

Women's Resource Council
Report to the 38th General Assembly



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Chair

Summary of Work, 2017-2018:

1. The WRC has been reorganized to include a chair that serves three years and leaders in specific areas.
2. The WRC blog and Facebook are operational and functioning well.
3. WRC emphasizes the development of mentors and making disciples through a WRC video and additional resources on the EPC website.
4. The WRC has recruited writers and speakers.
5. The WRC has facilitated the development of networks in some Presbyteries.

Work of the Committee in 2017-2018:

The Women's Resource Council (WRC) continues to support women in local churches to fulfill the mission and vision of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. The ministry encourages connections across the denomination and provides resources that inspire and facilitate the development of a vibrant ministries wherein women are nurtured, encouraged, and inspired and equipped to bring Christ to those near and far.

The WRC helps women connect across the denomination. It uses:

- Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/TheWellePC/>
- Blog <https://www.epctheWell.org.wordpress.com/>
- Website <https://epc.org/thewell/>
- Print communications
- Person-to-person contact.

WRC offers resources on the website that include materials for individual, small and large group studies on the Bible and topics such as discipleship, evangelization, spiritual formation, soul care, leadership development. This year our vision has been to empower women in every local church to proclaim the gospel and to mentor believers to become disciples of Jesus Christ. We encourage women to **Pray** and ask God for direction. **Identify** women who would be good mentors. **Invite** them to study one of the resources noted under "Starting a Mentoring Ministry."

We further categorize resources by the following:

- Believe (growing in faith)
- Belong (developing Christ-centered relationships)
- Be Bold (reaching out through evangelism and missions)
- Be Free (finding freedom and healing).

Organization and Administration

The WRC permanent committee (Executive Committee) consists of six women and general membership of eight women, for a total of fourteen members. Each presbytery is represented. The Council was originally organized around committees and a rotating chair. The organization needs more stability. We reorganized to address this need, and the changes do not affect the EPC Rules of Assembly. The WRC now has:

- The WRC Chair that serves for three years.
- WRC Executive Committee that provides leadership in specific areas: leadership, discipleship, administration, treasurer, and spiritual formation.
- The primary work and decisions of the WRC occur during WRC meetings, whether face to face or conference call. Ad hoc committees address specific topics and report back to the WRC, e.g., GA planning.
- Individuals research and propose actions for the WRC.

The ministry has stabilized and grown with this organizational change.

Recommendations to the 2018 General Assembly:

WRC has no recommendations at this time.

Committee Members

TE Sharon Beekmann (Chair), Presbytery of the West
TE Mary Brown (Discipleship), Presbytery of the Great Plains
Kathleen Marcy (Treasurer), Presbytery of the Rivers and Lakes
Elizabeth Parker (Leadership), Presbytery of the Gulf South
TE Lana Roberts (Spiritual Formation), Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest
Kimberly Ann Sinclair (Administrative Assistant), Presbytery of the Midwest
Heidi Bethel, Presbytery of the Southeast
Anita Cambell, Presbytery of the Alleghenies
Rebekah Coffman, Presbytery of Florida and the Caribbean
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Drema Morris, Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic
Clare Purington, Presbytery of the Central South
Joe Ann Stenstrom, Presbytery of the East
Vacant: Presbytery of the Pacific Northwest

Committee Meeting Dates:

August 15 & 16, 2017 OGA Orlando
January 23 & 24, 2018 OGA Orlando
June 17 & 18, 2018 Memphis, TN

Respectfully submitted,



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