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NH WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

WOMEN'S LINK

FALL 2020

**NHCUCC WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP SPRING AND FALL GATHERINGS 2020
CANCELLED DUE TO CORONAVIRUS CLOSINGS**

NHCUCC STATE BOARD OF WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Dear Friends,

It is August and the State Board of Women's Fellowship has been having monthly meetings by Zoom. With all of the unknowns about the pandemic, it has been challenging to communicate with the women who attend our Spring and Fall Gatherings. We missed seeing you this spring for a planned meeting to be held at the United Church of Warner in Warner NH. We wanted you to be safe and keep social distancing a priority. Back in March and April, the Covid-19 guidelines were clear not to gather with more than six to ten people.

The Board looked to our fall meeting in hopes that the pandemic would be under control and we could meet together. We planned to go to Bristol UCC for an uplifting program of music to nurture our spirits and souls. Unfortunately the Bristol Church, as with many churches, are not having in person worship or groups using the building this fall so we are canceling our fall program also.

We miss seeing all of you. The Board will continue to meet by Zoom and hopefully we will be together again very soon.

Be safe. Wear a mask, wash your hands for 20 seconds, use hand sanitizer when you can't wash, and don't forget to social distance by six (6) feet.

I want to share these words with you about gun violence but they can be extended to so many things happening in our culture at this time. These words are from Mary Davis' Book *Every Day Spirit*. "We as a species need to reboot and find a way to embrace and respect our differences, discover that violence is never the answer, and learn to respond to the crisis state of our country with love and compassion."

Until we can be together, blessings to each of you,

Margie Kreitler, Chair
State Board of Women's Fellowship

OUTSTANDING WOMAN RECOGNITION

Every church has someone who seems to be the “backbone” of her church. You know... the ones who are in the kitchen, organizing the rummage sale or the bazaar, working in the food pantry or soup kitchen, stuffing the envelopes or folding the newsletter, filling in for the secretary, and staffing the serving line at all the receptions. They are the ones who dust and clean out the refrigerators or just pitch in where needed. They also take their turns in holding church offices as deacons and Sunday school teachers; they serve on the Boards of Missions, Stewardship, Trustees, and Women’s Groups; and they organize prayer groups and/or study groups, etc.

At every Spring Gathering we like to recognize these wonderful women for their faithfulness and dependability. There is a nomination application form below for you to nominate one of your own. Please write a brief statement of why you feel she should be recognized.

At the next Spring Gathering, we will honor some of our outstanding women who live their faith every day in their churches and communities, but we need your help to identify them.

Please mail your nominations by March 22, 2021, to **Lee Miller, chairperson**, 511 Post Road, Greenland, NH 03840, Tel: 603-436-9469, or E-mail to: TrudieGlenn@yahoo.com.

Please mail early; do not wait until the deadline!

APPLICATION FOR OUTSTANDING WOMAN RECOGNITION

I/We _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

of _____ Church

Address _____

would like to nominate _____

Her address: _____

from my/our church to be recognized at the NHCUCC Women’s Fellowship Spring Gathering.

Will this person be able to attend the Spring Gathering in April 2021? Please circle: Yes / No
Someone from your church MUST BE present to accept award if the Outstanding Woman is not present.

Please give a brief summary of why you recommend this woman—Use a separate sheet.

Note: If your church has not yet made a contribution to the NH Women’s Fellowship, please consider doing so. Make checks payable to NHCUCC Women’s Fellowship.
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Please send articles, book reviews, and other information to LINK editor: Trudie Bergeron, 46 Nantucket Place, Greenland NH 03840; E-mail: TrudieGlenn@yahoo.com ; Cell: 603-828-4200.

At the next Board Meeting on Tuesday, October 13, 2020, at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom, we will discuss the book AMERICAN DIRT by Jeanine Cummins.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER—ZIMBABWE 2020

WHAT IS WORLD DAY OF PRAYER?

WHO WE ARE:

WORLDWIDE MOVEMENT OF CHRISTIAN WOMEN

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER is a worldwide, ecumenical movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year, and who, in many countries, have a continuing relationship in prayer and service. It is initiated and carried out by women in more than 170 countries and regions. It is symbolized by an annual day of celebration observed on the first Friday in March to which all people are welcome. It brings women of different races, cultures, and traditions together in fellowship, understanding, and action throughout the year. Through World Day of Prayer, women affirm that prayer and action are inseparable and have immeasurable influence in the world.

The motto of World Day of Prayer is ***“Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action.”***

Friday, March 6, 2020. On this day, the NHCUCC Women’s Fellowship, under the leadership of Margie Kreitler, hosted World Day of Prayer—Zimbabwe 2020, and we definitely considered it a success with 35 women and men attending including Rev. David Keller (UCCZ), Marian Baker (Recorded Minister of the Friends—The Quakers), Rev. Richard Slater, and Cindy Bradley. Board members (and others) provided light finger snacks. Some items were made from Zimbabwean recipes. We also had a table covered in the colors of the Zimbabwe flag with several handouts.

Everything we needed could be found on the Internet at www.wdp-usa.org. The Web site provided posters, country background, press releases, a bulletin, a children’s bulletin, children’s activities, a Leader’s Guide, recipes, map of Zimbabwe, and the flag of Zimbabwe.

Welcome—Before the celebration, everyone was served a glass of water from a clay pitcher. To give a glass of water to a visitor is a welcoming gesture in most communities in Zimbabwe. Why do you suppose water is stored in clay pitchers? Answer: to keep it cool. And, yes, this information was included in the Leader’s Guide.

Using the worship service that was designed by Zimbabwean women, the Board members participated along with the women from Northwood, Cy Sherman, Rev. Keller, and Marian Baker. Marian also played a CD with some Zimbabwean music for us. We raised \$119, which was sent to WDP USA. It was an inspiring and interesting worship service, which everyone seemed to enjoy. Several of the women guests thanked the Board for hosting this World Day of Prayer, and said that they are looking forward to another one next year.

WDP is an opportunity for women to come together, understanding and helping one another. I have a funny story to share: I made a hot tea—African Autumn! In order to keep it from spilling, I set it down between the chairs in front of me. Then we continued with the Worship Service. After the Worship Service, I reached for my teacup and it was gone! Then I saw it... the lady in front of me had picked it up to help with the cleanup.

☺ I hope she didn’t think I was going to leave my teacup there. ☺

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2021—VANUATU



The women of Vanuatu have chosen Matthew 7:24–27 for the theme “Build on a Strong Foundation.” Vanuatu is a country that is moving from a political and economic situation where they were governed by others to one of independence.

Vanuatu is a beautiful archipelago whose inhabitants are vulnerable to frequent storms, earthquakes, and active volcanoes. Join women around the world on Friday, March 5, 2021, to support women’s efforts to build a strong foundation in Vanuatu and discover how we can respond with prayer and action.



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Next NHCUCC Women's Fellowship Board meeting is on ZOOM
Tuesday, October 13, 2020, at 9:30 a.m.

Everyone welcome!

Celebration XI—March 18–20, 2022

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, Manchester NH

For more information, visit www.uccwomenscelebration.org.