

DISCIPLES MEN 2017 RETREAT

September 22–24



**REGISTRATION
FEE**

**\$110
ALL INCLUSIVE**

**\$65
FOR COMMUTERS
(INCLUDES MEALS)**

Crystal Conference Center
2365 South Shore East
Frankfort, Michigan 49635
Register online at
Michigandisciples.org,
or contact the
Regional Office at
517/372-3220



Ray G Gryder, II was born in South Hill, VA. He grew up in Petersburg as his family moved there in May of 1964 when he was 2. He was raised a Baptist; it was through his wife Kim in 1994 that he was introduced to the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). A

Post Award Contracting Officer with the Defense Logistics Agency-Aviation in Richmond since April 1999, he attended Richard Bland College of the College of William & Mary and earned a bachelor's degree from Virginia Commonwealth University (Go Rams!) majoring in Political Science and minoring in International Studies. Ray has been active in men's ministry for over 15 years. He first became active with Disciples Men in the Richmond VA area in 2002, serving as President of the District 7 men's group for approximately 4 years. He then served as Director

of Men's Ministry for the VA region from Feb 2008 to June 2016. He was Co-chair of the Event Planning Committee for *'Xtreme Faith-Bold Action: A Gathering of Disciples Men'* held at Bethany College, WV in July 2012. In 2017 he helped co-found the ecumenical men's organization, *ecuMENTORS*. He also participates with the men's group, RAMS (Richmond Area Men's Spirituality). Ray is a committed 'Jesus Follower', speaker and active supporter of men's ministry and has worked closely with the Native American community. He and Kim have periodically participated in and helped coordinate and organize adult and youth mission trips under the banner of the 'Navajo Work Camp Program' to the Navajo Nation area of northwestern New Mexico beginning in 2002. He is working on his first self-published book, with the working title, *'The Jesus Following Man'*. A father of 2 boys, Gabe (6) and Liam (5), Ray and family live in the Atlee area of Mechanicsville just north of Richmond. He currently attends Ashland Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Ashland, VA.

