

## YOUR DENOMINATIONAL LEADERS AT WORK FOR YOU!

The twelve elected members of the denominational *WOMEN MINISTRIES* Board, along with the Conference Presidents and Directors as advisors, are dedicated to two things:

- Providing leadership of women ministries in the Covenant;
- Providing you with ministry resources.

The *WOMEN MINISTRIES* Board has seven Ministries and also creates Task Forces to address current needs. Since the list of helps available to you from each Ministry is too extensive for this volume, a summary of the purpose and function of each Ministry is provided in the *WOMEN MINISTRIES* Handbook. We eagerly encourage you to explore those helps, which are available in the *WOMEN MINISTRIES Resource Notebook*.

The *WOMEN MINISTRIES Resource Notebook* is currently available to you in two ways:

- Online from our web site – [www.covchurch.org/cov/wmc/resources](http://www.covchurch.org/cov/wmc/resources)  
Download the pages or section of interest to you or download the entire document.
- Purchase one comprehensive copy through the *WOMEN MINISTRIES* Office (773-907-3332, [cwm@covchurch.org](mailto:cwm@covchurch.org)).

The *WOMEN MINISTRIES Resource Notebook* is designed in the same loose leaf, ring binder format. The intent is to continually provide you with fresh resources that can be added to the original Notebook. You will be informed of new supplements through our web page, *inSpirit* magazine and the two biannual mailings.

The seven Ministries of the *WOMEN MINISTRIES* Board are:

1. COMPASSION, MERCY, JUSTICE (CMJ) MINISTRY
2. EQUIPPING MINISTRY
3. FINANCE MINISTRY
4. GLOBAL MINISTRY
5. GROWTH MINISTRY
6. INSPIRIT MINISTRY
7. PROMOTION MINISTRY

To communicate with the current Chair of a Team, ask the *WOMEN MINISTRIES* Office for contact information (773-907-3332, [wmc@covchurch.org](mailto:wmc@covchurch.org)).

# 1. COMPASSION, MERCY & JUSTICE MINISTRY

## **Purpose:**

To equip and encourage women to be active in ministries of compassion and justice, especially to women and children in places of need. It includes:

- a. Ministry to the poor with a concentration on women and children;
- b. social justice: racial reconciliation, cycle of poverty, family health and wholeness, enabling the disabled; and
- c. Cross cultural opportunities for need awareness locally and globally.

## **Function:**

- a. Research and determine concerns to bring to the attention of women of the Covenant through:
  - Inquiry into major issues before the denomination.
  - Identifying programs involved with concerns (e.g. racism, poverty, hunger, domestic violence, child abuse, the environment) as potential channels of support and/or involvement.
  - Identifying local issues which require imminent action.
- b. Elicit suggestions from women ministry partners for projects.
- c. Validate requests to insure appropriateness for *WOMEN MINISTRIES'* support.
- d. Present worthy causes to a broad-based constituency.
- e. Promote Compassion, Mercy and Justice Ministries through high visibility in *Women Ministries'* literature.
- f. Offer suggestions to the Finance Ministry Chair for *WOMEN MINISTRIES'* Annual Project.

## 2. EQUIPPING MINISTRY

### **Purpose:**

To support local leaders of Women Ministries with equipping tools and resources.

### **Functions:**

- a. Provide and maintain the *WOMEN MINISTRIES Resource Notebook*.  
It gives valuable tools for ministry on a wide range of topics:
  - Leadership Training
  - Event Planning
  - Outreach Ministries
  - Opportunity Giving
  - Missions (SIMS)
  - Stewardship
  - Mentoring
  - The Working Woman
  - Current Bibliography of available resourcesSee page B-3 for how to access the *WOMEN MINISTRIES Resource Notebook*.
- b. Network with Conference Equipping Ministry leaders for mutual support and sharing resources.
- c. Provide additional resources through mailing to local partners and through the *WOMEN MINISTRIES* web site. This could include recommendations of new Bible study materials, videos, instructional courses, pamphlets, seminars and workshops.

### 3. FINANCE MINISTRY

**Purpose:**

To determine, develop, and promote stewardship and special giving opportunities.

**Function:**

- a. Inform partners of *WOMEN MINISTRIES* of opportunity to partner in the denominational vision for women ministries.
- b. Inform partners of *WOMEN MINISTRIES* of opportunities for giving to special funds. Each of the following opportunities are described in Finance Ministry (see page B-7), in the Opportunity Giving donation brochure and in the *WOMEN MINISTRIES Resource Notebook*:
  - Annual *WOMEN MINISTRIES* Project
  - Thank Offerings
  - Friends of *WOMEN MINISTRIES*
  - Congo Women Ministries
  - Myra Leaf Scholarship Fund
  - Toni Carson Scholarship Fund
  - International Women Ministries
  - Ministers' Widows Crisis Fund

The Opportunity Giving brochure will be mailed to you in the biannual mailings to affiliates and can also be obtained upon request from the *WOMEN MINISTRIES* Office (773-907-3332, [wmc@covchurch.org](mailto:wmc@covchurch.org)).

- c. Inform partners of Women Ministries of ways to honor women in their church. *WOMEN MINISTRIES* currently has two programs:
  - Fund of Remembrance
  - Recognition Award

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- d. Determine and promote the current *WOMEN MINISTRIES* Annual Project. *WOMEN MINISTRIES'* Annual Project, formally known as the National Project, is historically *WOMEN MINISTRIES'* strongest and broadest ministry effort. As women have joined hands across the denomination, they have enabled incredible ministry opportunities. For a complete list of projects, see page E-1.

## 4. GLOBAL MINISTRY

### Purpose:

To assist the local partner in enlarging the concept of global concern for the needs of others by providing ways to meet these through stewardship and service.

### Function:

- a. Offer assistance in developing global ministries.
- b. Provide information and accessibility for missions giving.
- c. Inform, and encourage participation in caring for Special Interest Missionaries (SIMs) serving around the globe. Relative to its size and interest, conferences will be partnered with a number of SIMs for a three-year period, beginning with each Triennial. Local partners are encouraged to creatively support SIMs, partnering with them in their ministries through their request for Special Project Funds and remembering their birthdays. Your Conference will make these women known to you so that you can participate in their ministries.

*WOMEN MINISTRIES* promote a variety of ways to encourage SIMs:

Prayer – practical guides are available for you

Email, letters, cards, gifts

Annual gift towards a personal ministry project

Gift subscription to *WOMEN MINISTRIES* ' *inSpirit* magazine

Gift subscription to a magazine of the SIMS choice

Partnering with women at same stage of life for mutual support.

- d. Provide Cross Cultural Opportunities (CCOs) for women.
  1. Primary purpose:
    - provide a cross-cultural opportunity in which women can use their unique gifts in service to others;
  2. Secondary purposes:
    - broaden understanding of that particular ministry
    - connect women across our denomination
- d. Encourage global ministries for women in the local church through ministry ideas in the *WOMEN MINISTRIES Resource Notebook*.

## 5. GROWTH MINISTRY

### **Purpose:**

To provide local leaders of Women Ministries' with encouragement and resources to advance God's kingdom through women with outreach and evangelism opportunities.

### **Function:**

- a. Provide tools for specific ministries of evangelism to partners.
- b. Network available resources for leaders of *WOMEN MINISTRIES* through conference and affiliate communication.
- c. Collect reports of outreach and/or evangelism efforts by affiliates for sharing with others.
- d. Provide a fresh flow of ministry ideas in the *WOMEN MINISTRIES Resource Notebook* (see page B-3 for more information on the *WOMEN MINISTRIES Resource Notebook*).
- e. Provide a speakers' roster of gifted outreach and evangelism speakers.

## 6. INSPIRIT MINISTRY

### **Purpose:**

To facilitate the success and continuation of *inSpirit – WOMEN MINISTRIES'* magazine for women of the Covenant.

### **Function:**

1. Oversee content of the magazine.
2. Market the magazine.
3. Determine policies for the magazine.

## 7. PROMOTION MINISTRY

Purpose:

To promote the vision of *WOMEN MINISTRIES*.

Function:

1. Provide resources to promote the vision of denominational *WOMEN MINISTRIES*.
2. Communicate current events and opportunities in *WOMEN MINISTRIES* through web sites and other means.
3. Communicate new initiatives to local women ministry leaders.
4. Promote *Coordinators Connection*, the web site for local leaders of women ministries.
5. Promote networking between local women ministry leaders and the denominational *WOMEN MINISTRIES* Office.