

As a church in the Northwest Conference (NWC), you are a part of Women Ministries of the Northwest Conference.

Back in the late 1990's the women of our conference voted to hire a Director of Women Ministries in our conference. This position is now known as the 'Consultant to Women Ministries of the Northwest Conference.' The name was changed because of Federal tax/salary laws but she still does the same type of work for us. Toni Schwabe was the first Director hired, later it was Christi Pease. We are very happy with our present Consultant, Rachel Kleischmidt.

The consultant does much of the preparation work for the annual women's spring Renewal, handles Women Ministry (WM) mailings, represents Women Initiatives at some of the fall retreats and the annual conference meeting, and serves as a liaison between WM and the NWC Board. She is available to every church in the conference. Rachel is more than happy to come meet with your ladies to talk about ways for women to minister in your setting.....Use her expertise!

Since August we have only been able to pay half of Rachel's salary to her each month, except October when we couldn't pay her at all even though she kept working for us. (It is a part-time position.) Although Women Ministries is a part of our conference's ministry to our churches, we are funded only through donations directly to Women Ministries. We are not part of the conference budget. To do our ministry with the churches and to provide funds to cover our Consultant's salary we need donations from the churches in the conference.

Our request to you is, could your church please put the Women Ministries of the Northwest Conference as a line item in your church budget if you are not already giving regularly to us? We don't ask for a certain amount but leave that decision up to you, remembering that we serve and resource all of our churches. It would mean that we can continue our work on your behalf.

Many of you have church annual meetings coming up in the next few months. We encourage you to talk to your financial people who are putting together your budgets. Donations can also be made by individuals as well. Some of our churches give a monthly amount, some a yearly amount. Some of our churches have given memorial gifts in honor of women who have been active in their church. [Click here for a memorial donation form.](#)

Thank you in advance for what you can do to help. We are here to serve you.

Donations can be sent to

Women Ministries of the NWC
% Financial Secretary WM NWC
3106 47th Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55406

Sincerely,

Nancy King

Financial Secretary of the WM NWC

New Year's Resolution?

Every year we lean in for a better, stronger relationship with God... this year will you join us?'

I remember a devotional that started out that way... There was an image of a little girl in her supergirl cape looking forward to the horizon.



Like this supergirl we can look ahead to what God has planned and given us the power to do.

As stiff wind bends tall grass or wheat, they tilt away from the strength of the force of the wind. Walking against a strong wind requires that we lean into the wind. We find balance and strength against the force of nature as we press against it. Leaning into God's promises isn't for the faint hearted. It takes courage and self control...

2 Timothy 1:6-7 says "This is why I remind you to fan into flames the spiritual gift God gave you when I laid my hands on you. For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline."

This doesn't say, God 'may give you power' or '..can give you power' He has already given you power in preparation for your acting upon it -- He wants you to lean in to His plan for you...

Kristi Lindstrom, Fargo ND



'Lean In to God's promises' is the theme for our 2020 Spring Renewal Weekend to be held March 13-14, 2020, at First Covenant Church of River Falls, Wisconsin. All churches are invited for worship, fun, fellowship, encouragement, shopping, education, and inspiration! Our guest speaker is Diane Brask. You can learn more about Diane at <https://globalseedplanters.org/meet-diane-brask/>

River Falls is just a hop, skip and a jump from the Twin Cities so it's easy to get there. Watch for registration packets coming to your church this month!



Advocates for Victims of Abuse (AVA)

There is an epidemic affecting one out of every four women. They suffer behind closed doors, most often concealing their pain, fearful of those on both sides of the door. These are the victims of abuse. They are neighbors, co-workers, friends, and loved ones. Victims of abuse come from all walks of life, and this epidemic knows no boundaries. While the secular world can offer protection and advice, it cannot provide the one thing most needed: Jesus's healing touch that brings renewal and hope. To watch a video clip [click here or go to http://vimeo.com/72828129](http://vimeo.com/72828129).

The Evangelical Covenant Church addresses sexual assault and its related concern, domestic violence, through the Advocacy for Victims of Abuse (AVA) initiative. As a church we acknowledge the reality of brokenness and sin in the world as well as the power of the community to heal brokenness through Jesus Christ. AVA informs, educates, and raises awareness in our congregations and communities.



....Helping you Advance God's Kingdom in your church and your community!

Fostering the Flourishing of Women

The Evangelical Covenant Church affirms women as called and gifted for every ministry in the church, in the marketplace, in the community, and at home. Discover how the ECC will be advancing women in collaboration with all five mission priorities.

For the latest on Women's Initiatives in the Denomination go to: <https://covchurch.org/women/>

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