



CHRISTIAN WOMEN CONNECTION



We exist to empower women and fund the work of the gospel locally and around the world!

We believe...You've been created to fulfill a



Whether you're called to build hospitals in a foreign country or lead a Bible study in your own living room...

Our greatest desire is to see you alongside your sisters in Christ fully leverage your gifts and unleash your potential through the soul-changing work of

ministry and missions.













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Christian Women Connection is a ministry with local roots and a global reach which began as the vision of Nora Hunter in 1932 and has now grown to include a membership of over 3,500 women across 25 countries, in the past 90 years these women have raised more than 82 million dollars to accomplish the work of the gospel around the world.

Like the women they serve, women's ministries come in all shapes, sizes, and shades. Designing a women's' ministry is not a one size fits all proposition. Creating an environment where everyone feels welcome is a challenge! Be prepared to pray....a lot. Your efforts will be rewarded. We all have our own individual personalities, but when we come together as a group, we develop a unique character or personality as well. You may have many ministries to women in one church: Mom's groups, fitness groups, Bible studies, missions volunteer format. Others may be loosely oriented around events. Have fun discovering who you are or will become as a group! This resource will outline 3 key areas of focus to assist you in planning, and these are the core of everything we do in CWC:

Connection, Empowerment, and Mission.

Start meeting with your pastor. Ask how you can pray for him or her. Offer to partner with and support your pastor in ministry. Encourage each woman in your group to mentor a younger woman. Explore ways to share your story with the younger women and listen to their stories too (the APG theme study is a great tool for this!).

Encourage women in the group to connect through partnerships; we have lots of ways for women to connect no matter if they'd like to join a more traditional group who gathers regularly or if they'd prefer an online subscription where they can participate virtually. (\$20 - Basic, \$150 - Lifetime or join the online subscription \$10/month).

Encourage your group to provide for women who might not be able to give. Or give a gift of partnership for the year to encourage women to join.

Plan for fun times with your group too. Take a shopping trip, go out for dinner, or host a casual pizza party in your home. Meet at the local cafe', attend a farmers/flea market, or explore a local park or museum. Be faithful and involved in other ministries in your church. Always support your local community/fellowship and its ongoing ministry. This will help women to become familiar with you and make it easier to begin building relationships.

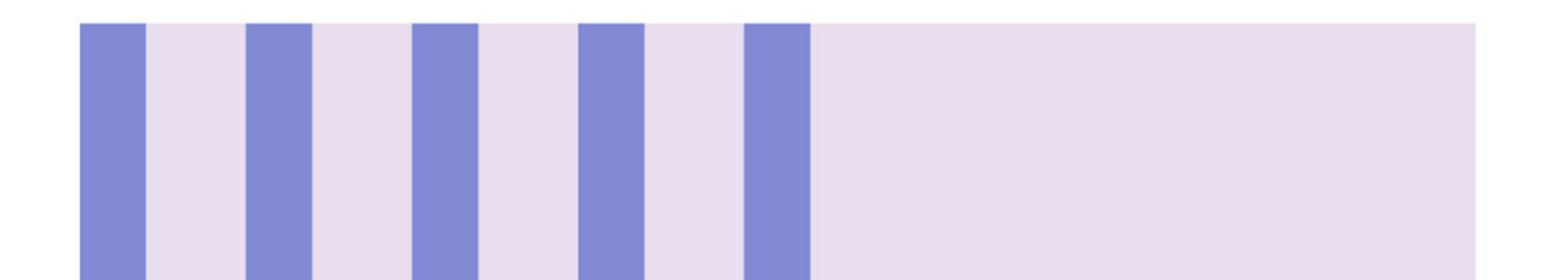


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Survey the women in your church (who may or may not be a part of your group). Discover their needs and plan your year around those needs. Order the Women's Ministry Planner, or other resources from CWC. Plan a time for your group to gather and learn together. (Some have been included in your packet.)

Encourage your group to plan to attend a conference (the CWC National Convention and /or check the dates for your regional or state convention/retreat). These events are great ways to get to know other women and hear from inspired speakers.Take advantage of the opportunities for training, sharing, and spiritual growth.





Choose to be a part of the work of the gospel through Christian Women Connection (Christ's Birthday Observance, and by participating in our national and local projects, Spiritual Birthday and Change the World. Plan early and communicate the project to your women and your church. Make it exciting and challenge the women to meet a goal. We want all women to be a part of serving globally and locally, this will connect you to one another, to CWC, and to the heart of Jesus.

Adopt a local ministry (a local food pantry, women's shelter, senior center). Schedule group times to volunteer at the site. It might mean folding clothes, doing dishes or stacking boxes. As a group, you can volunteer to work with the youth at your church. Be a chaperone, offer to take pictures at an event, or offer to cook. Look for ways to connect with the young people. Collect items for kits for ministries and agencies in your area, tools, sewing, school, toiletries, etc. Kits are distributed to various missions' projects, both national and

international. They are also



used for disaster relief. Use your group time to assemble the kits and pray over each one.

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Taking The Next

We are excited that you are ready to take the next step towards launching a women's ministry. Everything will not be perfect and be prepared to change along the way. Some gatherings will be wildly successful and others well, we call them learning experiences. Don't be afraid to keep trying until you find

what works for your group.

Please know that you are not in this alone. Christian Women Connection is here to support, encourage, and resource you any way we can. We have been in existence for more than 87 years, so we have plenty of successes and um learning experiences to share. We pray dailyfor women just like you and we count it an honor.

If you have questions or would like additional information, please check out additional resources at christianwomenconnection.org or contact us (information listed below).

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