

Western District Women in Mission Report
Sharon Stucky, WDWM President

WDWM commits itself to:

- promote spiritual growth through Bible study, prayer, fellowship, and other Christian disciplines;
- discern and nurture women's gifts and skills for leadership and service in the local church and community;
- build relationships and networks for support, affirmation, discernment, witness, service, and celebration;
- support and strengthen the mission of Western District Conference.

Some highlights of the past year include:

- WDWM set up an exhibit for the Western District Conference Annual Assembly at Faith Mennonite Church on July 30-31, 2021
- Women & Girls Retreat was held in person on September 11-12, 2021 with Kathy Neufeld Dunn, Associate Minister of Western District Conference speaking on the topic of "R-E-C-O-N-N-E-C-T". We did not have a girls program this year and followed Covid 19 protocols. It was good to re-connect in person.
- Finding it difficult to recruit women to fill the open positions (Executive Committee, Nominating Committee and other representatives for WDWM Council), the Executive Committee asked Wendy Funk Schrag and Tammy Duvanel Unruh to join them to create an Ad Hoc committee and evaluate the future of WDWM.
- On April 26, 2022, the Ad Hoc Committee planned and hosted a "Meet Up". This virtual event provided the opportunity to learn about Knit for Peace from the women at Lorraine Mennonite Church in Wichita, KS and hear Sarah Augustine speak about her book, *The Land is Not Empty: Following Jesus in Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery*.
- A few surveys were conducted during the past year to help the Executive Committee and the Ad Hoc Committee determine the viability of WDWM. While most responses stated a strong interest in keeping WDWM going, a limited number of women stated a willingness to serve on Committees or as Representatives. For the last few years, only three of the five WDWM Executive Committee positions have been filled and each person graciously served beyond her term. For WDWM to continue, we need WDC women willing to fill all positions.
- WDWM continues to receive contributions (from eight churches/women's groups in 2021) totaling just over \$3,300 and disbursed \$3,200 to: Mennonite Women USA, Camp Mennoscah, Western District Conference, Bethel College Women's Association, and other special projects. Contributions, payable to WDWM, can be sent to our Treasurer: Darlene Powers, 116 SW 9th St, Newton, KS 67114.

You can share ideas with WDWM's Executive Committee at:

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Check out our website at:

<https://communicationswdwm.wixsite.com/wdwm>

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2021-2022 WDWM Executive Committee:

President: Sharon Stucky (served an extended term, which ends in 2022)

Vice President: _____

Secretary: _____

Treasurer: Darlene Powers (served an extended term, which ends in 2022)

Communications Team: Renae Stucky (served an extended term, which ends in 2022)