

## It's Cold Out There! Warm Up with the Latest News from NWC Women Ministries!

Spring is coming! So is our Spring Renewal Conference!



**Discipleship Dreams**  
**Michelle Sanchez,**  
**Executive Minister, Make**  
**& Deepen Disciples**  
Friday, March 29-Saturday,  
March 30  
Grace Covenant Church,  
Fargo, ND

Register online at

[www.wmnwc.org/online-registration](http://www.wmnwc.org/online-registration)

### **Breakout Sessions:**

Session 1 or 2: Let's TALK about SEX - Ruth Buezis  
Session 1 or 2: Depression: Spirituality in the Stubborn Darkness - Laura Hager  
Session 1 or 2: Prayer Discipleship - Linda Freeman  
Session 1 or 2: Women & Finances - Ann Wiesbrock  
Session 1 or 2: Good S.E.N.S.E. (Exercise & Health) - Peggy Kellems  
Session 1: Help for Hurting Parents - Amy Deike  
Session 2: Women Ministries in the Local Church - Rachel Kleinschmidt  
Session 2: Spanish Language Breakout (Speaker TBD)

Promotional materials, including a PowerPoint presentation to show to your local church, are all available at [www.wmnwc.org/downloadable-materials](http://www.wmnwc.org/downloadable-materials)

### **From the President:**

**Discipleship Dreams\* Grace Covenant Church-Fargo  
ND\* March 29-30, 2019**

Registration packets have been mailed out to all the churches in our conference. Hopefully you are promoting the event so your women can take in this wonderful weekend!

We especially invite the northern churches and South Dakota churches to attend this conference event that does **Not** require you to drive quite as far as sometimes!

If you can come Friday morning, there are three great choices to participate in a hands-on/helpful activity on Friday afternoon:

Sew pillowcase dresses that will end up in Haiti or

Fill backpacks to be given to individuals who are transitioning from prison to the community or



Walk through the 17 stations "In Her Shoes", a simulation of situations that victims of abuse must navigate

Michelle Sanchez, the executive minister of the Make and Deepen Disciples priority of the ECC, will be our speaker. Many of you heard her at Triennial in Kansas City...she is an awesome presenter! Michelle will also update us on the transitions within Women Ministries. Bring your questions and concerns for her to address.

Fargo is pumped to be hosting this event--they are doing a great job to ensure that the Friday night and Saturday event is a great one. If you have time to stay another day, Michelle will be preaching at their Sunday service on March 31st.

Do you love graphics? enjoy Facebook? are you keen on website design? We are looking for a conference team member who could help with communications. Could you help bring us up to speed in technology? Contact me for a job description of this role.

If your church is interested in hosting Spring Renewal in 2021, or if you're interested in serving on the conference team, chat with me, Rachel, or one of the board members. We would welcome your new ideas and assistance!

Mary Roskam  
President  
Women Ministries of the Northwest Conference



## Triennial XVI

Registration is open at [iam.covchurch.org](http://iam.covchurch.org). There are many options for breakout sessions and excursions. Sign up by **February 15th** to take advantage of the early bird rate (\$369 for the weekend).

Information on how to book rooms at the Marriott City Center is also available at [iam.covchurch.org](http://iam.covchurch.org).

There is a promotional bulletin insert available for download at [www.wmnc.org/triennial-xvi](http://www.wmnc.org/triennial-xvi).



The Discipleship Cohort is an opportunity to journey with other women as you grow deeper in your relationship with God, discover and develop the unique person God has made you to be, and engage in the destiny God has for you.

Each cohort, consisting of a small group of women, will meet together with a facilitator twice a month for a one-hour video conference call. The hour will include a short teaching session, sharing with one another, a spiritual practice experience and prayer together. Your six-month cohort will be the start of your community of sisters at the 2019 I Am Conference, but you do not have to attend the conference to participate in a cohort.

Join us on a journey that will transform your life. Learn more and register:  
[iam.covchurch.org/tracks/#discipleship](http://iam.covchurch.org/tracks/#discipleship)

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### From the Consultant:

Triennial is coming soon! This will be a life-changing weekend for our women, and I encourage all of you attend! We are trying something new this time: workshop tracks. There are 4 tracks to choose workshops from, which are Leadership, Discipleship, Evangelism, and Love Mercy Do Justice. These tracks will allow you to dive deep into a particular topic that you may be passionate. There is also a "Choose Your Own Adventure" option, where you can choose from a variety of workshops. We also encourage you to think about joining a Discipleship Cohort, where you can meet together with women leading up to Triennial to discuss what it means to be a disciple (details above).

As the host conference, we will need lots of help to make I AM the greatest Triennial yet. If you are interested in helping out with hospitality (including being a guide, a greeter, transportation assistant, usher, and many more opportunities), send me a message at [rachel@wmnwc.org](mailto:rachel@wmnwc.org). More info about this will be coming soon.

As always, I am available to come to your church and help you get your Women Ministries going. If you need help getting started, gathering volunteers, or just reinvigorating your ministry, let me know! I would love to come help.

Rachel Kleinschmidt  
Ministry Consultant  
Women Ministries of the Northwest Conference

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### New Year-New Method

Maybe your church is like mine....Back in the day our women met for fun and fellowship, did lots of fundraising events and at the end of the year divided up the proceeds...some to Chicago, some for the conference, local causes, missionaries, Women In Congo, bandages shipping fund, AVA...many good things.

However, the last four years or so Women Ministries at our church have not donated, to any causes. Oh, we continue to have fun and fellowship but fundraising? Not so much.

Which is fine, except for the fact that conference and ECC causes go unsupported. That is not so fine.

To remedy this in our church, the core group of Women Ministries made a request to our church council in the fall as the new year's budget was being crafted. We requested that under the Missions/Evangelism committee a line be added for ECC-Women Ministries Support and a second line added for Women Ministries-NWC Support. Under the Congregational Care Committee a line was added for Women Ministries in our local church.

The congregation voted to accept the new budget in December including support for Women Ministries at all three levels. It is now supported not by a handful of (tired) women, rather supported and encouraged by the whole church body ... the way it could be and should be.

First Covenant Church, Red Wing MN

## Do you happen to have Thrivent insurance?

Women Ministries of the Northwest Conference is enrolled as an option in Thrivent Choice. Thrivent Choice is a member-advised program that allows eligible members to recommend where Thrivent Financial distributes part of its charitable outreach funds each year. When eligible Thrivent Financial members direct Choice Dollars to your organization in a particular month, Thrivent Financial reviews the recommendation and makes an electronic deposit in our organization's bank account! If you are a Thrivent Financial member, please consider recommending Women Ministries of the Northwest Conference for your Choice Dollars:

<https://service.thrivent.com/apps/ThriventChoiceMemberWeb/public/orgDetails/100614299189>



Covenant Offices has a number of recognition pins available that they won't be reordering. If there is a woman in your church who has gone above and beyond for Women Ministries, you might want to consider getting a recognition pin!

Pins are \$35. If you are interested, contact Pam Cobb, Coordinator of Administrative Services for Make & Deepen Disciples, at [pam.cobb@covchurch.org](mailto:pam.cobb@covchurch.org).



## Are you staying connected?

Check out two sites on Facebook--just ask to join!

1. Women Ministries of the Northwest Conference
2. AVA NWC

Websites

1. [covchurch.org/women](http://covchurch.org/women)--sign up to receive the newsletter from Meagan Gillan and AVA's Call
2. [wmnwc.org](http://wmnwc.org)--sign up to receive this newsletter and check for news

[Click here to check out Women Ministries on Pinterest!](#)

## Looking Ahead:

March 29-30, 2019: Spring Renewal  
Grace Covenant Church, Fargo, ND  
Speaker: Michelle Sanchez of Make & Deepen Disciples

July 18-21, 2019: Triennial XVI: I AM Gathering  
Marriott City Center, Minneapolis, MN

September 13-15, 2019: Fall Women's Retreat at Covenant Park

September 20-22, 2019: Fall Women's Retreats at Covenant Pines & Lake Beauty Bible Camp

TBD: Fall Women's Retreat at Bluewater Bible Camp

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**Local churches support WM on both the conference & denominational levels. Your financial support is essential and is appreciated!**

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