



# Spring 2024 Updates!



## JOIN OUR TEAM!

Team is a good word to describe the board. We appreciate each other's gifts and work *together* to advance God's Kingdom through women. The time commitment is to attend Spring Renewal and two in-person meetings (usually June and October), along with 3-4 Zoom meetings throughout the year as needed. Terms are for 3 years with option of a second term. Vacant positions are: Secretary, Love Mercy Do Justice Chair, Make & Deepen Disciples Chair.

We also have the Communications position open for one year to fill out the remainder of that term.

If you or someone you know would be interested, please contact Sheryl Schanil. Job descriptions and applications are available on our website.

## ONLINE COHORTS

Online cohorts provide a way to learn and grow with other women across our conference. The cohorts are usually 4-8 weeks and meet over Zoom. We are always looking for ideas for topics for the cohorts or someone willing to lead one. Contact Sheryl or Rachel if you are interested.

### Next Cohort:

Women Ministry Leadership

Thursdays, June 13-27; July 11-25, 7-8:30 pm

This cohort is for women who lead or feel led to lead in women's ministry. We will be going through topics from *Rethinking Women's Ministry* by Cyndee Ownbey, such as "Shifting Target Audience," "Rethinking the Framework," and "Implementing Change." We also will use resources like podcasts and videos from pastors like Craig Groeschel and Stephanie O'Brien about leadership training and techniques. The book is recommended, but not required to participate. Other resources will be sent via email.

**Safe Sanctuaries/AVA:** Women Ministries have promoted and supported the AVA (Advocacy for Victims of Abuse) ministry for 20 years. New training materials were launched in January 2024 with the first training at Midwinter with about 40 participants. This training is for pastors and church leaders to equip them to better support victims of abuse. The next training will be held at Gather on June 25th, 8:30am-5:00pm. The Northwest Conference will be offering this training in the future. If you are interested in having your church host a regional training, contact Sheryl Schanil.



## RETREATS

The camps in the Northwest Conference offer women's retreats for a time of deepening your relationship with God and other women, relaxation, and adventure. WMNWC has at least one board member at each of the retreats (except the quilting retreats). We would love to connect with you at one of the following:

### **Bluewater Covenant Bible Camp**

--June 7-9 and Sept 20-22

### **Covenant Park Bible Camp**

--Sept 13-15

### **Covenant Pines Bible Camp**

--Quilt & Craft Retreat, Oct 31-Nov 3

### **Lake Beauty Bible Camp**

--Sept 27-29

--Quilt & Craft Retreats, Nov 7-11 and 14-18

More information can be found on the camp websites and WMNWC website.

## PROJECT 2024



Great things happen when women work together for a common goal. This year our project is to raise money for scholarships to help women in the Northwest Conference to be able to attend CHET.

Let's work together, get creative, and bless the Latina women who want to become better equipped to serve in their churches and communities.

## Shirt/Sweatshirt Screenprinting Needed

Did you notice our new logo? Women Ministries across the denomination are coming together to form an association with the ECC. As part of that transition, each conference has the same design but different colors. We are looking for a small business that prints shirts/sweatshirts. If you are interested or have a recommendation, contact Sheryl Schanil.

[www.wmnwc.org](http://www.wmnwc.org)

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# *Spring Renewal 2025*

February 28-March 1, 2025  
Crossview Covenant Church  
North Mankato, MN

Spring Renewal is a gathering of women from across our conference to be refreshed and renewed through worship, a keynote speaker, breakout sessions, and more. It is a time of celebrating the work God has done in the past year through WM as we hear ministry updates throughout the time together. Mark your calendars and plan to come!

## **SUPPORT**

WMNWC is funded by individual and church contributions. Please consider adding us to your church budget or give a donation to help us to continue to serve and equip women in the Northwest Conference and beyond. Areas of ministry include AVA/Safe Sanctuaries, Special Interest Missionaries (supports a special project for the women missionaries from the NWC), and CAN (Covenant Ability Network) - all of which can be designated. Our general fund helps support our Consultant and other expenses needed to do ministry.

Donations can be sent to:  
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