

MINISTRY SUPPORT

In January 2000 *WOMEN MINISTRIES* replaced Responsible Shares with Ministry Support. Where the former was based on an estimate of “active” members, individuals that belonged to an organization, the new system recognizes the group itself that has chosen to partner with the Department of *WOMEN MINISTRIES*.

Ministry Support is precisely what it suggests: the support of denominational ministries to and through women. We invite your partnership to continue resourcing and training local leaders and to provide inspirational materials and events for women of our churches. Your partnership also strengthens our potential for uniting women of the Covenant to respond to new visions the Lord gives us, enabling us to be ready for anything he calls us to do.

In August 2004 the transition from a separate parallel membership organization to a ministry integrated into the church and its vision was approved by women attending Triennial XI. Churches are in various stages in that transition. We rejoice that more and more are valuing *WOMEN MINISTRIES*’ role in growing and strengthening the church and are including them in their budgets. On the denominational level, the Department of *WOMEN MINISTRIES* is still responsible for its entire budget, though there are discussions about other options. Your continued partnership with the denominational vision is both appreciated and strategic.

Ministry Support remittance brochures will be mailed to you in our denominational mailings each year, as well as with receipts from your donations. Additional brochures are available from the *WOMEN MINISTRIES* Office (773-907-3332, wmc@covchurch.org).

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