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Fabulous, Fearless, Women of Faith

Church Women United will NOT meet in person for 2021. We'll see what the New Year brings.

We had a successful program at the Sept 3, 2021 forum via Zoom. We had a great turn out and many people were impressed with the overall program. Susan Holman put this program together from a distance. It was very helpful to hear from Julie Ballesteros, Executive Director of Manos de Cristo. Manos is one of the organizations that CWU supports, and it was heartwarming to hear how they have been doing over the past two years.

Linda Ellison did a fantastic book review of *Be the Bridge* on Sept. 10, 2021 on Zoom. We will send out notification of the next scheduled book club meeting.

We do not have a Young Church Woman United award to present again this year as no one was nominated. But we will have the Human Rights Award to present at the October 1 meeting. The person nominated is Shannon Carr, associated with Austin Area Mental Health Consumers. Here bio is included in this newsletter.

We also need to nominate a Valiant Woman. The award will be due for presentation in May.

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 Cards to:

*Florence Smythe Macaulay
Roscoe Overton*

Sympathy Cards to:

*Family of Nell Chambers
Jewel M. Downing,
(Death of her brother)*

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

Prayer changes things!

Human Rights Celebration

October 1, 2021, via Zoom

Church Women United members have always combined study, fellowships, service, and activism. We recognize that there are many of God's children in the world who are not able to enjoy life free of oppression and fear. Through our study, we become knowledgeable about the persecution and exploitation with which many live. Through fellowship we find ways to network together. Through our service we can provide tangible relief. Through our activism, we can bring to bear influence on legislation that can provide equality to the oppressed.

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 one who has made an impact in furthering the work of justice, peace, and human dignity. The Human Rights Award comes with a donation to the recipient's charity of choice.

This year's Human Rights Award will be present to Shannon Carr, Executive Director of Austin Area Mental Health Consumers. A bio of Shannon is included in this newsletter.

Church Women United is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Church Women United October Meeting

Time: October 1, 2021, 09:45 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://upcaustin.zoom.us/j/89534502078?pwd=bTU0NVdSZU5oQit4MjIjMeTZVNIjNzZ09>

Meeting ID: 895 3450 2078

Passcode: 026958

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Shannon Carr has been the Executive Director for Austin Area Mental Health Consumers (AAMHC) for the past 18 years. AAMHC provides peer support services for adults experiencing mental health issues, substance use and/or homelessness. Mrs. Carr was previously a Community Manager for Austin State Schools where she organized community employees in teaching independent living skills to people who have developmental disabilities and mental health issues and was the Training Coach for Texas Special Olympics where she trained coaches who work with our Special Olympians techniques and tool to help foster these wonderful athletes. She also worked as the Coordinator for Texas Mental Health Consumers where she organized activities for the Self Help and Advocacy Center and a Community Representative for Austin Police Department Auto Theft Intervention Team where she provided awareness to the Austin Community about auto theft prevention. Mrs. Carr currently serves as the Program Committee Chair of the Central Texas African American Family Support Center (CTAAFSC) as well as served on the Mayor's Mental Health Task Force, Chair of the Austin Independent School District's School Health Advisory Council and other advisory roles that promote wellness and recovery. Mrs. Carr has experience with her own personal depression and anxieties while also being a support for her brother and sisters who also have their own recovery experiences. She is a wife, mother of 16 year-old twin boys, 18 and 22 year-old girls, a motivational speaker, a past Girl Scout Leader, a church ministry leader, and a singer in a gospel group known as Harmony Gospel .

More of her bio is available on our website and will be presented at the meeting. She will be our Keynote speaker on October 1.

New Feature on CWU website

We are adding a new feature to the Church Women United website, www.churchwomenunited.org. There is a new tab on the website for resources. This will include books, recordings, movie suggestions, etc. A need for such resources has grown out of our discussions in the *Be the Bridge* Book Club.

Visit the website and/or join the book club. (More information about the book club is below).

The April Forum on the Latasha Morrison book **Be the Bridge: Pursuing God's Heart for Racial Reconciliation** was a great success. Many attendees requested further study on this book and the topic.

We had a great first Book Club meeting on September 10 at 10:00. a.m with 15 in attendance. Even if you missed the first meeting, feel free to join us on October 8 at 10:00 a.m. for the second in the series.

ZOOM INFORMATION

Linda Ellison is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Be the Bridge Book Club

Time: Oct 8, 2021 10:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81609758436?pwd=OFITQU1uSkRKMU9LS0Q1K2cwQjYzQT09>

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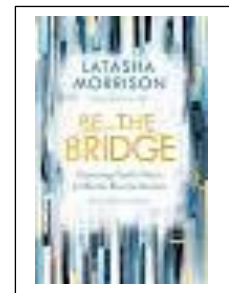
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Becoming a Member of CWU

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Name _____

Address _____

City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

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Congregation _____

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

Amount _____ Individual Membership _____ Fair Share _____ Date _____

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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.



Your Membership is Important

CWU is counting on your continued support. Although we have not been able to meet in person, we are continuing to provide ongoing programming and information. Please use the attached membership application to renew your membership. Contact your church to determine whether the church can become a Fair Share Member. Join now to be included in the Yearbook!