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November 2022 Newsletter

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Fabulous, Fearless, Women of Faith

We had a successful program on October 7, 2022. There were about 28 people in attendance. We hope to be meeting in person again in February. Location to be determined. Thanks to Myrna Cavender for helping me plan this Celebration while we actively look for a replacement for our Ecumenical Celebrations Coordinator. If anyone is interested in this position, I'll meet with you and discuss the office and responsibilities. Thanks to Karen Grice and her immeasurable computer savvy, who set up Zoom and handled the meeting superbly. Special thanks to Myrna Cavender and all the individual readers who participated in the program. So nice to hear from everybody. Hopefully, this will be one of our last gatherings on Zoom. What a wonderful tool God has given us to use while we had to be apart.

We presented the Human Rights award to Emma Lea Mayton for her work in the community as well as overseas. A photo of her receiving the actual award is on another page.

I have been approached by St. Johns UMC to have a "live" meeting on March 3, 2023. Of course, we will do our best to get the live meeting done. Are there any other churches that might want to schedule for the rest of our year? We would like to hear from you. If you have a lady's group at your church and would like to host, all future dates are open. Get together with me, BJ at 512-447-3682 or our second vice president, Geraldine Wallace-Yusuf at 512-929-8129. We can put you on the calendar for the 2023! The best plan is to have the churches scheduled before we print the CWU Handbook, so we have an idea for our schedule next year.

Blessings, BJ Johnson, President

Remember the Courtesies

We are depending on you to help us acknowledge and support our sisters when they are sick or bereaved. Please call Mary Terrell, 512-651-5572 (home) or 512-906-8826 (cell), if you know of any courtesies to be extended. Courtesy cards were as follows:

Get Well Cards to: Anne Ader, Rosanne Becker, Ruth C. Ellison, And Johnnie Mae Grattan

Let us continue to be in prayer for those named and those whose names we may not know.

Prayer changes things!

November 4, 2022 World Community Day Celebration

World Community Day began in 1943 from discussions at a meeting of denominational presidents and executive secretaries asking that a day be set aside in the fall for the study of peace by church women. Although many denominations were printing their own studies on the new world order, it was determined at this meeting that their unity would be strengthened with one day of united study. World Community Day continues to emphasize peace but has been broadened to include justice, a vital partner of peace. The once clear categories of "domestic" and "foreign" were consciously blurred so the global scope of the wide range of problems could be emphasized on World Community Day.

Please join us at 9:45 a.m. on Zoom for a social time; the program will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Join Zoom Meeting https://upcaustin.zoom.us/j/81972989820?pwd=UzdSL1pyZGxPN0NqbUQxQ2hsTXAxUT09

Meeting ID: 819 7298 9820
Passcode: 309775
One tap mobile
+13462487799,,81972989820# US (Houston)

In addition to the World Community Day Celebration, Church Women United will elect and install our slate of Class 1 officers. We have been lucky during these past two years to have dedicated officers who have worked endlessly to keep CWU functioning during uncertain times. Other groups have languished during lock downs, but we have kept going because of these resourceful and dedicated members. We still need an Ecumenical Celebrations chair and would welcome nominations (or volunteers) from the floor. The nominations for Class 1 officers are as follows:

BJ Johnson, President

Myrna Cavender, 1st Vice President

Carole Hatfield, Treasurer

Susan Holman, Ecumenical Action Chair Linda Ellison, Ecumenical Development OPEN Ecumenical Celebrations Church Women United Austin is proud to have presented our Human Rights Award to Emma Lea Mayton. She sent us a thank you note which read as follows: "I am so blesses by your friendship and thankful for <u>all Women</u> who live to serve others. I am humbled by your honoring me with the Human Rights Award... it belongs to <u>all</u> the women members who have graced my life by their examples of love and seeking justice for others. May God richly bless each of you and this unit of Godly women." Sincerely, Emma Lea Mayton



One of Emma Lea's many volunteer passions is as a Volunteer Deputy Registrar for Voter Registration. Honor this passion by voting on or before November 8, 2022!

Becoming a Member of CWU

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED IN AUSTIN INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP/FAIR SHARE

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include her name and mailing address
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Church Women United is supported by the contributions of its member churches and individual members who wish to share in the program and projects of the Austin unit. The CWU budget year is January 1-December 31. Sending individual membership payments before December 31 assures your name will be listed in the CWU yearbook.

Church "Fair Shares" are requested by the end of March.

Individual Membership:

A portion of the \$10 per year donation for Individual Membership pays for the cost of printing and mailing the newsletter and yearbook. You will receive both if you are an Individual Member. Larger donations are encouraged, and "Angels" are those members who wish to support local projects of Church Women United by a membership amount of \$25 or more.

Member Churches

Each church women's group decides for itself what its "Fair Share" of the CWU budget will be. Following are suggested guidelines, not to be considered "dues."

Small Group \$25 Medium Group \$40 Large Group \$60

Please contact your church's women's group if you are not sure if the Fair Share has been paid. Your church "Fair Share" should be paid as soon as possible after the year begins. Make checks payable to CWU in Austin and mark "Fair Share".

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Memberships are sent to the address above. If your contact information has changed, please note changes on the form printed above.