

## Featured Speaker

Elder Donna Brown serves as the director of women's ministries for the Mid-America Union Conference and the Central States Conference. Born and raised in Kansas, she graduated from Oakwood University in 1985 with majors in mathematics and commercial arts. She later received her Financial Management Certification from the U.S. Graduate School.



Elder Brown worked for the Department of Defense for 36 years as a budget analyst and also worked as a magazine designer for an ad agency. She and her husband have been married for 38 years and are blessed with two married sons and four grandchildren.

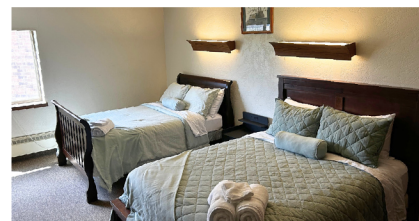
Throughout the years, Elder Brown has served in church roles including head elder, choir director, women's ministries leader, family life ministries coordinator, and Central AY Federation president. She serves with the Clergy of the County and the Ministerial Alliance and has served on the Leavenworth, Kansas, Board of Education.

Elder Brown is part of Sisters Encouraging Sisters, a ministry supporting military women and spouses through scholarships, senior assistance, and other outreach efforts. She has been involved with the Gospel Women's Prayer Group for more than 28 years.

In addition to ministry, Elder Brown owns a catering business, a cleaning business, and a bookstore. She enjoys singing, sharing the gospel, listening to music, cooking and feeding people, serving the community, teaching financial responsibility, and whatever God asks her to do.

## About the Dakota Adventist Academy Campus

Dakota Adventist Academy, located just outside Bismarck, North Dakota, opened in 1977 and has long been a place of faith, fellowship, and spiritual growth. Nestled near the Missouri River and surrounded by peaceful prairie views, the campus offers quiet natural beauty and space for rest and reflection. Although the Academy closed as a school in 2025, the campus is now entering a new season of transformation as a welcoming setting for retreats, conferences, and special events such as our annual women's retreat.



38TH ANNUAL  
DAKOTA CONFERENCE  
WOMEN'S RETREAT

# Transformation: His Glory Reflected

*"The Lord is transforming  
us into His image with  
ever-increasing glory."*

2 Corinthians 3:18

September 18-20, 2026

DAKOTA ADVENTIST ACADEMY CAMPUS  
15905 SHEYENNE CIRCLE  
BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA

## Schedule

### Friday, September 18

- 2:00p Registration Begins
- 3:00 Early Bird Activities
- 6:00 Supper
- 7:00 General Session - Elder Donna Brown

### Sabbath, September 19

- 7:00a Morning Walk
- 8:00 Morning Devotional
- 9:00 Breakfast
- 10:00 General Session - Elder Donna Brown
- 12:00p Lunch
- 1:00 Breakout Session
- 2:00 Free Time
- 4:00 Breakout Session
- 5:00 Supper
- 6:45 General Session - Elder Donna Brown
- 8:00 Saturday Night Activities

### Sunday, September 20

- 7:00a Exercise Class
- 8:00 Morning Devotional
- 9:00 Breakfast
- 10:00 General Session - Elder Donna Brown
- 11:00 Wrap-up and Farewell

## Woman-to-Woman Project

*Laundry Love* is a neighboring movement that partners with groups, schools, and local laundromats to help wash the clothes and bedding of low-income and no-income individuals and families.

Bring quarters in rolls to be distributed to the three different *Laundry Love* groups directed by Dakota Conference members.

## Early Bird Activities

### Leather Art Project with Chip Liebel

Create your own leather art project with leather artist Chip Liebel. Chip has more than 50 years of experience as a leather carver and craftsman, creating saddles, western horse tack, chinks, belts, handbags, holsters, book covers, 3D leather carvings, leather fly swatters, earrings, and more. Her artistic work also includes airbrushing, laser work, sidewalk chalk art, acrylics, stained glass, pastels, and painted buffalo skulls. Chip's art studio and saddle shop are located at Double Luck Ranch west of Mandan. **\$20 Includes All Supplies**

### Walk Through Time with Paulette Bullinger

Go on a historic walk around the Double Ditch Historic Site, located just north of Dakota Adventist Academy. Bring your camera! Double Ditch Indian Village was a large earthlodge village inhabited by the Mandan people for nearly 300 years (A.D. 1490–1785). According to Mandan oral history, Double Ditch was one of seven to nine villages occupied at the same time near the mouth of the Heart River.

**Free**

## Saturday Night Activities

### Firepit Sing-Along

Enjoy some time in the beautiful scenic backyard of DAA, visit, and/or sing around the campfire.

### White Elephant Gift Game

Join the fun of a white elephant gift exchange. Bring a wrapped gift for the exchange (please no clothing, food, or personal items). Thrifted, garage sale, and lighthearted gifts are encouraged!

## Information You Need to Know

- ♥ All women, ages 16 and up, are invited to attend.
- ♥ This year's retreat will be held at Dakota Adventist Academy. Come see the transformation taking place on this beautiful campus while enjoying nature walks and peaceful views. "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord... "plans to give you a future and a hope" (Jeremiah 29:11).
- ♥ Non-dairy and other diet-friendly options will be available. For additional dietary needs, please come prepared with your own provisions. Most rooms are equipped with a small fridge and microwave, and a kitchenette is available.
- ♥ Early-bird activities begin at 3:00p on Friday.
- ♥ Register early to guarantee a room.
- ♥ Consider sponsoring another woman to attend.
- ♥ This is a time to renew friendships and strengthen your relationship with God. Please avoid bringing anything that might distract you from that precious time.
- ♥ Scholarships are available specifically for pastors' wives and others needing monetary assistance. Please first see your local women's ministries' leader for more information.

## How to Register

Register with the Dakota Conference for sleeping rooms, retreat attendance, and early bird sessions by mail or online. Brochures may be printed and shared with friends. Register online at [dakotaadventist.org/ministries/womens-ministries/](http://dakotaadventist.org/ministries/womens-ministries/) or send your completed registration form & check to:

Dakota Conference | (701) 751.6177  
7200 N Washington St, Bismarck ND 58503



# Dakota Conference Christian Women's Retreat

September 18-20, 2026

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Home Church \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate Preference(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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Each person must register individually.

<b><u>REGISTRATION OPTIONS</u></b>	<b><u>FEES</u></b>	<b><u>AFTER SEPT 1</u></b>
_____ <b>Comfort Single Room</b> (2 nights, 5 meals, includes bedding, towels, fan, fridge, & microwave )	\$225	\$250
_____ <b>Comfort Double Room</b> (2 nights, 5 meals, includes bedding, towels, fan, fridge, & microwave )	\$175	\$200
_____ <b>Basic Double Room</b> (2 nights, 5 meals, bring own bedding & towels, shared kitchenette access)	\$125	\$150
_____ <b>Retreat Only</b> (no sleeping room, includes 5 meals, activities, & handouts)	\$100	\$125
_____ <b>Sabbath Only</b> (no sleeping room, includes 3 Saturday meals, activities & handouts)	\$50	\$75
_____ <b>Early Bird - Leather Art</b>	\$20	
_____ <b>Early Bird - Walk Through Time</b>	\$0	
_____ <b>Gluten Free</b> _____ <b>Vegan</b>		

**TOTAL ENCLOSED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT:** Please register by September 1 to help us plan meal quantities accordingly. All rooms share a bathroom with the neighboring room.

**FULL PAYMENT** must accompany each reservation form. No refunds or registrations accepted after September 15.

**CHECKS PAYABLE TO:** Dakota Conference