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August Newsletter

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Ecumenical Action Forum

"The Time is Now: Help Children Thrive"

September 6, 2019

9:30 a.m. for Refreshments and Fellowship

10:00 a.m. Program Begins

Meeting Location

Covenant Presbyterian Church
3003 Northland Dr. (512) 454-5321
Pastor: Rev. Thomas Daniel

Look for the CWU Signs!
Safe Travels. See You There

If you are unable to attend the monthly Church Women United Friday meetings and celebrations, we want to send the celebration programs to you. Please contact Linda Ellison if you would like to receive these programs. ldwdarnell@sbcglobal.net or 512-335-3894

We the members of CWU Austin would like to thank the following churches for their generosity and hospitality in hosting CWU this year.

February 1: New Covenant Fellowship
March 1: Ebenezer Baptist Church
April 5: University Presbyterian Church
May 3: St. Johns/San Juan Lutheran Church
June 7: Simpson United Methodist Church





Ecumenical Action Forum, September 9, 2019 at Covenant Presbyterian Church

CWU believes every child has the right to a quality education. We support innovative learning environments for our children designed to protect human dignity and support their well-being and full development. We work to ensure our children are prepared to compete, produce and thrive in the global economies of the 21st century.

Based on the quadrennial priority of Human Rights: Child Education Awareness, the September program will highlight two organizations that support success in school. **Florence Ponziano**, founder of **Florence's Comfort House**, will speak about how she turned her home in the Montopolis neighborhood into a safe and loving haven for children and youth to come after school. Also sharing will be **Dan Leal**, executive director of **SeedlingMentor**, which matches volunteers from the community with AISD children and youth who are affected by incarceration. These stable, long-term relationships help the students develop and maintain a positive attitude toward school.

Join us to hear these two wonderful speakers share their experiences and program.

Charitable Action Project for September

The Charitable Action recipient for September will be Florence's Comfort House. Florence Ponziano lives in the Montopolis neighborhood and opened her home 20 years ago as a safe haven for children to come afterschool. She provides a safe place to play and do homework, and generously passes out snacks, school and hygiene supplies and lots of love. Florence's Comfort House is now registered as a 501(c) 3 geared toward helping kids grow and excel. Please bring something from this list of toiletry items that are always needed: shampoo & conditioner, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, sanitary napkins, hair brushes, tennis socks and underwear of all sizes.



Church Women United in Texas State Assembly will meet September 13-15, 2019 at the Radisson Hotel at Fossil Creek in Fort Worth. Deadline for registration is September 6. You may use the following page to apply to attend.

**CHURCH WOMEN UNITED IN TEXAS
REGISTRATION FORM**

Deadline ~ September 6, 2019

State Assembly

The Time is Now for Fabulous, Fearless Women of Faith to Bridge the Gap

September 13-15, 2019

Radisson Hotel at Fossil Creek Fort Worth

2540 Meacham Blvd ~ 817 625-9911



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Street Address _____

City _____ TX/ZIP _____

Contact # () _____

Emergency Contact Person _____

Emergency Contact # () _____

Email Address _____

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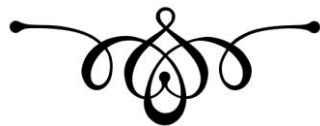
List Special Needs:

Date of Arrival _____

Arrival Time _____

Car _____ Air _____ Other _____

REGISTRATION INFORMATION
Make Check Payable to CWU In Texas
Mail Registration Form
Ruth Robinson
9507 Arborhill Dr. Dallas, TX 75243
Registration: \$125
****Registration does not include Lodging****
LODGING INFORMATION
Radisson Hotel at Fossil Creek~ Fort Worth
2540 Meacham Blvd
You must call the Radisson 817-625-9911 to reserve your room.
Deadline: Aug. 12. You are to mention Church Women United
Event when registering. Rooms are \$99.00 per night .
Free Parking, Free Wi-Fi.
Check in Time: 3:00pm Check out Time: 12:00pm



IMPORTANT TIMES TO REMEMBER

State Executive Council Meeting: 1:00pm
Registration: 3:00 – 6:00pm
Beginning Session: 4:00pm



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (subject to change)
Friday September 13, 2019
Bridging the Gap on Childhood Hunger
Breaking Down Barriers (Dinner)
Saturday September 14, 2019
Bridging the Gap on Women's Health
Bridging the Gap on Human Rights
A Cowtown Fiesta (Dinner)
Sunday September 15, 2019
Texas Meritorious Woman Awards
Memorial Service
Installation of Officers

Texas representative to the Texas Impact board is DorothyKraemer@yahoo.com. To get on the email list to receive updates from Bee Moorhead go to the website: www.texasimpact.org. Excerpt from Aug. 11 email:

Many Voices, One Song: Faith Leaders Call for Migration Justice

Leaders of denominations and faith traditions across the country and in Texas have spent the summer issuing statements, sharing resources, and demanding action from the Administration to end detention of families and children. For example:

Texas' six Episcopal bishops issued a joint statement, as did the five United Methodist bishops along with a number of retired United Methodist bishops. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, at its churchwide assembly, declared itself to be the first "sanctuary denomination," and called on congregations, synods and other church organizations to speak out against the "inhumane policies of harassment, detention and deportation implemented by the U.S. government." More than 160 Jewish leaders signed a letter this month urging the Administration to reconsider its zero-refugee proposal.

Texas Impact continues to compile and post worship resources for immigration, and we welcome any denominational or other faith-based policy statements or other resources you would like us to promote.

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 512-906-826 (cell), if you know of any courtesies to be extended. Courtesy cards were as follows:

Sympathy Cards to:

Mary Wiley

Barbara Alexander

Julie Stillwell

The Family of Jackie Brown

Get Well Cards to:

Ruth C. Ellison

Lena F. Sauls

Johnnie M. Grattan

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

Prayer changes things!

We NEED you.
Can you HELP?

The CWU Jail Ministry Team is looking for a new leader. Sue Sidney has requested to step away from this position. If you would be interested in helping with this important ministry, please contact President B. J. Johnson at (512) 447-3682 and let her know.

The Time is Now – We Need Your Nominations!

The Human Rights Celebration will be held on October 4, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. at St. John's United Methodist Church. At this Celebration, we honor a person or organization in our community who is/are doing extraordinary work on behalf of "the least of these;" and who has made an impact in furthering work of justice, peace and human dignity. If you have a nomination for a recipient for the Human Rights Award, please contact Winnie Gage at (512) 328-8163 and ask for a nomination form. The Human Rights Award comes with a donation to the recipient's charity of choice.