

Executive Committee Report to Convention 2010

Your Executive Committee has met twice since Convention 2009 for the purpose of reviewing Convention 2009 and to plan for Convention 2010, as well as the Taste and See Women's Spirituality Conference scheduled for July 22-24, 2010. We gathered in Nashville, TN for both meetings (October 16-18, 2009, and March 5-7, 2010). At both of these meetings, officers worked diligently to flesh out the appointed themes and plans for Convention and the Women's Conference.

The 2009-2010 program year was full of Women's Ministry events and activities. One hundred eighty-four people participated in the 2009 Convention held in Memphis, TN. This past year there were two work trip opportunities for women – one domestic and one international – and both were held concurrently. The domestic work trip was held July 12-18, at Christ's Outreach to the Blind in Mt. Vernon, KY. Coordinator for this work trip was Bobbie Logan from Texas who had been a participant on the 2008 work trip. There were 13 participants on this trip, with two of them being teen girls. The international work trip was held July 10-20, to Colombia, South America. There were 13 women on this trip, including one high school student and 2 college women.

Upcoming Women's Ministry Events

2010 Work Trip

The future leadership for the women's work trip to Christ's Outreach will be provided by the Women's Ministry of Holly Grove CP Church in Brighton, TN. Coordinator for the upcoming trip scheduled for June 27 - July 2 is Lisa Morgan, 180 Adkins Road, Burlison, TN 38105; 901/874.8596; Lisa.C.Morgan@usace.army.mil

2010 Taste and See Women's Spirituality Conference

In response to the 2008 Women's Conference, it was decided to offer this type of conference once again. The first conference was well attended (134 participants) with almost one half of them attending Convention without any regularity. There are currently 42 women registered for this conference. It will be held at the Dyersburg CP Church, in Dyersburg, TN, beginning the evening of July 22 and concluding on Saturday, July 24. The preachers for this conference are the Revs. Lisa Peterson and Pat Pickett. Workshops include – Yoga and Spirituality (Lisa Peterson), Prayer Walking (Kathy Wood Dobbins), Organization and Spirituality (Dot Frazier), Spirituality and Justice (Laurie Sharpe), Spirituality and the Arts (Pat Pickett). Pat White will lead a plenary session on the Labyrinth. The cost for this event is \$90 (before June 30th) and includes 3 meals, refreshment breaks, and a tote bag.

Other Issues Related to Women's Ministry

Reporting Process

Your Executive Committee has given considerable time to streamlining and simplifying the reporting process. New report forms and processes were presented to the Regional

Council in 2009. Following that conversation the Executive Committee continued to refine the process. All Convention participants are encouraged to share the new report forms with the officers back in your local and regional groups. Make sure that you replace the report forms in your Resource Manual with the new ones. The new report forms can be found online (www.cumberland.org/bomMinistry>Report Forms). In addition to the issue of reporting, the Executive Committee received a recommendation from Covenant Region concerning the term of office for the Regional Secretary. That recommendation was referred to the 2010 Regional Council meeting.

Shepherd Groups

Your Executive Committee has made a concerted effort to make periodic contacts with the regional presidents this past year. Our goal was to strengthen this mentoring/supportive role. We look forward to stronger connections in the coming year.

The **2010-2011 Shepherd Groups** will be –

Martha Chambers

White River
Mountain Valley
Hands of Harvest
Forked Deer
Soncoast
Missouri South
Missouri River
Cauca Valley

Peggy West & Newly Elected Secretary-Elect

New Seekers
SW Tennessee
Covenant
Hope
Robert Donnell
Alabama Grace
Andes

Newly Elected President-Elect

Tennessee/Georgia
Columbia
Choctaw
Trinity North
Greater Knoxville
Nolachucky
Red River

Mary Lyn Childs

Cumberland
North Central

Blount-Cullman
Magnolia
Middle Tennessee
Nashville
Japan

Resources in Languages Other than English

Your Committee is keenly aware of the challenges involved in making our resources available in Spanish, Korean, Japanese and Cantonese. We continue to seek ways in which to make some of the resources available in languages other than English. Beth Wallace, Athala Jaramillo, and Michele Gentry have graciously translated the Bible studies into Spanish. We've just learned of two Japanese women who may be available to translate the Bible studies into Japanese. We continue to search for translation avenues for the other languages. We feel that this is an important need in our ever-growing global church and will do our best to resource Women's Ministry groups with materials in their native language. In the 2010-2011 Bible studies – three of the devotions came from women outside the US. We also plan to continue seeking that type of leadership in the future.

It has been a pleasure to serve you this past year in Women's Ministry. It has been a year of discovering and utilizing for ministry all the gifts that God has blessed us with as women and as Women's Ministry groups. It is with joy and excitement that we look forward to another year of ministry as we live out our theme: "What Do These Stones Mean?" This theme will ask each one of us to tell our own stories of faith, and in the telling grow stronger in our walk with God and with each other. May God continue to guide and bless us all as we journey through life.

Respectfully Submitted,

Executive Committee