

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED IN AUSTIN

ANNUAL REPORT – 2018

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New Covenant Fellowship (PCUSA)

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- C. Participating Denominations:
AME, Baptist, Catholic, Christian, Episcopal, Lutheran, Mennonite, Presbyterian,
United Methodist, Seventh Day Adventist
- D. Amount of Fair Share to State: \$200.00; Local Unit Pledge to National – \$200.00
- E. Activities: The local unit meets eight times a year; Executive Board Meetings are held 9 times during the year. Average attendance at local meetings – 50.
Yearly themes issued by National serve as the guide for programming.
Annual Meeting is held in February at which time transition of officers takes place; Black History Month is recognized

The local unit observes “World Day of Prayer” in March. The theme for 2018 – “All God’s Creation Is Very Good”

Ecumenical Development presents two forums per year (April and June), selecting topics which address community concerns; engages in outreach by mailing programs to sick and shut-in; courtesy chair sends cards as needed; conducts leadership training in November; serve as greeters for local meetings; plan and present Wellspring Bible Study in June.
2018 presenter – **Peggy Ogden-Howe**, a retired Lutheran Minister

Ecumenical Celebrations:

May Friendship Day used published celebration materials recommended by National CWU; 2018 theme -“Reaching for Wholeness in Gratitude for God’s Presence.” The Valiant Woman award was present **Susan Holman**, Chair of Ecumenical Action Committee.

Human Rights Celebration - Observed in October; theme, "Reaching for Wholeness in Solidarity with God's Creation" – For the first time in the history of CWU in Austin, the award was presented to a male, **Alan Graham**, CEO of Mobile Loaves and Fishes.

World Community Day 2018 – Observed in November; Theme "Reaching for Wholeness-In Harmony with God's People" Guest speaker from Foundation Communities.

Ecumenical Action – This committee plans the September meeting and uses the Quadrennial Priorities as a guide to determine community involvement and monthly charitable projects. Projects for **2018**: Manos de Cristo Food Pantry; Montopolis Friendship Center; Food Pantry at United Christian Church; items for "Care Bags" distributed by Refugee Services of Texas.

September **2018**, the **Young Church Women United Award** was presented to **Dr. Courtney Robinson**, member of Sweet Home Baptist Church (Pinnacle of Praise). **Dr. Calvin Kelly**, Dean of Student Development at St. Edwards University was the guest speaker.

The Jail Ministry continued its work at the Travis County Correctional Complex in Del Valle under the leadership of Sue Sidney and Treena Pickett. Courtesies were extended by Mary Terrell.

August 17, 2018, we held our annual board retreat in an attempt to relax, reflect, and renew.

Deceased Members 2018: Eva Mae Waggoner; Billie Talley, Mercedes "Cede" Conder, and Tommie T. Weaver.