

Women in Ministry Commission Report

2023 Theme: Aligning the Generations



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MEETING AGENDA

Welcome and Introductions Aligned in Prayer Approval of 2022 Minutes Aligning the Generations Cheryl Koop, Presenter

- God connects, integrates, builds, and unifies.
- Be wiling to hear, associate, discipline thoughts/comments, and share lives—time, prayer, resources, and home

Mission Alignment Dialogue

- 2022 Exciting Mission and Ministry Opportunities
- Current NextGen Connections
- 2022 Goals and Passion

Alignment Opportunities for 2023

- Stand for Life and Life Collective with Elizabeth Graham
- Online Meeting Topics and Book Discussion Options
- Speakers and Coordinators
- GO Movement Women's Global Task Force with Kimberly Johnson

Resources: Relational Values Growth Guides and Videos Closing Prayer

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2022 WIMC in Review

The Women in Ministry Commission has not focused on the issues of inequality in leadership that some may face within their movements. Yet, we have been strategic in recognizing and encouraging our women to continue to be engaged in their calling—using their gifts, talents, and experience in whatever arenas they have open to them.

We have served and resourced women of differing ages, movements, ethnicities, and locations (e.g., Canada, the U.S., the Bahamas, and Central America). Our e-newsletters relate to the monthly meeting topic, and we have enjoyed guest speakers and engaging dialogue in nine virtual meetings since we were together in Jacksonville last year.

In 2022, 2e highlighted a variety of topics with dynamic, cross-generational, and multi-denominational speakers, from an interesting range of ministry initiatives.

Identity and Calling—Wendy Payne spoke on the topic of "Platforms, Pumps, Slingbacks, and Sandals" or embracing distinctiveness in our lives and calling.

Expectations—Jenny Konkin, addressed how self-imposed and outside expectations impact ministry until we move into the abundant blessings of letting our expectations be of God and from God.

Christ in Community—Tara MacDonald, encouraged giving dignity and respect to women and children who are facing incredible stigmas and overwhelming barriers every day, inviting the PCCNA women to move beyond their barriers to touch others.

Navigating Singleness and Waiting in Ministry—Christa Smith, author of *Singled Out in a Couples World*, shared an amazing testimony of God's grace we experience while waiting and how to navigate ministry as a single woman.

Prioritizing the Word and Prayer in Ministry—Darlene Landreth, spoke of avenues for strengthening pastors' wives and women ministers who have become spiritually, physically, and emotionally fatigued.

- 2022 WIMC in REVIEW
- VIRTUAL MEETINGS PLANNED
- 2023 MEETING AGENDA

We used a format of brief presentations on engaging topics that were recorded, and videos were made available on our PCCNA YouTube platform for those who were not able to participate in the meetings. We also had engaging dialogue in a confidential setting that included praying with and for one another.

Fingerprint Discipleship—Leanne McAlister, helped our women to identify their gifts, focus on being their best, and confidently serve where God has called them.

The Friendship Factor—Brenda Gillum, did a masterful presentation, entitled "Moving from Isolation and Insulation to Inspiration," encouraging women in ministry to be intentional about developing friends, specifically those—from different cultures, ages, and vocations.

Everyone Win One—Rosie Pezutti, co-leader for GO Movement's Women in Ministry Task Force, shared ways to reach people through prayer, friendship evangelism, neighborhood evangelism, and family evangelism.

Spiritual Formation—Dr. Deborah Gill, co-author of *God's Women Then and Now*, spoke about "The Importance of Soul Care in the Lives of Pentecostal Women Ministers." Dr. Gill led us in guided Scripture meditation as a tool to use in our spheres of ministry.

Our relationships and ministries were enriched through our meetings, newsletters, and highlights of kingdom authors and resources for our ministry initiatives.

Virtual Meetings Planned

We are taking a slightly different approach in 2023 and have already had ladies share how they are benefiting in various phases of their ministry journeys. Here's a snapshot of our scheduled meetings:

- In March, Joanne Goodwin discussed "Flourishing in Every Area of Life" and the mental health challenges we sometimes face.
- In April–June, we are discussing *The Jesus-Hearted Woman* by Jodi Detrick, addressing the leadership qualities of authenticity, humility, courage, stamina, kindness, self-awareness, vision, and more.
- July will be open for denominational conferences and family vacations. (August is undecided.)
- In September–November we will be discussing Ruth Haley Barton's book, *Strengthening the Soul of Your Leadership*, which follows the biblical example of Moses and topics such as limit, rhythms, loneliness, and reenvisioning the Promised Land.