

Starting Strong

Revelation 21.5 NRSV



2023 WOMEN'S MINISTRY PLANNER

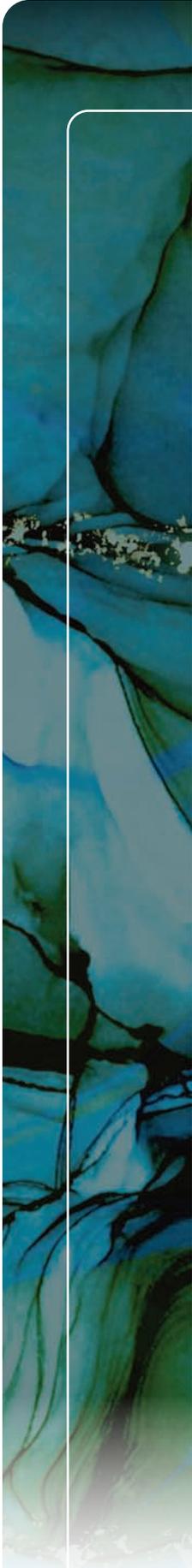


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Vision & Mission

Vision

When you improve the lives of women, you change the world.

Mission

We empower *women* and fund the work of the *gospel* locally and around the world.

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And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new."

Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true."

REVELATION 21:5

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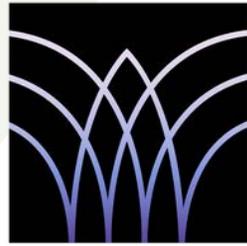


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- **\$3,000 Gift- Brick**
- **\$5,000 Gift- Building Plaque**

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For a \$50 individual gift, receive a special commemorative 90th Anniversary tee!

National President's Challenge

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AND THE ONE WHO WAS SEATED ON THE THRONE SAID, "SEE, I AM MAKING ALL THINGS NEW." ALSO HE SAID, "WRITE THIS, FOR THESE WORDS ARE TRUSTWORTHY AND TRUE." — REVELATION 21:5 (NRSV)



In September 2011, I had the pleasure of traveling to Accra, Ghana, with nine other women on a CWC-sponsored cultural immersion trip. This experience has left footprints of beauty, grace, love, and strength on my heart. We celebrated and fellowshiped with our sister Church of God congregations, presented donated sewing machines to the women, desks for the students at the school, and conducted updated interviews for Children of Promise. The joy of all these experiences deepened as I observed the women of Ghana. My purchase of the above painting, which I have affectionately named 'No Excuses,' reminds me that they started strong each day with the resolve that there was work to do and it must be accomplished. There were no excuses; with babies on their backs, they went out and worked together, moving forward, starting their day strong side-by-side.

Just like the women of Ghana, I am reminded of the incredible strength of these Kingdom women who started, lead, and continue to move this ministry forward: Nora Hunter, Hallie Marsh Patterson, Nellie Field Snowden, Doris J. Dale, Linda J. Mason, Arnetta McNeese Bailey, Kimberly Majeski, Ocie Perry, Helen Miller, Betty Lewis Snyder, Wanda Royer, Laura Withrow Hoak, Val Mullins, Mary Beth Whalen, Laura Shallenberger, Che-Che Mobley, Naomi Bryant and Faye Goode. This legacy of women is not complete because it also includes YOU! We are not alone in the work God has for each of us to do for His Kingdom. As long as there is breath in our lungs, we have an agenda to finish. Be encouraged as you begin this new year. God is with you as you...

Start Strong in...your relationship with the Savior!

Start Strong in...your Kingdom purpose!

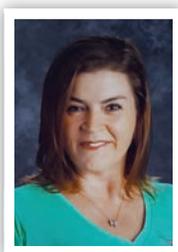
Start Strong in...your Family!

Start Strong in...your Church!

Start Strong in...your Community!

Start Strong in...your women's ministry!

There are no excuses for us not to be our utmost for His highest! Start strong, my beautiful sisters! There is work to do! The harvest is ready! Let's go!



It's all about the Kingdom!

Blessings and love,

Angie Rigdon

National President

Executive Director's Challenge

STARTING STRONG!

I cannot think of a better way to begin a new year than to do so with the intention of Starting Strong! I'm greeting you as I begin my second year as your Executive Director; I am so grateful for your love, support, and faithful prayers as I humbly continue my tenure as your leader. I celebrate this new year and this new theme with great expectancy!

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true" Rev. 21.5¹

Revelation is the worship book of the early church, chapter 21 and the vision of the new heaven and the new earth provide guidance for our 2023 theme. Aren't we grateful that we serve a God who makes all things new? Who can take the losses and the pain, the despair and brokenness, the bitterness and betrayal of the past, the hardships of prior years, the difficulties behind us, and not only use it all for our good but also make it new?

As we have traveled around the country, connected with you online and at our convention in Orlando, we know that so many of you are ready to heal from what the locusts have eaten and allow God to restore and make all things new!

CWC is here to come alongside you in that journey and help you dream new dreams and birth a fresh vision for your ministry!

We hope you will avail yourself to our Lead-HER Empowerment Intensive in Tampa this June; it is going to be an incredible event for all current and aspiring CWC leaders, a time for us to invest in you so that you can pour into the women in your sphere of influence!

And I hope you are considering traveling with me to Rome, Pompeii, and the Amalfi Coast to study women in the early church and the history of how it all began while enjoying incredible sites, shopping, and ohhh, the pasta!

May God bless and keep you, and may you find a way to begin again, making yourself and your call to serve God a priority. We hope you will use the resources and support of CWC to nurture your soul so that you can lead those God has placed in your care. Know we are here for you and with you all the way!



Let's Go!

Kimberly Majeski

Executive Director

¹ New Revised Standard Translation, Biblia by Logos, <https://biblia.com/books/nrsv/Re21.1-5>.

Meet Your *National Board of Directors*



Angie Rigdon, *National President*

Angie is currently a middle school teacher in South Florida, teaching Environmental Wellness & Gardening. She has served on the local, state, and national levels with CWC. She is PASSIONATE about children, gardening, and developing and strengthening relationships with all women.



Dr. Kimberly Majeski, *Executive Director*

Kimberly is a scholar, preacher, and author who challenges her audiences to find the life-transforming connection between their personal story and the inspiring, ancient story of the Scriptures. She lives at the heart of the justice movement as an activist and the founder of Stripped Love, a non-profit serving victims of sex trafficking. Kimberly has been a leader and advocate in the anti-trafficking work in the Church of God, in the state of Indiana, and across the U.S.



Sharon Delfeld, *National Vice President*

Sharon retired in 2015 from working as an office manager for forty plus years. Sharon has served in many roles in the local church and is serving as New Mexico-West Texas State President. Sharon and husband, Ken, attend New Beginnings Church in Albuquerque. They have a daughter, a son, and four wonderful grandchildren.



Ryann Hartzell, *National Secretary*

Ryann is a graduate of both the School of Science and Engineering and MBA programs at Anderson University. Her family history is deeply rooted in the Church of God, and she enjoys being involved in her community. She shares a message of hope, growth, and the Lord's abundant faithfulness in all circumstances.



Herline Green, *National Parliamentarian*

Herline Green, a Jamaican by birth, has been a Church of God member all her life, both in Jamaica and Florida, where she now lives. She is presently part of a family business in the healthcare industry. Herline is the proud mother of two adult children and has two beautiful granddaughters. She lives by Proverbs 16:3 "Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans." Her favorite scripture is Psalm 139.



Rev. Barbara Williams, *National Director of Finance*

Barbara has retired after serving in education field for 44 years. She is currently working for Volunteers of America on a part-time basis. She has served CWC locally, state, and nationally. Barbara and Alvin have five children and nine grandchildren.



Rev. Sandra McNeese, *National Association WCG President*

Sandra McNeese, MBA, has been active in the Church of God's ministry and mission as an ordained minister and a licensed chaplain of pastoral care. As a Business Specialist for the Texas Ministries of the Church of God, she works tirelessly with Pastors and Leaders throughout Texas and other states. She is President of the National Association Women of the Church of God.



Naomi Bryant, *Member-at-Large*

Naomi has been involved in Christian Women Connection nationally since 2002. An accountant by profession, she believes her career is merely the stepping stone for ministry potential. She enjoys speaking and engaging with women and children. She and her husband, Danny, have three children and two grandchildren.



Precious Earley, *Member-at-Large*

Precious lives in Atlanta with her husband, Dr. Kevin W. Earley, and three kids. Her personal ministry is centered around creating craveable moments and physical spaces that attract people to God.



Dr. Carol Merritt, *Member-at-Large*

Dr. Carol Flewellen Merritt has been in private optometry practice in North St. Louis County for over 28 years and is active in the community. She also is the Co-Pastor and Minister of Music and Worship of the New Cote Brilliante Church of God in St. Louis, alongside her husband of 36 years, Elder Miki Merritt. They have four adult sons and three small granddaughters.



Sarai Garcia, *Concilio Representative*

Sarai is 26 years old, and attends church at Iglesia de la Comunidad in Santa Ana, California. She was raised in the church and is excited about the generation of women that God is raising to do his work!



Rev. Colleen Stevenson, *Global Strategy Personnel Representative*

Colleen was born in Canada and accompanied her parents when she was a year old to East Africa, where she lived for many years, first as a missionary kid, and then missionary. Colleen has continued to love, learn and immerse herself in the massive ministry in Africa and the call of God on her life, and experiencing how Jesus changes lives. Colleen and her husband Tim have served as missionaries in Uganda for 36 years now. They have 4 children and 3 grandchildren. She is a 3-time cancer survivor and has been given the gift of time! "As I turn 65, I know God has much more for me to learn and I am excited about that!"



Rev. Jennie Prior, *Young Women Representative*

Jennie is a graduate of Anderson University (BA '14) and Anderson University School of Theology (M. DIV '18). She has been ordained with the Church of God since 2018. Originally from North Carolina, she grew up in the Drexel First Church of God congregation. Currently, she works as a chaplain with Ascension Health. Jennie and her husband, Austin, live in Anderson, IN with their two dogs Huck & Honey. They will be welcoming their first child in March.



Rev. Ali Robinson, *Director of Programming*

Ali is a graduate from Anderson University (BA' 07) with a degree in Christian Ministries. Ali is originally from Englewood, OH. She is an ordained minister of the Church of God and served many years at Madison Park Church of God as the Children's Pastor. Ali is married to Jeff Robinson (AU Graduate, BA 2005) who serves as a teacher at Frankton High School. They have two children, Callie, 10 and Cohen 5. Currently, she serves as the Director of Programming for Christian Women Connection.

National Office Staff

The national office for Christian Women Connection is located in Anderson, Indiana. The role of the national office is to coordinate the ministries of Christian Women Connection and develop resources for the national, state, and local leaders of the ministry.



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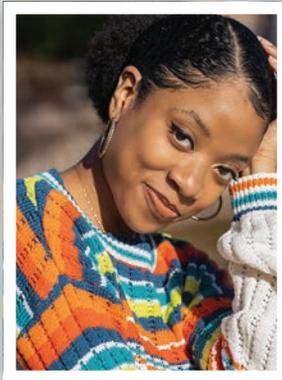
Kimberly Majeski
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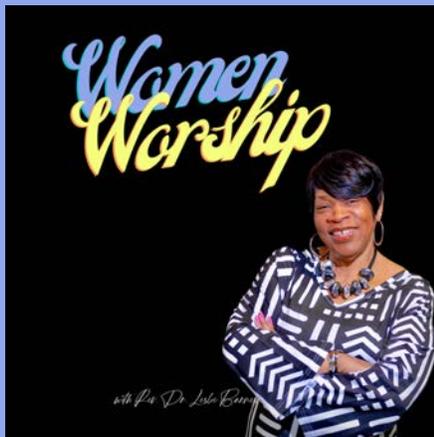
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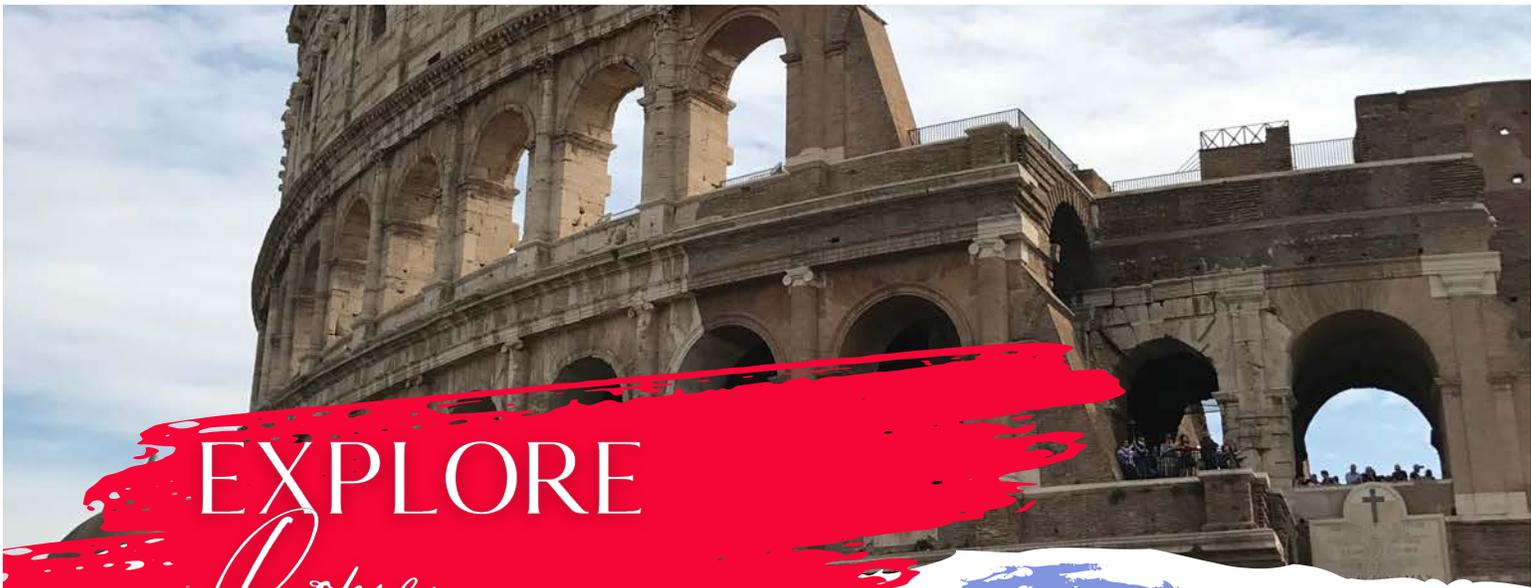
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EXPLORE

Rome

STUDY WOMEN OF THE EARLY CHURCH



Travel

Join Dr. Kimberly Majeski for the journey of a lifetime. We will study, sip, and shop our way through this beautiful country while exploring the rich history and culture of the region.



Study

We will delve into the fascinating stories of the women of the early church and how their impact is still felt today. From studying architecture of Rome to the breathtaking views of the Amalfi Coast.



Shop

Shop to your heart's content for souvenirs all along the way. Don't miss this chance to deepen relationships, learn important church history, and build community!



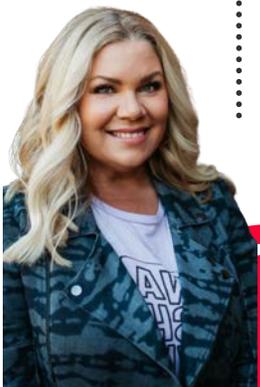
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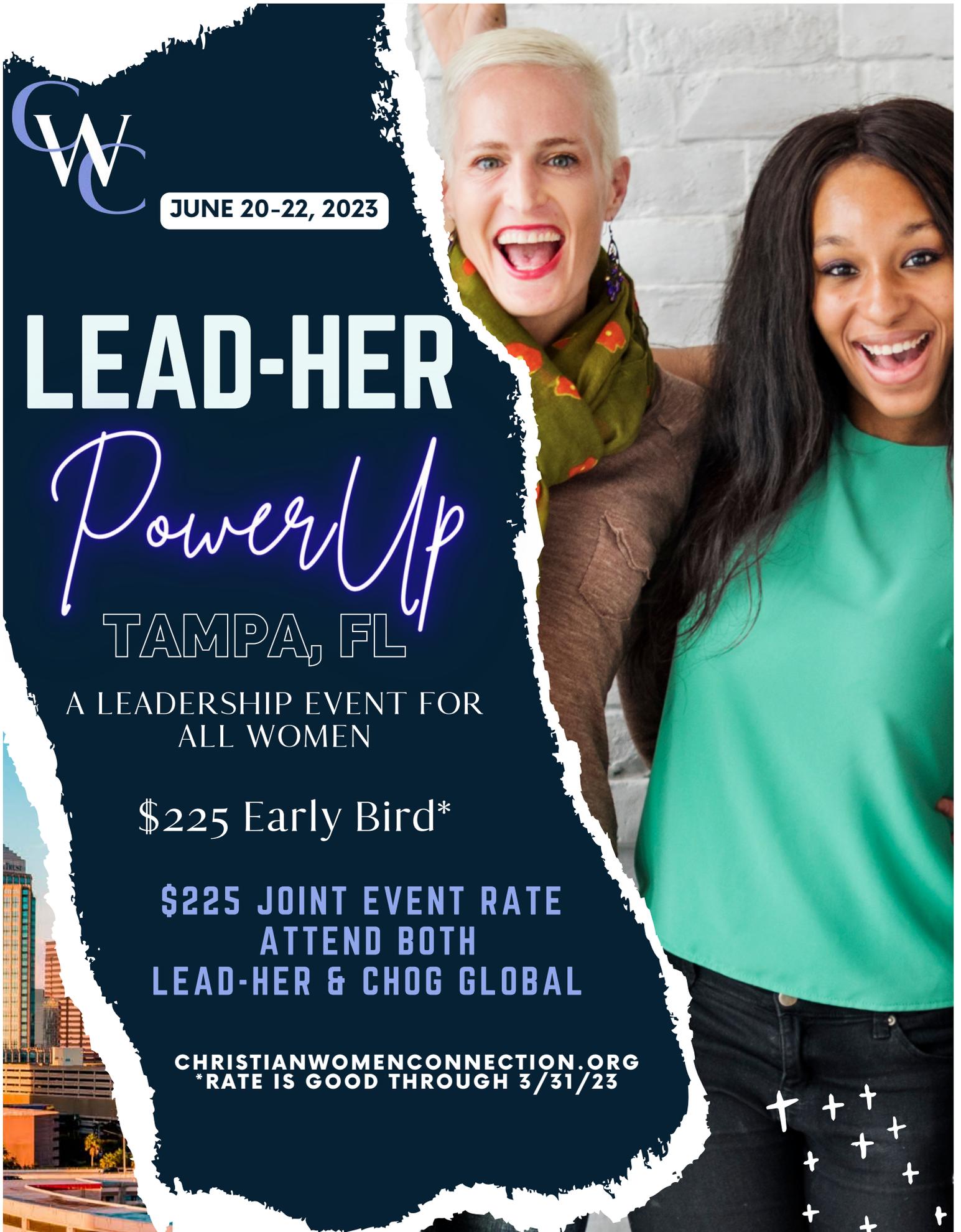
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2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY

- 11 National Human Trafficking Awareness Day
- 16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day

FEBRUARY

Black History Month

MARCH *Women's History Month & ARISE – Women in Ministry Awareness*

- 8 International Women's Day
- State Coordinator's Spring Mailing
- Local Coordinator's Rosters arrive in the mail

APRIL

- 2 Palm Sunday
- 7 Good Friday
- 9 Resurrection Sunday
- 28 Last Day to Remit CBO 2022 – Entertaining Angels

MAY

- 6 National Day of Prayer
- 14 Mother's Day
- 28 Pentecost

JUNE

- 18 Father's Day
- 20-22 LeadHer Power Up - Tampa, FL
- 22-25 Church of God Convention & General Assembly

AUGUST

- 6-13 National Association of the Church of God Camp Meeting

SEPTEMBER

- 15 Hispanic Heritage Month Begins
- 30 Excursion Trip, Rome

OCTOBER

- 1-7 Excursion Trip, Rome
- Start planning Christ's Birthday Observance –

NOVEMBER

- 23 Thanksgiving

DECEMBER

- 3 Christ's Birthday Observance (Advent starts)
- 3-25 Christ's Birthday Observance (Advent)
- 24 Christ's Birthday Observance Offering
- 27-31 National Inspirational Youth Convention (NIYC)

SUGGESTED STRUCTURE -

Leadership Team Descriptions for Legacy Groups

The Christian Women Connection Legacy Group structure centers on a leadership team and is designed to support our mission and vision. The leadership team model allows for flexibility to meet the needs of your unique group. Remember: *It is not about filling positions but more about meeting the needs of your local or state group.* If a position is not needed in your group, feel free to eliminate that position or change to a more necessary position. Focus on meeting the needs of the church, your state ministry, and serving the women in your local congregation or groups. Use these as a model when creating new connectors in your ministry.

Coordinator *(Formerly the President position also directs the organizational mission)*

Coordinator for the group and is a contact for local, state, and national communications.

Assistant Coordinator *(Formerly the Vice President position)*

Assists the Coordinator as necessary.

Assumes the Coordinator's duties should she be unable to fulfill them.

Recording Secretary *(This position remains the same as the previous secretary, also serves as historian)*

Takes minutes at all meetings and provides the official written record of all proceedings.

Finance Coordinator *(Formerly the Treasurer and/or Finance Secretary)*

Two (2) positions identified should groups desire both. Oversees the finances and budget of the local/state CWC ministry

Missions Coordinator *(Event planning/outreach)*

Coordinates missions projects for the state ministry.

Identifies missions projects and promotes them to the local groups.

Connection Coordinator *(Like former Friendship/Enlistment Director)*

Helps build relationships between CWC and other women's groups

Identifies mentoring projects and connects them with local churches .

Empowerment Coordinator *(Formerly Spiritual Life position/Director of Programming/Literature Promotion)*

Coordinates retreats for spiritual development and Leadership Training. Suggests resources/tools for spiritual formation

Next Generation Connector

Coordinates the mission of involving and connecting women between the ages of 18-40. She encourages, includes, and equips younger women within the group's ministry for her to "take her place" within the ministry.

Women Clergy Connector

Supports and equips women for ministry.

Pastor Connector

Representative of the State Ministry Director/Pastor and ensures CWC is following the mission of the local/state ministry.

Communications and Social Media Connector

Coordinates and manages all communications within and outside of the CWC ministry, whether through newsletters, emails, texts, phone, social media, etc.

Christian Women Connection

PARTNERSHIP QUESTION/ANSWERS

QUESTION - How much are partnerships and what is new this year?

Answer - There are 2 forms of traditional partnerships which we are now calling LEGACY PARTNERSHIPS:

Basic - \$20 (This has increased so that \$15 will be sent to national office and \$5 will be retained by the state)

Lifetime - \$150 (\$125 to national office and \$25 to be retained by state)

***Please note the Challenge Level has been eliminated.**

These partnership amounts began April 1, 2023.

QUESTION- Can I be a part of the online program if I'm a legacy partner?

Answer- If you would like to access the online Bible Study programs and monthly leadership calls you must either be a CWC online subscription member or a Lifetime Partner or a Legacy Group Leader.

QUESTION - What is ARISE ACADEMY and how does it relate to CWC

Answer - Arise Academy is an online ministry academy for all women. In the academy, we offer courses for women in general and women in ministry. We began this academy in 2022 following Covid, since many groups could not gather. We wanted to offer a space for women to connect, thrive and grow. Courses in 2023 begin on Jan. 18. CWC women are invited to participate in any and all courses. Each course is 6 weeks and is offered online at \$150 per course. Arise members and CWC online subscription members receive 10% off all Arise Academy courses.

QUESTION - What do I get for being a partner of Christian Women Connection?

Answer - Once your monies have been received by the National Office, you will receive a weekly electronic edition of the Friday Connection. You receive access to events, resources, and connection to a sisterhood of over 3,500 women across 25 nations. You are also helping to fund the work of the gospel locally and around the world. By participating with CWC your group will receive the Women's Ministry Planner filled with ministry planning materials, a bible study, tools to help you connect with our global strategy personnel and projects to build a better world.

QUESTION - Does the whole amount of partnership fees go to the national office?

Answer - No. Portions of the partnership fee are kept with the state group.

- **Basic Partnership** - \$5 stays with the state group and \$15 to the National Office. Each state and local can determine how it wishes to distribute the portion that remains in state.

- **Lifetime Partnership** - \$25 remains in the state, and \$125 goes to the National Office.

QUESTION - Who gets a copy of the local roster?

Answer - A copy of the local roster should accompany all partnership monies to the state treasurer and the National Office.

QUESTION - How do I know I am a current partner with Christian Women Connection?

Answer - If you have paid your partnerships and they have been received at the National Office, you should receive the Connection Newsletter. Partnerships cards will now be issued by request only. If you are no longer receiving the weekly Connection Newsletter, it is because we have not received your partnership monies.

QUESTION - Who do I call if I have questions about my partnership or submitting my roster to the state or national office?

Answer - You can call the National CWC Office, and we will be happy to answer all your questions.

The number is 866-778-0804 ext. 2102.

Young Influencer Program

Formerly Young Ambassadors



We are so excited to announce the revamp of the Young Ambassador program. We have renamed this program to be the Young Influencer program. This program is designed to help the ministry of CWC grow into the next generation of leaders for Christian Women Connection! Each girl who participates in the program must apply to serve with the National office of CWC and meet the following requirements:

Applicant Guidelines for Middle/High School Students:

1. Must be a young woman who attends a Church of God (Anderson, IN) church.
2. A young woman in 7th – 12th grade.
3. Willing to learn about ministries for women of all ages.
4. Understands and can manage a mature presence on social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Tik Tok, etc.)

All applicants must apply by the deadline as stated on our website. A Pastoral recommendation is also required.

Our Young Influencer prize package includes

- ▶ A \$100 Amazon Gift Card
- ▶ A gift for their year of service with the ministry
- ▶ Publication of the winning essay in the Christian Women Connection Women's Ministry Guide.
- ▶ Attendance to one Church of God National Youth Convention during their year of serving as an Influencer.
- ▶ A packet of materials, including free books about Christian Women Connection's history.

Applicant Guidelines for College/Young Adult:

1. Must be a young woman who attends a Church of God (Anderson, IN) church or University.
2. A young woman enrolled in college or between the ages of 18 – 22 years old.
3. Willing to learn about ministries for women of all ages.
4. Understands and can manage a mature presence on social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Tik Tok, etc.)

All applicants must apply by the deadline as stated on our website. A Pastoral recommendation is also required.

Our College Influencer prize package includes

- ▶ A \$100 Amazon Gift Card
- ▶ A gift for their year of service with CWC
- ▶ A devotional publication in the Christian Women Connection Women's Ministry Guide.
- ▶ Attendance to one Church of God Convention during your year of serving as an Influencer.
- ▶ A packet of materials, including free books about Christian Women Connection's history.

If your group would like to nominate a young woman in your church to participate in the Influencer Program with CWC. Please email their name and contact information to Rev. Ali Robinson (Director of Programming) at arobinson@wchog.org. We will be happy to follow up with them about serving as an Influencer.

Service of Commissioning

WE ARE CALLED

Recognize the officers leaving the office by name and a brief word of appreciation.

Recognize all officers for the upcoming term of office by name (preferably with office position) and a brief word about them, ending with the President if possible.

Leader: As members of the body of Christ, we are called in Micah 6:8, “to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God” (NRSV). We are to join God in the work, to engage in the world around us, and show the love of Christ to our neighbors. To humble ourselves and walk in the way of the Lord, being compassionate regardless of circumstances. God will lead the way; we need only say yes.

We think of Esther, who said “yes” to refusing to remain silent when it could mean the freedom of her people (Esther 4:14).

We think of Ruth, who said “yes” to starting over and building a relationship with God (Ruth 1:16).

We think of Mary of Nazareth, who said “yes” to the unknown when God spoke to her through Gabriel (Luke 1:38).

In this new position, you are saying “yes” to the next step in your walk with God. He has a plan, and your “yes” is your commitment to furthering the work of the Kingdom.

(New and current officers stand)

Leader: Will you pledge to live out your “yes” to walking with the Lord and leading with His guidance?

Officers’ response: Lord, help me to continue to seek Your guidance and maintain my walk with you to lead the group to further the work of Your Kingdom

Leader: Will you as a leader give your resources, whether time, finances, or talents, to, in the words of Nora Hunter, “help us build a new world?”

Officers’ Response: Lord, help me to lead by example and share the blessings You have given me to help bless others.

Leader to the audience: Will you, as supporters and members of Christian Women Connection, lift these leaders in prayer to help them determine the way God is showing them to lead and saying “yes” to further the work of the Kingdom

If your answer is yes, please respond with “we will.”

Audience: We will

Prayer: Lord, we thank you today for the commitment of these new officers and their willingness to say “yes” to walk alongside You and join in the work. Please guide them and show them your path as an officer of Christian Women Connection. May we, as officers, members, and supporters of CWC, continue to seek Your guidance in everything we do. We pledge to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with You. In Jesus’ name, we pray, Amen.



Ryann Hartzell
National Secretary

CBO 2023

Theme: Love Gives Scripture: 1 John 3:16 - 17

New Living Translation

¹⁶ We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us. So, we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters. ¹⁷ If someone has enough money to live well and sees a brother or sister in need but shows no compassion— how can God's love be in that person?

As we look forward to Christ Birthday Observance for 2023, we want to encourage you and your groups to pray over the text for the 2023 CBO theme. Love Gives is more than just a theme or title; it is a way for us as God's children to step into the Advent season with generous hearts and open minds. Let us look for opportunities this holiday season to share God's love by giving to those in need and showing compassion to the least of these.

This Christmas, our hope is to unite as brothers and sisters in Christ to show the world how God gave his Son to show us what love is.

We have some exciting NEW resources for children planned for 2023 including a coloring book which will walk alongside the Advent readings and curriculum for this year! Be sure to check our website for important dates and information.

Spiritual Retreat/Birthday: Passionate Worship

PREPARE

Take a moment to relax and breathe.

Chances are you just finished taking care of the kids, cooking dinner, or running errands to secure the snacks and other items needed for this gathering. Try to clear your mind and position yourself to hear God's message for you.

Take a pen and a piece of paper and write down your answer to one of these questions:

- If you could do or accomplish anything, what would it be?
- If you could change anything, what would you change?

In this study, we will examine the opportunity to bring pleasure to God daily while pursuing personal desires. This study aims to show how personal pursuit with an honorable response can lead to passionate worship.

IMMERSE

The Condition

No matter how old, successful, or happy we are, there are times when we desire something different. There may be something about where we are, what we do, or what we have that drains us, or fails to offer fulfillment.

For years the Calgon brand has utilized the iconic tagline, "Take Me Away," as a method to sell bath and body products to women. Conceptually, the message is designed to reach a target segment of women who are exhausted, drained, and want to retreat from it all – even if it's just for a few minutes in the bathtub. While other major companies have changed their taglines to reach new segments and rejuvenate interest, Calgon has found success with the "Take Me Away" campaign for decades.

You started this study by writing down a personal desire. How does it make you feel when you think about what you wrote? Does it feel good to be reminded of your desire, or does it make you sad? For some, this reflection rejuvenates and catapults them toward their goal. For others, it's a reminder of the limitations of their situation. For example, as caregivers, we love our kids and elderly parents, but that doesn't change the fact that the responsibility of caring for them can be draining. Likewise, as an aspiring mother or recent college graduate seeking a career, you may be grateful for what you have, but you still have a longing in your heart for more. If this is you, there is encouragement that can be found through looking at the life of Hannah.

A Lesson from Hannah

In 1 Samuel 1, we're introduced to Hannah. Hannah desired a son and she was regularly reminded of her condition. Her rival, Peninnah, taunted her daily, so much so that she wouldn't eat. Hannah's husband, Elkanah, didn't fully "get it."

From his perspective, Hannah had more reasons to be happy than unhappy. He loved her and gave her more than any of his other wives. Over the course of time, I imagine that Hannah may have pondered her husband's reasoning, thinking "Maybe I am wrong for feeling the way I feel. I have a husband who loves me, maybe that should be enough," except she couldn't let go of the longing that was in her heart.

The Bible tells us that Hannah went up to the house of the Lord year after year praying for a son, and in the course of time, the Lord opened Hannah's womb, and she gave birth to a son whom she named Samuel, saying "Because I asked the Lord for Him" (1 Samuel 1:20)

It is important to note that the Bible doesn't say that Hannah was barren because she sinned or had a physical condition that wouldn't allow her to conceive. On the contrary, the Bible says Hannah was barren because God closed her womb. In all things, it's important to remember that God is the ultimate CEO of our lives. There will be some strain and disappointment that we may experience as God governs our lives, but we can take comfort in knowing that when the dust settles, where we end up will always be better than where we

first began. Paul understood this precious gem when he wrote, “We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.” (Romans 8:28)

Hannah is a great example of what our approach should be. Hannah continued to pursue the Lord regarding her desire, and she didn’t let anyone else’s idea of how she should feel get in the way. By no means is unceasing prayer a walk in the park. Quite the opposite, it can be very disappointing and disheartening when you passionately pursue God, and nothing seems to change. But, as believers, what is the alternative?

I love that Hannah names her son Samuel saying, “because I asked the Lord for him.” The alternative to this position is not having asked. Is it possible that God was moved to intervene for Hannah because of her persistence? Hannah knew what she wanted, and she knew that God was the only One to give it to her. Never stop praying for what you desire. While prayer is not a guarantee that we will get what we want, when we want it, exactly how we want it, prayer is our only link to the One who has the ability to provide what we need when we need it!

God Is For You

One of several reasons to passionately pursue God is because He wants the best for His children. This means He wants the best for you even more than you want the best for you. King David understood this from first-hand experience after he was blessed to escape from Abimelech. In Psalm 34:15-19, David writes, “The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their cry. The face of the Lord is against evildoers, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth. When

the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears, and rescues them from all their troubles. The Lord is near to the brokenhearted, and saves the crushed spirit. Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord rescues them from them all.”

Though you may be on the opposite end of your desires today, know that God will deliver you in His own way, according to His perfect timing. In the meantime, when Satan attempts to attack you through your thoughts, reflect on Philippians 4:8. “Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.” .

Passionate Worship

As we witnessed in the lives of Hannah and David, it is in the midst of hardship, disappointment, and delayed answers to prayer that some of the most passionate worship is birthed. Hannah would go on to praise the Lord by dedicating her much-desired son to the Lord, offering God what she prized the most. David expressed passionate worship through his pen while encouraging others to trust the Lord. In Scripture, it can be inspiring to read the various accounts of how God’s people transitioned from trials to testimonies, from problems to praise. *

Worship manifests in many ways – through action, thought and lifestyle. We can worship God daily through the choices we make and the way we respond to the tests and trials of life. While the time between transitions may be dark and burdensome, the final result ends in God’s glory.

ENGAGE

* Begin an open discussion.

- What is the longing in your heart that like Hannah, you can’t ignore?
- What will be your approach to deal with this going forward?



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Host monthly or quarterly baby showers for mothers in need in your community.

Collect diapers and wipes, crib sheets and blankets, formula and all the necessities, prepare baskets with love and care.

Spread the word in pizza parlors and women's shelters, pregnancy centers and women's hospitals and become known as the church who takes care of women in need.



02

Build a relationship with local women’s shelter in your area.

Ask admins for Christmas Wish lists from each child in their care.

Work together with your women’s ministry to shop for each list or solicit sponsors for each list and deliver gifts in shopping bags complete with wrapping paper, ribbons, tape, and bows so moms or guardians can wrap and place them under the tree.



03

Adopt a women's support agency in your neighborhood.

Provide volunteers from your ministry to mentor/support/tutor/organize whatever is needed.

Become sisters with staff, agency personnel, and clients served, show up and be faithful to a long term reciprocal and authentic friendship.



04

Support teachers in your community.

Sponsor or host food trucks at back to school events, provide coffee during exams, write thank you letters, or simply show up with donuts.



05

Support children in your community.

Work together with the women in your ministry to raise funds to purchase teacher's supply lists so that they do not have to beg for necessary resources when school begins.

Or sponsor an entire grade, or children at a local shelter or agency to provide school supplies for them as they return to school so that they have what they need to succeed in school.



06

Offer comfort to those in need.

Collect new luggage and host a build-a-bear party and deliver to the Foster Care agency in your area.

These items provide care and comfort for children in times of uncertainty and tradition.



07

Support parents.

Host a parent's night out by providing safe and free childcare for parents in your community.



08

Offer respite.

Serve as a Foster Family respite site, providing safe and secure care for children in Foster Care, or develop MealTrain for Foster Families.



09

Lead where needed.

Lead worship in the local women's jail and participate in the rotation to show up routinely to minister and support women who are incarcerated.

“Starting Strong”

5 And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” Revelation 21 :5

Here we are at the beginning of our CWC fiscal year 2023. What an awesome theme we have “Starting Strong” and a great challenge for us in every way. Whatever it is we have embarked upon or planning to do this year, let’s start strong. We start strong by getting to know Jesus better and better and giving Him first place in our everyday around life. I pray that as we work to maintain and grow this ministry, that we will do so with open hearts knowing that the God we serve is “making all things new” for us to start and stay strong.

We, CWC, have a budget to meet and it certainly can’t be met without you. Our giving is still not where it needs to be to honor our budget. We’ve got work to do. The mission field needs our support and I’m asking each of us to start strong with our giving and not only start but finish strong. I’m reminded of 1 Chronicles 29:1-22. It’s David’s prayer for finances for the building of the temple. In this prayer, David reminds us that everything we have comes from God, not us. So, let’s give back to Him what actually belongs to Him. Psalm 24:1 tells us that *“The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it;”* Psalm 24:1 (NRSV).

During our Dare to Dream Joint Convention in Orlando, FL on October 12, 2022, motions were put forth for a change in partnership giving and 2023-24 budget approval. Changes in partnership were approved

- a. To increase Basic Partnerships to \$20.00 (15.00 to National and 5.00 remain in the state) with local units being responsible for sending the designated amount of 15.00 directly to the national and the designated amount of 5.00 to the state treasurer.
- b. To increase the Lifetime Partnership to \$150.00 (125.00 to National and 25.00 remain in the state) with local units being responsible for sending the designated amount of 125.00 directly to the national and the designated amount of 25.00 to the state treasurer.
- c. Eliminate the challenge partnerships.

Budget motion was approved:

- a. To accept the proposed CWC budget for 2023-24 fiscal year.

We, as a group approved these motions, so it becomes our responsibility to see that they are carried through. To meet our budget, I challenge and encourage each of us to do several things listed below. If you have any ideas, please feel free to share with us - it takes all of us working together.

1. Once you receive dollars for the National Office, we ask that you send them as soon as you get them. Don’t wait until you’ve collected all monies to send. This process will help us manage our budget better.
2. Any dollars you have right now that should have been submitted to the National Office, please do so at this time. We can’t afford to wait.

3. Any extra dollars that you are not using for State Ministry please send, if not all send some of those dollars to the national office.
4. Be sure to send partnership dues that you collect to the National Office. (Refer to motion above).
5. Encourage your women who are Amazon shoppers to use Amazon Smile and enter CWC as their supporter. Amazon will send CWC a percentage of the price of certain items.
6. If you do fund raisers, please consider sending a percentage of those funds to the national office.
7. Consider saving 1.00 a day. At the end of the month, you will have 30.00 plus or minus depending on the days. We encourage you to send ½ of that to the National Office and you can decide on how you will divvy up the other ½ between the Local Unit and the State Office.

As you pray over these encouragements, please honor God as He gives you the answers. Christian Women Connection Ministry must go forward. Please continue to pray for our National Office, Board of Directors and CWC Council specifically for us to start strong and stay strong. We can't do it without your support, your prayers, and your finances. There are many people who need this ministry now, there are many who have benefitted from it in the past and there are many who will need it in the future. Let's start strong!

You are greatly appreciated for all you do. Start strong! Stay strong!

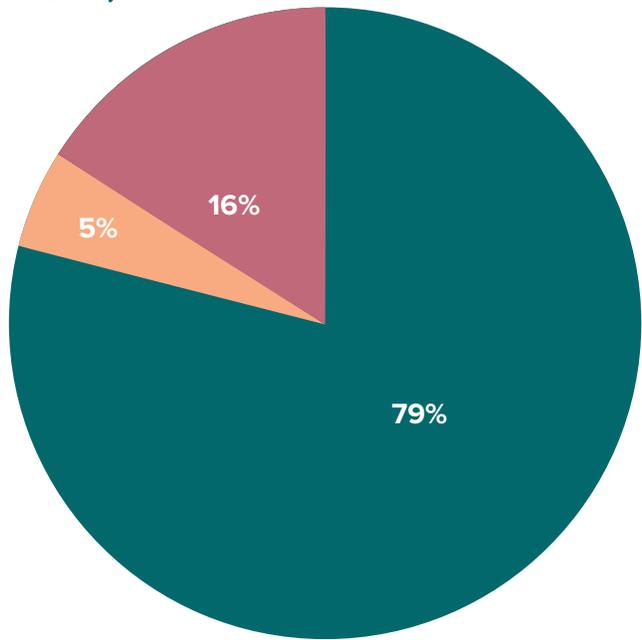


Barbara Williams
National Director of Finance

2023-2024 BUDGET

Income	2023-2024
Linen Chest	\$17,000.00
Hunger & Relief Fund	\$4,000.00
National Finance Project	\$1,000.00
Christ's Birthday Offering	\$600,000.00
Christ's Birthday Offering - Sales & Shipping	\$15,000.00
Outreach & Education	\$15,000.00
Change the World	\$10,000.00
Spiritual Birthday	\$7,000.00
Regional Focus Retreats	\$2,000.00
Partnership	\$54,000.00
ARISE	\$20,000.00
Literature & Video Sales	\$2,500.00
Other Contributions	\$25,000.00
Connect One Campaign	\$1,500.00
CWC Event @ CHOG Convention	\$2,300.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$776,300.00
Expenses	2023-2024
Reserves	\$45,000.00
Linen Chest	\$15,000.00
Hunger & Relief Fund	\$4,000.00
Convention-Start up Costs	\$10,000.00
CBO-CHOG Ministries Portion	\$111,400.00
NA CHOG In-service trng	\$1,000.00
Educ Asst for Women (Domestic)	\$1,000.00
Educ Asst for Women (Overseas)	\$1,000.00
Women in Ministry Support	\$3,000.00
CWC Council	\$10,000.00
Board of Directors	\$5,000.00
Special/Standing Committees	\$5,000.00
Connector Ministry - Web based	\$500.00
Regional Focus Retreats	\$2,000.00
President's Allowance	\$4,500.00
NA Convention of CHOG	\$6,000.00
Cultivation	\$12,000.00
Connection	\$4,000.00
CWC Vehicle Rental	\$2,500.00
Field Work - Staff & President	\$31,000.00
Salaries & Benefits	\$298,651.62
CBO Sales/Shipping	\$8,000.00
CBO Expense	\$42,315.04
Mailing Supplies	\$750.00
Copies/Copier Lease	\$5,500.00
Office Supplies	\$9,000.00
Postage	\$5,000.00
CWC event at CHOG convention	\$3,000.00
CHOGM Lease	\$73,933.34
Telephone	\$1,000.00
Website host	\$2,500.00
Insurance	\$9,000.00
Equipment	\$3,000.00
Public/Staff/Employee Relations	\$3,000.00
Professional Services	\$5,000.00
Audit	\$7,000.00
Contract Labor	\$18,750.00
Computer Network	\$2,000.00
Bank Charges	\$5,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$776,300.00

Income

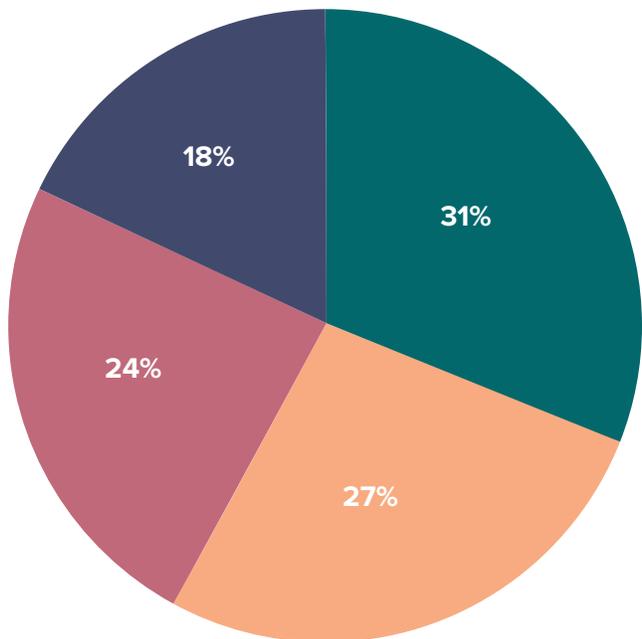


■ **Christ's Birthday Offering 79%**

■ **CWC Partnership/Project Funds 16%**
Change the World, Spiritual Birthday, Partnerships/subscriptions, Arise Academy, etc.

■ **Missions 5%**
Linen Chest, Hunger & Relief Fund, Outreach & Education

Expenses



■ **Missions 31%**
Linen chest, missionary support, global and domestic projects to benefit women and children

■ **Empowerment 27%**
Spiritual formation, leadership training, and education (Arise Academy)

■ **Connection 24%**
Relationships, mentorships, conferences and events

■ **Future Investment 18%**
Investing in the next generation of leaders, technology and support

Products

2023

RESOURCES & PRODUCTS

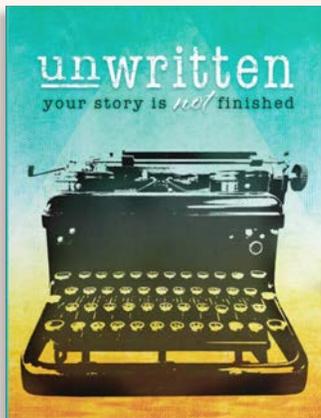
All products can be purchased online at www.christianwomenconnection.org



2023 Women's Ministry Planner (formerly Annual Planning Guide)

Contains material for organizing your women's group, information on national projects, programs, organizational contacts, missionary listings and tips for planning the coming year. We have also included a group bible study.

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“Preach like a girl” tees help bring awareness and support our women in ministry.

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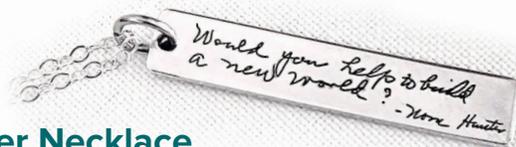
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When you purchase a sewing tee to support the sewing centers in Congo and Uganda, 100% of the proceeds go to benefit women learning a vocation to support their families and their communities.

D4247 \$50.00 + Shipping/Handling



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This beautiful one-of-a-kind necklace features a quote from Nora Hunters’ journal. “Would you help me build a better world.” It is inscribed on the necklace in Nora’s handwriting and is sure to be a staple in your jewelry box! Purchase one today. The necklace chain length is 18’.

D4249S \$50.00 + Shipping/Handling



90th Celebration Tumbler

Celebrate the 90th anniversary of Christian Women Connection with the purchase of a tumbler. The RTIC tumblers are stainless steel and help keep your drinks hot or cold. The size of the tumbler is 20oz.

D4250 \$10.00 + Shipping/Handling

90th Celebration Tee

Purchase a 90th Celebration Tee to celebrate the 90 years of ministry of CWC. The tees feature our 90th logo. The tees are ring spun cotton/polyester.

D4248 \$15.00 + Shipping/Handling





GLOBAL STRATEGY

CHURCH OF GOD MINISTRIES

Africa

Tim & Joy Coppess	Botswana	Missionaries
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Larry & Leann Sellers	Cote D'ivoire	Missionaries
Kaitlin Smith	Uganda	Missionary
Tim & Colleen Stevenson	Uganda	Missionaries
Corey & Abby Stocksdale	Botswana	Missionaries

Asia/Pacific

Don & Caroline Armstrong	Thailand	RCs for Asia-Pacific Region
Bernie & Akiko Barton	Japan	Missionary
Steven & Peggy Beverly	Sri Lanka	Missionaries
Drew & Sunny Brown	Pakistan	Missionaries
Mike & Makiko Boyle	Japan	Special Assignment Missionaries
Kris & Megan Gilbert	New Zealand	Global Pastors
Terence & Christy Van Dam	Japan	Missionaries
Mike Wagner	Japan	Missionary

Caribbean/Atlantic

Mark & Kathy Fulton	Haiti	Missionaries
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Latin America

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Sarah Hunnicutt	Honduras	Missionary
Paul & Kattia Jones	Bolivia	Missionaries
Norberto & Nancy Kurrle	Paraguay	Special Assignment Missionaries
Jonathan & Beth Todd	Brazil	Missionaries
Jason & Abby Torgeson	Costa Rica	RCs for Latin America

North America

Tim & Kim Wardell	United States	Missionaries
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The Linen Chest

The CWC Linen Chest is unlike any other missionary-support program in the world—and is often the envy of missionaries from other traditions!

The Linen Chest serves to provide career missionaries with household necessities as they serve, and again once they return stateside. CWC groups send financial support to the Linen Chest, which enables the national office to shop for practical and high-quality linens in current styles and desired colors. As travel restrictions weight allowances change over the years, missionaries are very conscious of how much they can pack. Therefore, it is prudent to provide excellent quality goods that exceed what is available to them locally in their country of service and worth the space to carry over.

Missionary families receive goods such as:

- Kitchen, Bath & Bed Linens
- Tupperware & Pampered Chef Utensils
- Specific Appliances for on the Field
- Clothing Allowance for Women Missionaries on Home Assignment
- First-Year College Assistance for Missionary Teens
- Linen Chest Supplies for the Missionary Apartments in Anderson, Indiana



Current Needs:

- Quality bath towels and/or match sets (No rubber-backed bath mats)
(NO PASTELS - Popular colors are shades of khaki, teal, sage green)
- Quality kitchen towels, dish cloths, hot pads
(We currently have an abundance of red color)
- Tupperware and Pampered Chef Goods
– especially smaller and non-heavy items
- Monetary donations to fund the Linen Chest Mission



“Your continued care of missionaries means so much to us.”

- Jamie Nachtigall



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<https://a.co/flKkHKH>



Introduction

Everyone needs a fresh start, a new beginning, a chance to begin again—this is exactly what life in Jesus offers us, and this is why women with little ability to change their own lives, given the social structure of the first century, found hope in the kingdom of God. In this Bible Study series, we invite you to engage in the stories of some of the women of the New Testament and learn how life in Christ offered them a Fresh Start while asking yourself how the trajectory of their narrative compares with your own. In the pages of this study, you will see women struggle, fail, find the strength to hope again, and our prayer is that this will cause you to find those same attributes in your journey to encourage your heart wherever you may find yourself now.

You will get out of this what you put in it. Reread texts you might think you already know well; there may be a discovery for you that the Spirit wants to reveal. Write your questions as you read on your own so you can process them in your group time; remember, Scripture is meant to be studied in community together, and we need each other to share our insights and understanding.

WEEK 1: LYDIA

I had completed college, landed a job in government, and was one step closer to realizing my dream of a career in politics when everything started to go wrong. Suddenly, the career that I had prepared so hard for in school and had worked so many internships to secure was not turning out to be a means to make the world a better place after all. As a legislative aid, I spent my days researching and writing speeches for an elected official I believed in who turned out to be a phony. As my exuberance for this person's success waned, so did their value for me and the services I provided. As my professional life took a tailspin, I began to seek God as my only true refuge. In so doing, I took my one hard-earned week of vacation to return to the youth camp where I had grown up learning about Jesus and serving as a worship leader and a junior high girls' counselor.

If my life was terrible before I got to camp, add in the elements of red clay, no air conditioning, mosquitoes, and adolescent girls to get a better picture of the fresh sense of hell on earth I was living. The girls in my cabin did not want to listen to my morning devotions, were not interested in joining in on any camp activities, refused to eat the camp fare for fear of gaining an ounce, and only had time to fraternize with one group of boys from the other side of the campsite. It was a fact that I was failing at my job at home, and now I was failing at the simple task of keeping junior high girls engaged at Jesus camp! All the plans for my life were in a heap of waste, and I was headed nowhere fast.

Discuss:

Have you ever been there? Where you felt like the plans for your life have been thwarted at every turn? How did that make you feel? How did you react? Did it turn out to be for your benefit or for your ill?

Read Acts 16:1-15

16 Paul went first to Derbe and then to Lystra, where there was a young disciple named Timothy. His mother was a Jewish believer, but his father was a Greek. ² Timothy was well thought of by the believers [in] Lystra and Iconium, ³ so Paul wanted him to join them on their journey. In deference

to the Jews of the area, he arranged for Timothy to be circumcised before they left, for everyone knew that his father was a Greek. ⁴ Then they went from town to town, instructing the believers to follow the decisions made by the apostles and elders in Jerusalem. ⁵ So the churches were strengthened in their faith and grew larger every day.

⁶ Next Paul and Silas traveled through the area of Phrygia and Galatia, because the Holy Spirit had prevented them from preaching the word in the province of Asia at that time. ⁷ Then coming to the borders of Mysia, they headed north for the province of Bithynia,^[b] but again the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them to go there. ⁸ So instead, they went on through Mysia to the seaport of Troas.

⁹ That night Paul had a vision: A man from Macedonia in northern Greece was standing there, pleading with him, “Come over to Macedonia and help us!” ¹⁰ So we^[c] decided to leave for Macedonia at once, having concluded that God was calling us to preach the Good News there.

¹¹ We boarded a boat at Troas and sailed straight across to the island of Samothrace, and the next day we landed at Neapolis. ¹² From there we reached Philippi, a major city of that district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. And we stayed there several days.

¹³ On the Sabbath we went a little way outside the city to a riverbank, where we thought people would be meeting for prayer, and we sat down to speak with some women who had gathered there. ¹⁴ One of them was Lydia from Thyatira, a merchant of expensive purple cloth, who worshiped God. As she listened to us, the Lord opened her heart, and she accepted what Paul was saying. ¹⁵ She and her household were baptized, and she asked us to be her guests. “If you agree that I am a true believer in the Lord,” she said, “come and stay at my home.” And she urged us until we agreed.¹

Imagine the very first convert in Europe was a woman named Lydia. Paul and his entourage must have been incredibly discouraged by the continued frustration of their plans. In this text, we see the entire Godhead gets involved in keeping Paul from going where he plans to go, stopping him from entering the city he has deemed the next right stop on his missionary journey, not once, not twice, but three times they had to alter their plans and adjust their course.

After responding the third time to a dream, they sail over to what is now Europe and the town of Greece and encounter Lydia and her women in Philippi, likely washing their garments down by the riverside. Though we do not know for sure, this is probably not what Paul planned for the beginning of the church on that continent either, but it is what God had in mind.

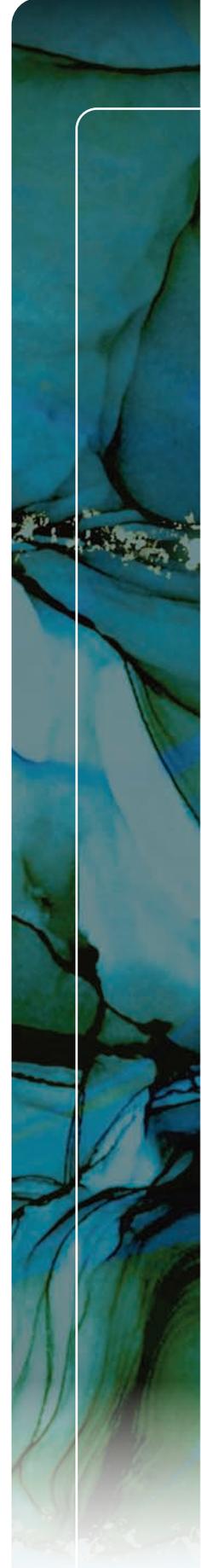
Lydia, a wealthy merchant woman, dealt in purple cloths, and purple dye was reserved for the Imperial-class. Purple dye was made from mollusk shells which hailed from ancient Tyre and Phoenicia, so Lydia being from Thyatira, would have been a woman of significant means to deal in trade across the empire and travel to do so. It is precisely because of her financial means and social connections that she would have been able to help Paul network with many other influential women and other patrons in Philippi.

As we see when reading through Philippians, Paul refers to the congregations there as his “joy and crown (4.1).” This is because the churches at Philippi become the financial supporters of his missionary journeys. Further, we read in Philippians 4 that there are female leaders in some of the house churches (Euodia, Syntyche), and we know from early church tradition that the house churches in Philippi are the strongest of those Paul plants as Polycarp attests to them still being vibrant in the 2nd century C.E.

It is from his support from Philippi that Paul can plant churches in Corinth, Athens, Ephesus, the seven churches of Revelation, the churches of the Lycus valley, and many more. Imagine what might not have occurred if his plans had not been thwarted.

¹ New Living Translation, Bible Gateway, <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Acts%2016&version=NLT>





Imagine if Lydia had not been faithful to have been in the right place at the right time and allowing a fresh start to grow out of what she had already begun.

Reflect:

That horrible week at junior high camp was the week I was called into ministry. All the young women in my cabin came to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, and the trajectory of my life was reset forever. I went home, resigned from my state legislature position, and began pursuing ministry and the ordination process full-time.

I wonder where you are today if you feel God has put roadblocks in your way. Do you need to grieve these obstacles? Can you begin to think about these obstacles as opportunities? Are you open to God using your life for His purposes in whatever way He chooses? If so, spend some time praying and offer your life to Him.

Amen.

WEEK 2: PRISCA

In 2022 the world watched in horror as Russia invaded Ukraine. Our television and social media footage was filled with images of bombed-out apartment buildings, dirty baby blankets, abandoned toys, and refugee children in flight. Women told stories to the media about the hard choices of leaving their husbands, fathers, and sons behind to fight for their homeland and the pain of being torn from the country they loved the homes they had built, and the life they had created for themselves and their children.

We were incensed by the audacity of one ruler in the modern world, with the power and temerity to chase another group of people from their own land, although we had read of it many times over in history books, hadn't we? White Europeans chased Native Americans off their Native lands in the Americas, Anglo Saxons, and Germanic tribes, and before them, the Romans, and Greeks across the globe.

This is precisely where we first encounter the narrative of Prisca in the biblical account; she is, like so many of her time, a refugee in need of a new beginning, a fresh start, a chance to rebuild the life that has just been upended through no cause of her own.

Read: Acts 18:1-3

Then Paul left Athens and went to Corinth.^[a] ² There he became acquainted with a Jew named Aquila, born in Pontus, who had recently arrived from Italy with his wife, Priscilla. They had left Italy when Claudius Caesar deported all Jews from Rome. ³ Paul lived and worked with them, for they were tentmakers^[b] just as he was.²

According to the Roman Record, the emperor Claudius expelled all the Jews from Rome in 49 C.E. It looks as though Prisca (the proper name of the diminutive form Priscilla) was connected to the noble Roman family the Aquilli Glabriones as I and others have demonstrated in published research.³ This family was an old and influential part of the ruling class elite of the Roman Empire. Among their ranks were some of the highest government officials including Pudens, a senator who is also named in the New Testament (2 Timothy 4:21).

My research, in concert with others, argues that Prisca was a noble woman from this family who met a Jewish barbarian who was enslaved in the Aquilli Glabriones household, who thus naturally took the name Aquilla. She fell in love with Aquilla, accepted his God and religion and left

² New Living Translation, Bible Gateway, <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Acts%2018&version=NLT>

³ Kimberly Majeski, Priestesses and Holy Women: In Search of St. Prisca, A Submission to Midwest Society of Biblical Literature, February 2013.

Rome with him when Claudius expelled the Jews in 49. This is how Prisca and Aquilla meet Paul in Corinth—the newest boom town of the empire. The two refugees left the eternal city with little more than they could carry on their backs; they would have relocated to somewhere they had a chance at rebuilding some sort of life for themselves.

Ancient Corinth provided just such an opportunity. As the home of the Isthmian games, the forerunner to what is now known as the Olympics, people from all over the empire flocked to the city on the Aegean Sea and needed leather goods. Travelers needed leather sandals, saddles, tents, and awnings to block them from the sun while they watched the games, so leather working—tent making—seemed like the best option for their business. Moreover, it was a mobile trade; you only needed small tools and could transport them wherever you needed. It was the perfect trade for folks trying to rebuild their lives or, like Paul, needing an industry he could transport along his journey.

At some point, the three met up and combined their workshop, and Prisca and Aquilla learned about Jesus and became followers of the Way. They traveled with Paul to Ephesus from Corinth and established the community there before Paul's return two years later. Paul will later send them ahead of him to Rome in the same way. Prisca and Aquilla become part of Paul's innermost circle and his most trusted friends. They are leaders and preachers in the early church, as we see Prisca and Aquilla counseling Apollos (Acts 18: 26) and Paul writing that the whole Gentile church gives thanks for them because they "risked their necks" for the sake of the gospel (Rom.16.3).

Reflect:

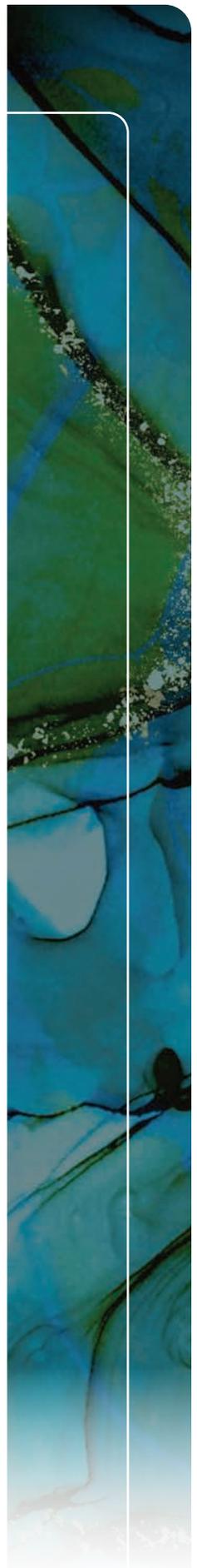
What is true is that circumstances upended Prisca's life, not of her own choosing. Has this ever happened to you? Have you ever been in a position of losing something you loved or someone, being forced into a life-altering situation because of someone else's actions, and you had to deal with the consequences? We learn from the story of Prisca, and this is just one chapter, mind you, that in Christ Jesus, we can begin again. Together with Aquila and Paul, she could dream new dreams and rebuild a life that I am sure she never even imagined for herself in the atrium of her domicile in Rome. Prisca's ministry would take her many places, and she would help lead the early church in its most critical days of infancy, all because she allowed the incredible life-altering work of Jesus to rebuild her future according to his plan.

Discuss:

Have you ever found yourself fleeing from a situation for your health or against your will? Would you like to share it with the group? Have you ever left a job, a career, or a relationship or changed status like married to divorced, or stay at home mom to empty nester, or happily married to a widow? How did these changes affect you? What were some of the insecurities or anxieties that emerged for you in your change of status? What was it like for you to begin to rebuild? Are you still in a place where you need to start rebuilding? What would it look like to find your purpose again?

Prayer

Spend some time praying over needs and thanksgivings that have come to light during the discussion.



WEEK 3: JUNIA

Long before the 2017 box office hit, *Hidden Figures* made Katherine Johnson a household name; she was a little-known brilliant historical figure who had made an incredible impact on the space race in the United States. Though she faced racial and gender discrimination, her mathematical precision saw her calculations rise in esteem at NASA until her coordinates plotted the exact path for the Freedom 7 spacecraft to enter space for the first time successfully in 1961 and later to navigate the moon landing of Apollo 11 in 1969.

Just like Katherine Johnson and her female colleagues, the New Testament is filled with Hidden Figures, who made epic contributions to early church history and a lasting effect on the story of the gospel. Like Katherine Johnson, one of those women, Junia, is often misremembered, or her narrative is lost to the ages altogether.

Read: Romans 16. 3- 16

³Give my greetings to Priscilla and Aquila, my co-workers in the ministry of Christ Jesus. ⁴In fact, they once risked their lives for me. I am thankful to them, and so are all the Gentile churches. ⁵Also give my greetings to the church that meets in their home.

Greet my dear friend Epenetus. He was the first person from the province of Asia to become a follower of Christ. ⁶Give my greetings to Mary, who has worked so hard for your benefit. ⁷Greet Andronicus and Junia,^[a] my fellow Jews,^[b] who were in prison with me. They are highly respected among the apostles and became followers of Christ before I did. ⁸Greet Ampliatus, my dear friend in the Lord. ⁹Greet Urbanus, our co-worker in Christ, and my dear friend Stachys.

¹⁰Greet Apelles, a good man whom Christ approves. And give my greetings to the believers from the household of Aristobulus. ¹¹Greet Herodion, my fellow Jew.^[c] Greet the Lord's people from the household of Narcissus. ¹²Give my greetings to Tryphena and Tryphosa, the Lord's workers, and to dear Persis, who has worked so hard for the Lord. ¹³Greet Rufus, whom the Lord picked out to be his very own; and also his dear mother, who has been a mother to me.

¹⁴Give my greetings to Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas, and the brothers and sisters^[d] who meet with them. ¹⁵Give my greetings to Philologus, Julia, Nereus and his sister, and to Olympas and all the believers^[e] who meet with them. ¹⁶Greet each other with a sacred kiss. All the churches of Christ send you their greetings.⁴

Here you will note that Paul is, at the end of his letter to the churches in Rome, greeting his friends, and among his friends listed here are many named women. Ten are mentioned in Romans 16, including Phoebe, who we will discuss in the next lesson. ⁵Sadly, many of these women have gone overlooked by history, which, for the last several millennia, has tended to turn on the events and accomplishments of men. But, these women were there, named in the biblical record. If Paul is to be believed in his letter to the Romans, then Junia was there, even before him, and her faith, along with Andronicus', is renowned and esteemed by the apostles themselves.

⁴ New Living Translation, Bible Gateway, <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans%2016&version=NLT>

⁵ The small note at the end of Junia's name denotes that some manuscripts report Junias, the male form of the name, however, the earliest and most complete manuscripts use the female form of the name, Junia. The female form of the name is also supported by early church manuscript tradition.

Early church father and 5th century Bishop of Constantinople, St. John of Chrysostom, wrote of Junia,

To be an apostle is something great. But to be outstanding among the apostles—just think what a wonderful song of praise that is! They were outstanding on the basis of their works and virtuous actions. Indeed, how great the wisdom of this woman must have been that she was even deemed worthy of the title of apostle. ⁶

-John Chrysostom

If you think about it, Junia has much in common with many apostles or those with the apostolic gift; she was a catalyst, a beginner, and one of those who was gifted, called, and anointed to be at the start of the work. While we may grieve the fact that much of her narrative is lost to the ages, we can be grateful for the memory and the legacy of all those who have gone before us and were the firsts, the early adopters, the ones who prepared the soil, who gave the idea a try, who took the step into the waters before they parted. Junia was one of these, are you?

Discuss:

Is that who you are? Are you a starter? Do you jump out ahead of the others, lead the way, and give it a try? Buy in early? Or do you hang back, wait and see, watch to see how the others do first?

It's evident in the Scriptures that Paul was the second type. As a Pharisee, he was skeptical about this Jesus; he was waiting to see if anything came of another Messianic pretender. For Paul, nothing new had happened. Folks were still sick and dying, and Rome was still in charge. But Junia... must've seen something spectacular in Jesus and knew there was something different in what he offered the world. Maybe it was the way he preached, or perhaps it was the way he healed the woman with the issue of blood, or maybe it was the way he fed all those people that day with just a few fish and some loaves of bread. Whatever had caused her faith, she held it, so much so that she refused to recant even if it meant prison. She believed so fiercely she was willing to suffer, and her faith, her fervent belief in Jesus, was an inspiration even to his closest friends.

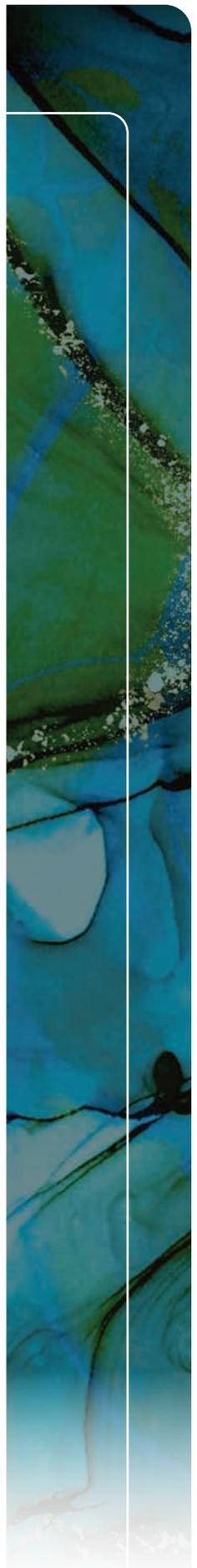
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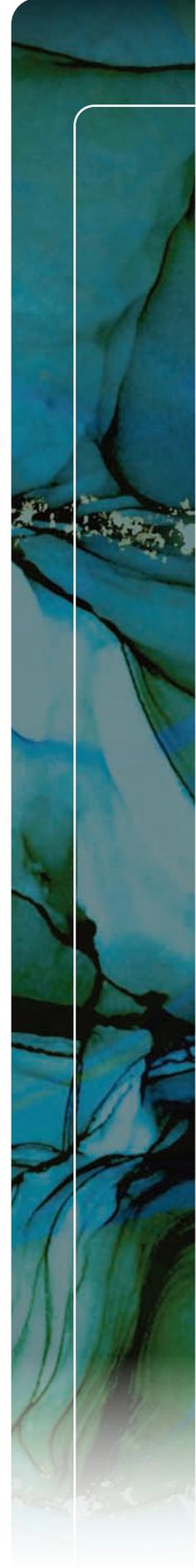
Ask yourself, are you a Junia? Is your faith a catalyst for others? When has it been? When has it not been? What things do you need to start believing for and step out in faith?

WEEK 4: PHOEBE

When I think about outstanding women, women who were before their time, women who stood up and made a lasting impact, I think about my paternal grandmother Ruby. She was one of the original Rosie the Riveters. Born in 1917, my grandmother and her 13 brothers and sisters migrated from West Tennessee to Nashville. Living in what can only be described as a one-room shack, somehow all but one of the children survived the worst flu epidemic the nation had ever seen. My grandmother grew to marry and have two children, only to see her husband abandon her during Great Depression. Times were hard everywhere, and my grandmother had little options except to go to work, which is what she did, becoming

⁶ St. John of Chrysostom, In Epistolam ad Romanos, Homilia 31, 2 (J.P. Migne, Patrologiae cursus completus, series Graeca [= PG] 60, 669f.) <https://womenpriests.org/articles-books/broeten-junia-outstanding-among-the-apostles-romans-167-1/>





employed at the Avco plant in Nashville, securing nuts and bolts on airport wings. When the men returned from the war and many women were pushed out of their positions, somehow, my grandmother retained hers. She continued to work until retirement but only after helping to build the first space shuttle to launch into space.

The stories of women are essential; they leave imprints on our lives. I'm sure you have stories of incredible women in your ancestry, who persevered, who led through the impossible, and who helped change the course of history.

One of those women was Phoebe, and though her mention in the Scripture is brief, it is powerful and deserves our attention and pause.

Read: Romans 16: 1-2

¹I commend to you our sister Phoebe, who is a deacon in the church in Cenchrea. ²Welcome her in the Lord as one who is worthy of honor among God's people. Help her in whatever she needs, for she has been helpful to many, and especially to me.⁷

Though this is a seemingly small entry in Paul's letter, its significance and placement is enormous. Let's spend a minute unpacking why. First, Paul is "commending" Phoebe, so he is introducing her to the community of the baptized, and he is giving her his seal of approval...he is, in essence, saying she is a leader; welcome her because she is worthy of honor among us and she is my mouthpiece.

Before we even get into her title as a deacon(diakonos), we note that she is from Cenchrea, a critical harbor town on the eastern side of the isthmus of Corinth. Not named here in relation to any male counterpart, as many of the other women are, it is safe to assume that Phoebe is a servant in the community of believers and serves without attachment to a husband or father. In referring to Phoebe as a diakonos, Paul has strategically used a word that he has only ever used for other ministers of the Gospel, including himself, Timothy (1 Tim. 4:6), Epaphras (Col. 1:7), Tychicus (Eph. 6:21-22; Col. 4:7-9), Apollos (1 Cor. 3:5), and even Jesus Christ (Rom. 15:8).⁸

By introducing Phoebe to the Roman churches, Paul has made sure they understand her status within the early church and among his closest inner circle. Moreover, it seems likely that he may have bestowed upon her the office of courier and exegete for the message of Romans itself.

It is Phoebe alone who would have the means to carry the letter and is given by Paul the introduction to share the message of the letter with the congregations at Rome. Remember, most of those in the earliest centuries couldn't read, so the culture was much more oral in nature. Letters were read audibly before the congregation. Just as with other letters, it seems Timothy served as a courier and the person who would read aloud, expound, and answer questions before the congregation; it appears in Romans this was Phoebe's role which is why it makes sense that Paul wants to commend her to them. Phoebe's responsibility then would have been to travel to the various congregations, reading Paul's letter and making sure that the community understood Paul's teachings; she would have fielded their questions and helped them struggle through some of Paul's most erudite theology. Phoebe was the exegete, the preacher, the teacher, the communicator of the Gospel message, the one who made sure Paul's words got through to the hearts of men and women awaiting his word in Rome.

⁷ New Living Translation, Bible Gateway,

Discuss:

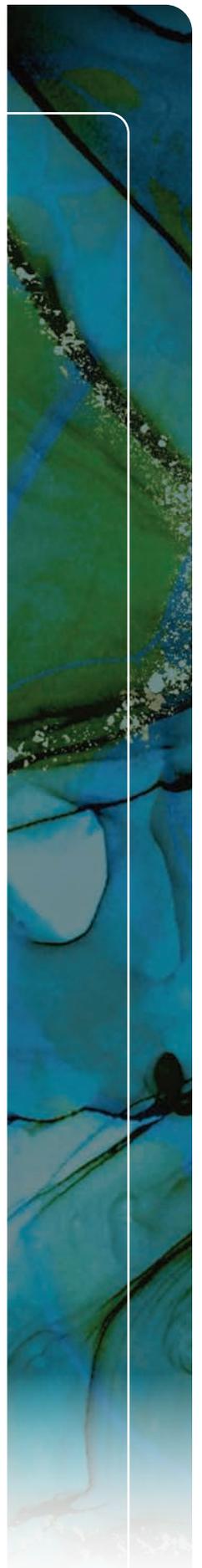
Ask yourself, when was the last time you allowed God to use you to be his vessel? Do you feel there are great things inside you waiting to burst forth? Have you ever had a taste of your own God-breathed potential? What would it mean for you to step into that? What would it look like?

Take some time and write down what you believe God is calling you to step into. What are those things so far beyond you that you are afraid for anyone to see your paper right now? Write them anyway; they are only for you and Jesus. Let the Spirit direct you, and don't let fear keep you from seeing what you need to see in your life.

Women have always been vessels for honor, accomplishing amazing feats for the benefit of the kingdom; why not you? Why not now? Let God use you like Phoebe; allow this moment to commend you to the task.

As you write down your biggest dreams and your God-breathed potential, come back together as a group and pray. If you feel comfortable sharing your first steps toward your potential with the group, do so...don't be afraid to leave space for quiet pauses. Then spend some time praying together over what each of you holds in your heart, over what God knows about how God wants to use your life. Allow God to move and work in this time and space.

Amen.



MISSIONS - Dare To Dream

GOD'S POTENTIAL FOR US ALL - REV. COLLEEN STEVENSON

THE CALL -

First my parents, the Hoffmans and then, the Stevensons



Infant Colleen sitting on dad's lap when Hoffmans left Canada in 1959



Tim and Colleen - beginning our lifelong mission career

A. The call is powerful!

- 1. Preparation for the Call.** When God calls – HE equips, HE protects, HE encourages and says, “I will never leave you nor forsake you!”
- 2. Heed the call** - foreign or local. We cannot stay silent or uninvolved. There is surrender and sacrifice involved! We see Paul’s missionary journeys in the New Testament as he endured many trials to make sure the Gospel was shared. We must be a sending church to survive!

Jesus told us in the great commission to continue “going” and serving until the day He returns. I want to impress upon you the importance of supporting missions today. Is the day of missions over? IT IS NOT! We must speak, stand, and SHOUT out the name of Jesus. We must get uncomfortable! Churches must keep missions as a line item on their budgets and agendas.

QUESTION A: What is your women’s group doing about supporting missions-both local and foreign? Please take 5-10 minutes to discuss the activities you are supporting. If you need some ideas, please contact the CWC office.

- 3. Service and sacrifice** - Jesus asked the fishermen on the sea of Galilee to leave their work and follow Him to serve. They obeyed as soon as they heard His call. Then he gave them authority!

“And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction.”

We have the authority to change the world – there is power in the name of Jesus! Jesus and his disciples listened to needs, taught the word, prayed for the sick, healed those who were tormented, and broke bread...

His example created life-long dedicated followers who impacted the world! Lives were shaken and turned around to serve the living Christ! Are you looking for an opportunity to help change a part of the world in the

name of Jesus? There is a conviction deep down in all of us to make a difference for God – otherwise, what is the purpose of our existence! Let us be on fire for what counts in eternity.

Action:

In 2019, a small women’s delegation led by Rev. Arnetta Bailey from CWC to open a sewing center in Uganda. This was a commitment that had been made in 2017, and this group fulfilled it. They ignited a dare to dream idea! After discussions with CWC, a plea was given by the women of Congo and Uganda. We need more sewing centers like this! WHEELS BEGAN TO TURN... God was at work!

QUESTION B: A discussion about doing a CWC visit to one of the places abroad women have been helping to make a difference. Is this a possibility for your group or could you join with another women’s group?

B. In east Africa the fight has become almost unbearable!

- 1. Hardships** - These past two years East Africa has experienced one of the worst droughts in decades... this followed on the footsteps of a locust invasion, the Covid-19 fallout, and an Ebola outbreak! Talk about the plagues!

Statistics showed us:

- 32,000 girls got pregnant every month, during the Covid school lockdown – the longest school closure in the world
- Early marriages – families could not cope with feeding their large families, so they encouraged their young daughters to marry, some of these girls were only 13 or 14 years old.
- School dropouts – 1/3 of the students didn’t go back to school – due to low rate of employment, hopelessness and/or pregnancies, early marriages.
- Unemployment is a huge problem due to slow economic growth, lack of skills and high population growth.

Jesus says in John 10:10: “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; but I have come that they may have life and have it to the full.”

2. Solutions: GIVING HOPE!

One of the solutions we have experienced is giving hope. We have created vocational training centers and opportunities for young people to learn ways to create small businesses.



Photo of Arnetta and CWC team in Uganda



Slums are everywhere



Girl with a sewing machine making a pattern from cement bags

How? CWC has come along side of this crisis to help in a practical way. With the celebration of their 90 years of service, they are promoting sewing centers in the Congo and Uganda. \$90,000 for 9 sewing centers! This is an exciting way for you to get involved through giving, visitation, and promotion!

3. Sharing:

A Life impacting story of Miriam Akiki –

The first time I saw Miriam was when I visited her mother, Hajara in a small mud room she rented in the slums of Kampala, Uganda. We sat on hand made mats surrounded by mud-plastered walls, with chunks that had fallen on the ground. There was no running water, no electricity, and no window for light.



HOPE vocational school – catering & tailoring



Miriam sewing a dress in the HOPE vocational school

Home visitation is one of the ministries for outreach for Tumaini Aids Prevention Program (TAPP) and women who live in poverty. As a single mother, Hajara did her best to care for her three small daughters, as she had been abandoned by her spouse upon finding out she was HIV positive.



Miriam showing a shirt she designed

She eked a meager living by washing clothes for the nearby neighbors but due to her weakness, she could barely walk. Within a short space of time, she passed away. Miriam was 6 years old at the time, and her older sister was 8. Her younger sister passed away shortly after her mom due to Aids.

Through sponsorship, the 2 older girls started school and since there was no family to be found, a teacher from the Church of God school welcomed the girls into their home and has been their guardian ever since. Miriam's story would have ended after finishing high school, but due to her sponsor and the kindness of others, she is now attending HOPE vocational training school in Kampala, Uganda, where she has learned to sew uniforms, baby clothes and women's clothes. This skill gives her great hope of a profession and ways to support herself.

Reflection:

Take time to reflect on this verse. What is it saying to you?

Colossians 3:12-15 – “Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Make allowance for each other’s faults and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony. And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body, you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful.”

In another story - Miriam would be on the streets, but she has been given hope and a lease on life due to sponsorship and the opportunity to attend vocational training school. Her life has been transformed!

There are many girls like Miriam who could benefit from learning a trade.

With these sewing centers, we desire to give HOPE to many other girls like Miriam. This is a huge way to support young mothers, single moms, and those who are unemployed, unskilled and have no money for higher education.

4. Promote/Give:

Promotion of these sewing centers, specifically to help young girls, single mothers, and the vulnerable will change lives and futures. Sixty percent of the population in Congo and Uganda are 15 years and below. Many are school dropouts and need to learn new skills. The alternative? Sex trafficking to the Arab countries, early marriages, school dropouts, and prostitution. This sounds grim, and it is! But you can help change this by donating to the 90th sewing centers project!

How? \$10,000 will include a building to sew in, sewing machines, and an instructor for a year. These will be built in our church centers and be open for the community at large. This is a great evangelistic tool!

Reflection (Group):

Embrace your calling. READ: John 21: 9-22

Resources:

Additional reading:

The Power of Women by Dr. Denis Mukwege (Nobel Peace Prize 2018)

What they Meant for Evil by Rebecca Deng

Videos:

Women of TAPP meeting together – <https://youtu.be/yDJNzjUYVMs>

Women in TAPP with bottle cap recycling - https://youtu.be/DAXxru_LJV0

Recipe to try: Ugandan Rolex - https://www.bbc.co.uk/food/recipes/ugandan_rolex_11861

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Page 53: National Mailing List Update Form

This form is to notify the national office of the name and other information for the incoming 2023-2024 local coordinator/leader. Once you, as a local group, have selected your local leader for the new year, fill out this form and **mail it to the national office** (P.O. Box 2328 Anderson, IN 46018-2328). This will allow the national office to update our records and to mail important information to each local leader. Feel free to make copies of this form as needed.

Page 55: Local Leaders List

This form is **sent to the state president** once you have selected each connector/officer for 2023-2024 term. Filling this form out as completely as possible and mailing it to the state president allows her to keep up-to-date records of each local unit of the Christian Women Connection. She, in turn, is then able to send out important information to each officer as needed so that ministry can occur in both directions. Feel free to make copies of this form as needed.

Page 57: Life Partnership Form

This page has two copies of the Life Membership form. For each person who pays a life membership, fill one form out as completely as possible and **mail it, with the \$150.00, to your state treasurer**. The state treasurer is then able to keep up-to-date records of those who have their paid life membership. Feel free to make copies of this page as needed.

Page 59: Honorary Gift – In Memoriam Certificate Form

Use this form when an honorary or a memorial gift is to be made in someone's name. The local treasurer will fill out the form as completely as possible and **mail it, with the payment and indicated shipping and handling, to the state treasurer**. The state treasurer is then able to keep up-to-date records of honorary and memorial gifts as well as send out the indicated certificate, plaque, or pin. Feel free to make copies of this form as needed.

2023 - 2024 National Mailing List Update

This page is for the incoming 2023-2024 coordinator/leader only. Complete the form after the new coordinator/leader has been selected. Please send this form to Christian Women Connection.

Name of the 2023 – 2024 coordinator/leader:

Street Address/Route/Box # _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Area Code/Phone # _____

Email Address _____

Group Name _____

Number of Members _____

Average Meeting Attendance _____

Former Leader's Name _____

Pastor's Name _____

Name of Congregation _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Return this form to:

Christian Women Connection

PO Box 2328

Anderson, IN 46018-2328

Policy: The national office of Christian Women Connection attempts to remain in contact with every local group each year through annual mailings. By completing this form and returning it to the national office, you ensure that we have the correct information so that the right person will receive these mailings.

If your congregation has been receiving one mailing only but has more than one group, please make copies of this form and complete a form for each group. Once we receive the form for each group, they will receive their own mailing.

Make copies of this form as needed.



2023 - 2024 Local Leaders/Officers List

This page is for incoming 2023-2024 leaders only. Complete the name and address of each local leader/officer. Send the completed form to your state president.

State Coordinator/President Name: _____

District Name (use only if your state has multiple presidents):

Congregation Name: _____

City/State: _____

Position _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Daytime phone # _____

Position _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Daytime phone # _____

Position _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Daytime phone # _____

Position _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Daytime phone # _____

Position _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Daytime phone # _____





Lifetime Partnership Form

This form is for a Lifetime Partnership (payment of partnership for life).

Date _____

Attached is payment of

\$150.00 Lifetime Partnership (includes Lifetime Partnership Pin)

Please issue the Lifetime Partnership Card for:

Address of Lifetime Partner:

(Street) _____

(City) _____

(State) _____ (Zip) _____

Telephone # of Lifetime Partner _____

Church Lifetime Partner Attends _____

Send card and pin to _____

(Street Address) _____

(City) _____

(State) _____ (Zip) _____

Name of Sender: _____

(Street Address) _____

(City) _____

(State) _____ (Zip) _____



Send this form along with \$150.00 to your STATE TREASURER. Make copies as needed.





CERTIFICATE FORM

\$26 MINIMUM DONATION * (\$25 certificate plus \$1 S&H)

This form is to be used for both honorary and in memoriam gifts.
It may be duplicated if more forms are needed.

Important: complete this form carefully and send it with your donation to your Christian Women Connection state treasurer.

\$ _____ honorary gift certificate (to honor living persons) plus \$1.00 shipping and handling.

\$20.00 plaque (additional and optional for honoring living persons; purple and gold engraved mounting on walnut wood) plus \$6.50 shipping & handling.

\$15.00 pin (additional and optional for honoring living persons; nickel plated silver finish) plus \$3.50 shipping & handling.

\$ _____ in memoriam certificate (to honor deceased persons) plus \$1.00 shipping & handling.

Please Print Information Clearly:

Name to be printed on the certificate:

Name of person or group giving the gift:

Person to whom certificate/plaque/pin is to be mailed:

(Street Address) _____

(City) _____

(State) _____ (Zip) _____

Name of Sender _____

(Phone) _____

(Street Address) _____

(City) _____

(State) _____ (Zip) _____



*** Memorial Tributes**

Memorial tribute cards are available for occasions when a gift of money (less than \$25) is given in memory of the deceased. The local treasurer should keep a supply of tribute cards on hand (see Christian Women Connection order form) so that individuals may, at short notice, get one to mail or hand to the bereaved family. Cards from the local group should be sent by the designated officer.





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