



# Communiqué

Fall 2008

*This quarterly communiqué is prepared for state and area leadership by the International Women's Ministries Department for the purpose of inspiration and promotion of various ministry opportunities for women.*

## SPECIAL EMPHASIS

### September — October — November

**F** all “Kick-Off” events set the tone for the entire year.

The new resource, ***Building Women's Ministries***, provides numerous *kick-off ideas*.

**A** cquaint your ladies with the new WWAM project and get a quick start.

Promotional DVDs and brochures should go to each church at Ministers' Meeting time.

**L** et the Holy Spirit lead you as you lead others in your state/region and local churches.

Invest time in your newly appointed state Women's Ministries board. Relationships help.

**L** ead with enthusiasm. It is contagious.

Lead with love. It is salvific.

*From the Coordinator . . .*

Dear Women's Leadership Team:

It is difficult to believe that we are coming to the end of another General Assembly period. Let me take this little bit of space and ink to say that I deeply appreciate the cooperation and love that you have shown International President DeRosa McGuire and myself over these past four years. You have worked diligently to provide the very best for your states and regions and churches. You are an amazingly creative group of women. Your ladies and girls are blessed to have you lead!

You will receive the hard copy of this *Communique* during the camp meeting season. Many of the enclosed materials are for fall activities. Please pass them along to your ladies in time for them to use them during their summer planning sessions for the autumn months.

Remember that *Communique* can be accessed on-line by going to [www.womensministries.cc](http://www.womensministries.cc). Click on "Leadership Development Center" at the bottom of the home page. In the top right hand corner of the leadership page, click on *Communique* under the heading, "In This Section."

At this writing, tickets are still available for the General Assembly luncheon. Call 423-478-7173 to order. Join in prayer for a joyful time with Joni Lamb, The Daystar Singers, and Carla.

For those of you involved in girls' ministries, there are a number of newly prepared materials. Besides the traditional curriculum, there are new merit studies. There also are new studies for short breaks, summer sessions, and/or variety. You might be interested in the new "Princess" line with studies for various ages with several new awards in lieu of badges.

Let me encourage you to continue to minister to women and girls. They represent 60% of our membership. They constitute the backbone of our culture and our churches. If 60% of our membership is actively involved in ministry, the world can change.

Be blessed in your camp meetings and youth camps! Be blessed in your homes and families! I look forward to seeing you in San Antonio.

Prayerfully yours,

*Mary Ruth Stone*

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## Ministry Emphases Enclosed

- While much planning for the upcoming church calendar year takes place during the summer months, the annual fall “kick-off” event usually takes place in September. Enclosed you will find a flyer with tips designed to increase the effectiveness of this important event.
- Every church leadership team should acquire a copy of *Building Women’s Ministries*. It contains the annual plans for 27 local church women’s ministries. Each church was recommended by their respective state/regional president. The churches vary in size from 50 to 1,500. See the enclosed flyer.
- The anniversary of Church of God Women’s Ministries has traditionally been observed on or around October 6. Enclosed you will find ideas for a Heritage Day Program entitled, “Ministry Fashion and Function.” Finding appropriate outfits from each of the eight decades might be fun. (This is in booklet format in color. If you want this in a black and white short version, you can access it from the web site or contact us to e-mail it to you.)
- Carmela has prepared a collection of ideas for the fall months centered around apples. Red, yellow, or green, they are good and good for you!
- *Renewal '09* promises to be a special treat for attendees for many reasons, not the least of which is the venue. The Hyatt Regency San Francisco Airport is a gorgeous hotel situated beside the San Francisco Bay in Burlingame. There is a free trolley to and from the airport, a free trolley to and from the BART (Bay Area Rapid Transit), and a free trolley to and from the delightful Burlingame historic district with boutiques, shops, and restaurants. Begin planning now to be there October 16-18, 2009. Speakers and additional details will be selected and released after the General Assembly. The enclosed flyer can be used to set calendars and raise anticipation until then.
- The Tennessee Ladies for Life leaders have been faithful to keep us attuned to “Right to Life” issues. Once again they have provided a flyer. You may not choose to pass these along in their entirety. However, in January some of your churches will be asking for information for Sanctity of Human Life Sunday. A file of these flyers may be a helpful resource to you at that time.
- The “Interim Girls Ministries Leadership Team” has responded to a need for updated materials with a plethora of brand new merit studies, short term curriculum, revised existing materials, and other good *stuff*. Enclosed you will find several flyers to acquaint you with what is newly available. Visit the General Assembly exhibit area to peruse these materials and their supporting awards. Girls will love the new accessories! Thank you, Carmela and Emily.

# Promotional Priorities

Covenant Sisters Ministry — September

Goal Setting Month — September

Plan in September for International Women's Ministries Heritage Day  
Anniversary Celebration — October  
October 6, 2008, ministry is 72 years old

Promote Prayer and Fasting — September  
*Tuesdays to Triumph* may be used

Protection from Pornography Week — October 26-November 2  
Contact [www.nationalcoalition.org](http://www.nationalcoalition.org)

National AIDS Awareness Month — October  
Contact [www.worldrelief.org](http://www.worldrelief.org) or [www.ccih.org](http://www.ccih.org)

WWAM Project emphasis — November

Thanksgiving—November 27

Make plans to attend *Renewal '09*  
San Francisco, CA, October 16-18, 2009

## Helpful Website Information:

[www.womensministries.cc](http://www.womensministries.cc)

Click on **“Leadership Development Center”**

Username is: womensministries — Password is: unique

FOR ONLINE QUARTERLY REPORTING:

Click on **“Church of God Women's Ministries State Quarterly Report”**

Username is: cogwomen — Password is: excell

## Prayer Focus

[www.nationaldayofprayer.org](http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org)

[www.praymag.com](http://www.praymag.com)

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