorps.org/stories/>

HOW



RECORD AN INTERVIEW (STORY) USING YOUR PHONE, CAMERA, OR EVEN ZOOM!

By utilizing the StoryCorps app and website, anyone can easily record, share, and save stories that will benefit future generations. Watch a short video about **Best Practices for Conducting an Interview:** <https://youtu.be/PHs5UvwhKDO>

READY FOR MORE INFORMATION? A free training course is available from DIY StoryCorps:
<https://diy.storycorps.org/courses/storycorps-diy-fundamental-course/>

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Listen to sample stories to get an idea of how impactful your story can be!

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STORYCORPS DIY is designed to help ordinary people record interviews in an effort to preserve legacy stories for future generations. After a recording is uploaded to their website, they are stored in the Library of Congress for preservation.

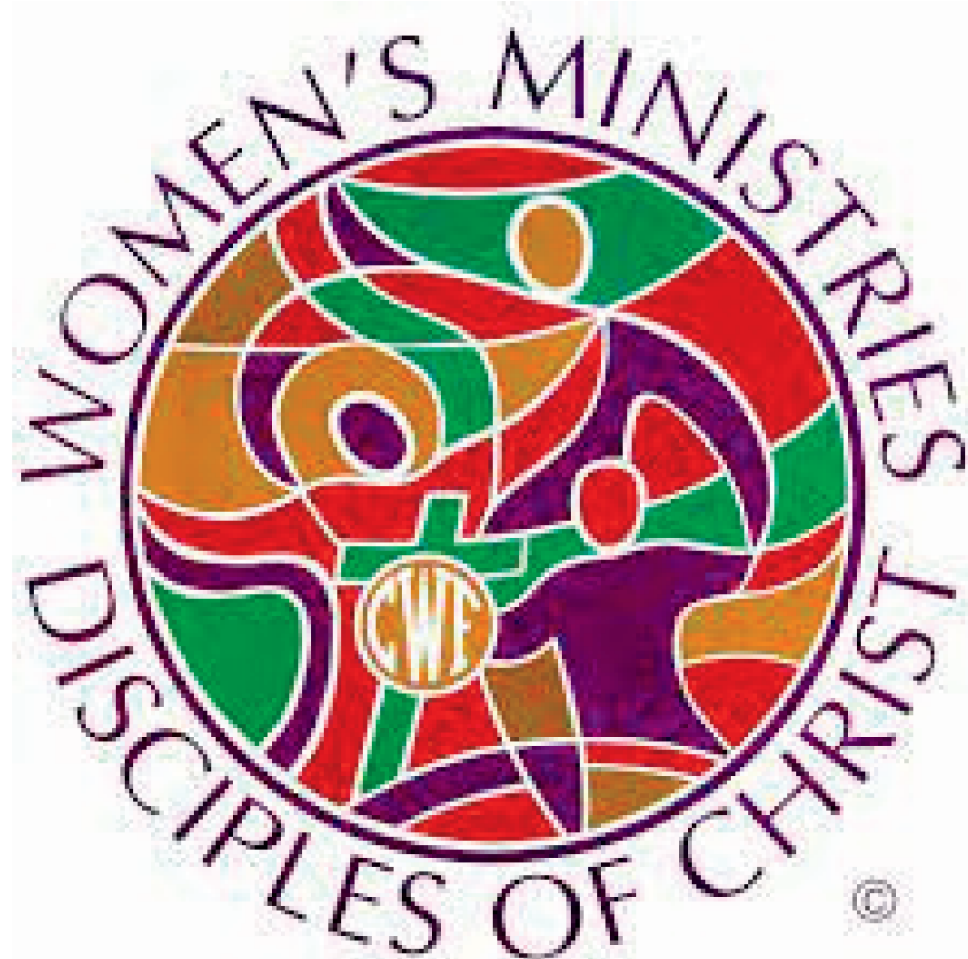
Learn how to document and preserve the local stories and history of your community. After years of working closely with community partners, StoryCorps has created a new set of do-it-yourself resources to help organizations develop their own interview collection projects.

With multimedia resources and guides, StoryCorps DIY offers insights and instructions on how to:

- **Promote listening:** Preserve the life stories of your community members, and facilitate meaningful interactions between community members.
- **Build an archive:** Develop your organization's oral history collection, and add voices and perspectives that are currently missing.
- **Create dynamic public programming:** Bring new audiences to your organization by inviting them to record their own stories, or to take part in listening events.
- **Partner in new ways with peer organizations:** Forge meaningful connections with partner organizations for a shared project goal.

StoryCorps DIY is best suited for groups and organizations that wish to create a sustainable community program around storytelling. It is FREE to download the app and to sign-up!

The above information is from this website: <https://storycorps.org/participate/storycorps-diy/>



The Legacy Story Project is under the leadership of the Mid-America Region Disciples Women's Ministries. Pastor Theresa Hamilton (Cameron FCC) is coordinating the technology set-up and launch of the DW story project with Rev. Jennifer Long, Associate Regional Minister for Women's Ministries. For more information, email:

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More information will be provided in the CCMA Regional Weekly Update.

What can you do now?

Talk to your congregation and fellowship groups and encourage them to be part of this legacy project!