



# Reformed Episcopal Church

## Committee on Women's Ministry

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To the 14<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Synod of the Diocese of the Central  
States of the Reformed Episcopal Church

Greetings from the Committee on Women's Ministry of the Reformed Episcopal Church:

Although the Committee on Women's Ministry continued to curtail its in-person activities during 2020-2021 because of the on-going global health situation, we are pleased to share the many accomplishments made since our last report to you.

During the year, the Committee was tasked with the development of Operating Procedures for the Reformed Episcopal Church's Committee on Women's Ministry (Prospective By-laws) and Protocols and Guidelines for organizing Reformed Episcopal Diocesan Women of the Church Organizations. These documents were approved for use by the College of Bishops and the General Council on December 2, 2020, the 147<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the Reformed Episcopal Church, and will be used to assist the Committee in unifying the work of the Women of the Church Organizations throughout the denomination.

Another exciting achievement for the Committee was the design of the first Committee on Women's Ministry Logo. The Logo was designed by the Rev. Richard and Mrs. Joan Workowski of the Diocese of the Central States in collaboration with Mr. Chris Wilson of Best Printing, Inc., Roanoke, VA.

While we did not gather for our 2021 Spiritual Enrichment Conference or our 2021 Women's Day Project Offering Luncheons, we are pleased to report an offering of \$10,647.56 for our 2021 Women's Day Project Offering. This offering,

combined with our 2020 Project Offering totals \$20,802.56 collected to assist in the purchase of electric bikes for our clergy in Cuba. We express our sincere appreciation to the Diocese of the Central States for your generous contribution.

To date, we have distributed 417 copies of our 2021 Women's Devotional Study Books. The study entitled "Fear Not" is a reprint of the 1986-87 Devotional Study written by 10 Reformed Episcopal Minister's Wives. Copies of this devotional have been distributed to churches in all of our dioceses, including the Diocese of the Central States. One of the goals in publishing this devotional is *"That these annual publications shall be used in the meetings of all the women's organizations in our church, thus forming a bond of interest and worship."* While some of our women's groups have returned to in-person study, we are grateful that our 2020 on-line study groups continue and that several additional groups have started, effecting the *"continuous formation of a bond of interest and worship"* through electronic media study gatherings.

The Committee is blessed to have as part of its membership Godly women from your diocese whose service has proven invaluable: Mrs. Mary Bailey, Mrs. Melanie Boettner, and Mrs. Mary Jane Thompson. Dss. Teresa Johnson, who also serves as our webmaster, is the representative to the Committee from the Deaconesses, and Mrs. Joan Workowski serves as advisor to the Committee.

Despite many uncertainties, the Committee moves forward with the work assigned for the upbuilding of His Kingdom.

We look forward to our 2022 Year for which have begun planning our in-person Spiritual Enrichment Conference and Women's Day Project Offering Luncheons. We solicit your continued prayers and support.

Yours in Him,

**Gale G. Hill**

Gale G. Hill, Chairperson

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