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**2020 Renewal Review**

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Renewal 2020 Review  
*Lean In To God's Promises*

***Thank you!***  
*First Covenant Church*  
*River Falls Wisconsin,*  
*for hosting us!*

**Reflection**

Reflecting back on Spring Renewal, I'm so thankful that we were able to still meet together. In this current climate of uncertainty and fear, my anchor has been the theme of the conference: Lean In to God's Promises. Knowing that God is in control and has authority over all of this is such a comfort to me. I find myself leaning in to prayer and reflection even more than ever. The book of Hebrews says, in chapter 6 (from The Message), "When God wanted to guarantee his promises, He gave us His word, a rock-solid guarantee—God can't break His word. And because His word cannot change, the promise is likewise unchangeable." God tells us not to fear, that He has overcome the world, and His promise is "rock-solid." I encourage you all to think of these words in the midst of the global crisis, holding firm to the fact that God keeps His promises. Praying for you all!

*Rachel Kleinschmidt*  
*WMNWC Consultant*



*Our worship sessions were full of great music and Diane Brask brought us God's promises and challenges in a powerful and personal way!*

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## COINCIDENCE?

As we were preparing for the Spring Renewal little did we know the timing of it would coincide with a pandemic. The day before the event we were just beginning to hear of school closings and restrictions....was this for real? Aren't they overreacting? We really slipped in 'under the wire' to gather for the weekend. After church that weekend all programming was cancelled and staying home became the norm.

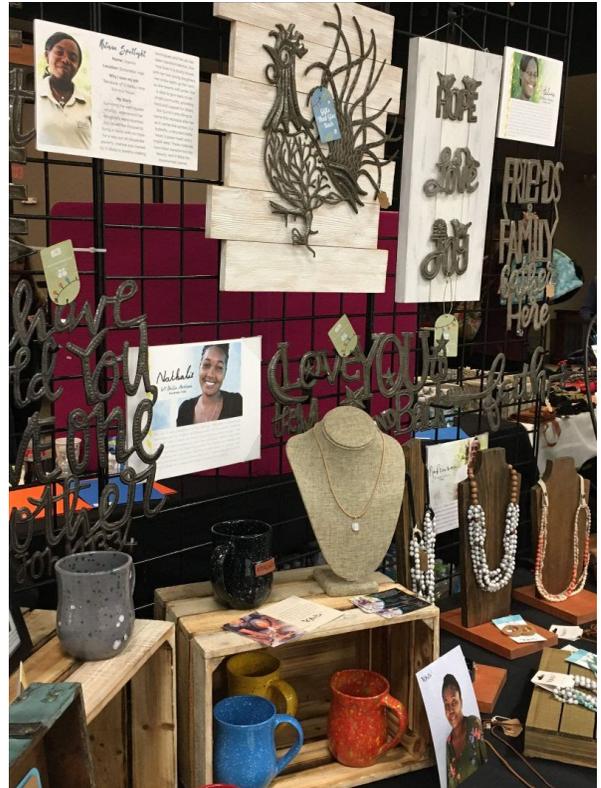
*Spring Renewal Theme: Lean In--To God's Promises*

*Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.*

Lean not on your own understanding....well, my understanding of pandemic circumstances totally went out the window. The theme for the weekend has become my theme. Nothing is as it should be....oh, except for God who was

the same, is the same and will be the same. That is my battle cry and I'm sticking to it.

Mary Roskam



*The Market Place was full of wonderful stories and merchandise.*



*There were so many good break out sessions to choose from!*

## **BUSINESS**

Perhaps you wonder why there should be a 'business meeting' in the middle of Renewal anyway? Well, one reason is that our constitution calls for a once a year meeting of our constituents. Renewal is the one and only time we meet as conference wide women ministries. Having a constitution is required to qualify as a nonprofit organization. Renewal is the only opportunity for business to be conducted.

This year it was especially necessary to have a voting time as our financial situation has been grim. The Constitution calls for a paid Consultant of Women Ministries but the money coming in has not been sufficient to pay the Consultant as she was hired.

In the information given out at Renewal in the registration packet there was a list of pros and cons, and the description of the Consultant role as stated in our Constitution. Before opening up the floor for questions and comments, the pros and cons were read. After much discussion there was a motion made to take a vote on the Consultant Role in the WMNWC for one year as a trial and then reevaluate.

Voting Results: 45--WMNWC With a Consultant

29--WMNWC Without a Consultant

2--Abstained

As I write this, three weeks have passed and it's now time to follow through with the decision made at Renewal. The comments during that discussion session that resonated most with me are

*--Each woman at Renewal needs to be an ambassador for Women Ministries at the conference level.*

*--Reach out to one other Covenant church and promote the value of WMNWC.*

*--We need to advocate for funds. We need to commit ourselves to finding a new model.*

*--Our vote needs to be with the checkbook.*

Take the time today to pursue supporting the conference Women Ministries!

Mary Roskam



*Our last weekend before quarantine was full of good food and fellowship.*

## Comments from attendees:

- No suggestions at this time. Loved this one event!
- I really enjoyed the interviews that took place during the worship sessions. Have Solid Rock present again.
- God's timing!
- The board did a wonderful job.....thanks for all the time and effort you put into it.
- [The main speaker] was phenomenal and would have loved more time with her (I would have stayed later).
- The attitude of worship, confidence in Christ, and receiving His blessing was evident to me. A wonderful way to enter into our time of isolation due to the coronavirus.
- Thank you for being brave enough to continue with the conference.

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