



Church Women United in Austin

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May 2022 Newsletter

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Fabulous, Fearless, Women of Faith

We had a successful program April 1, 2022. There were more than 25 people in attendance. We hope to be meeting in person again soon. Thanks to all who helped. Special thanks to Linda Ellison who planned the program on Zoom and handled the meeting superbly. May 6, 2022, we will celebrate with May Friendship Day. We will have music and a skit, and I think the attendees will gain a lot from our upcoming meeting coordinated by Myrna Cavender, Susan Holman and me. Jesus said 'there will always be hunger and the poor will always be with us" so I think our work will never be done. We will present our Valiant Women Award during this meeting too. Susan Holman has been working to get this accomplished, thank you so much.

Continued COVID outbreaks have kept us from meeting all spring. BUT we can keep moving forward with our planning for fall. We have a church scheduled for the September gathering. Berkeley United Methodist Church has put us on the calendar, and we should be presenting the Young Church Woman United award that day.

Hope you all had a blessed Easter Thank you for all your help. It is greatly appreciated.

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 Card & Sympathy Card to:

Carole Hatfield

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

Prayer changes things!

MAY FRIENDSHIP DAY **(FROM THE NATIONAL CWU WEBSITE)**

May Friendship Day dates back to May 1933, when two independent groups planned luncheons to focus on “Child Health” and “Children of Migrant Families.” The first event was sponsored by the Women’s Council for Home Missions in New York City and the second one, called “Dedication Day,” was sponsored by the National Council of Federated Church Women in order to bring the group’s dream of unity into full expression in each local community. Under a variety of names, this event continued and expanded until 1939, when they merged under the National Council of Church Women, which called for an annual observance “to strengthen a growing sense of unity, the joy of Christian fellowship, and the power of Christianity in the day of need.” In May 1945, a few years after the founding of Church Women United, the celebration was formalized as May Fellowship Day. In 1999, the movement of Church Women United changed the name of the celebration to May Friendship Day, as we continue to celebrate unity in our journey toward wholeness in all communities.

OUR FRIENDSHIP DAY CELEBRATION, MAY 6, 2022

Please join our CWU group as we celebrate May Friendship Day on Friday, May 6 at 10:00 a.m. The Zoom link below will be open at 9:45 a.m. for socializing. The theme for this year’s CWU programs, “It’s Up to You in 2022” is carried out in May with “A Call to Serve” based on the familiar verse from Isaiah 6:8, “Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?’ And I said, ‘Here am I. Send me!’” If a significant difference is to be made in 2022 regarding diversity, racism, poverty, social justice, and other issues plaguing our world, then it is up to every CWU member to do her part by answering that call. There will even be a “radio skit” to emphasize the need for stepping up and out! The Valiant Woman awards for 2021 and 2022 will also be presented. Thanks to Myrna Cavender, Susan Holman and BJ Johnson for organizing the program.

In the past we were encouraged to bring a friend to the May Friendship meeting, so this year think of inviting a CWU friend whose face you haven’t seen lately on Zoom or share the link with a new friend. We look forward to seeing all your smiling faces on May 6th .

ZOOM LINK

Topic: CWU May Friendship Day

Time: May 6, 2022 09:45 AM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83199583564?pwd=ZytPd3JJeWE2UkFqbVVuTEZFYVhUZz09>

Meeting ID: 831 9958 3564 Passcode: cwu

One tap mobile

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+12532158782,,83199583564#,,,,*780743# US (Tacoma)

Young Church Woman Award

The Young Church Woman Award recognizes young women in the community who are giving and living a life of outstanding service to church and community. If you know of a young woman who is deserving of this award, please submit the nomination form on a subsequent page to nominate her. This award is usually presented at the September meeting.

Human Rights Award

The Human Rights Award recognizes individuals in the community who are doing extraordinary work on behalf of “the least of these,” and who have made an impact in furthering the work of justice, peace, and human dignity. Please submit the nomination form found on a subsequent page. This award is usually presented at the October meeting.

Ecumenical Celebrations & Historian Positions Open

In the fall we will have elections for officers. We have vacancies for the chair of the Ecumenical Celebrations Committee and a Historian at present, but other offices will be up for election as well. If you are interested in finding out more information about any positions, please contact President BJ Johnson (512) 447-3682 or Florence Smythe Macauley at (512) 551-9292. We hope to fill these positions in the fall when we elect new officers.

Your Membership is Important

If you have not joined Church Women United in 2022, there is still time. Please use the form on a later page to join for yourself or to contribute for your church as a Fair Share member. We are hoping to have an up to date yearbook when we meet again in the fall. Join now so you will be included!

Church Women United 2021-2024 Quadrennial Priorities

THEME: Justice and Righteousness

GOD’S WORD: The Lord God has told us what is right and what he demands: “See that justice is done, let mercy be your first concern, and humbly obey your God.” Micah 6:8 CEV

For more information about Church Women United Quadrennial Priorities go to

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1lvh1GSFP7Q2V2FzYQUA_EkGDKnukD7Lv/view?usp=sharing



Young Church Woman Biographical Information

The Young Church Woman Award recognizes young women in the community who are giving and living a life of outstanding service to church and community.

Please type or print clearly. Use additional paper as needed.

Name of the woman to be honored _____

Address of the honoree _____

Telephone or cell number of the honoree _____

Please include a brief biographical description of the person, such as family, church involvement, activities in both the faith community, school, and community at large. Please submit educational information also. Please submit a photograph that will be returned.

Why do you recommend this individual? _____

Name of person submitting this form _____

Your Church Women United Unit _____

Your Church Name _____

Your mailing address

Your phone or cell number

Your e-mail address

The deadline for submitting applications is Wednesday, May 15, 2022

Send to:

Myrna Cavender, Young Church Woman Award Committee
micavender@yahoo.com or 3905 Reynosa Drive, Austin, TX 78739



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Address of the honoree_____

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Becoming a Member of CWU

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED IN AUSTIN INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP/FAIR SHARE

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Telephone _____

Congregation _____

If your congregation has a women's group representative, please include her name and mailing address

Amount _____ Individual Membership _____ Fair Share _____ Date _____

Mail to Church Women United in Austin, PO Box 14336, Austin, TX 78761-4336

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.