

Promotional Priorities

Women's Ministries Camp Meeting Activities
(Dates vary by state/region.)

Father's Day — June 15, 2008

Summer Youth Camps
(Dates and places vary by state/region.)

Honor the Widows Sunday — June 22, 2008

Promote Family Life

Church of God General Assembly — August 4-9, 2008
San Antonio, Texas

Women's Ministries Luncheon — August 7, 2008 — 11:30 a.m.
Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center — Ballroom C
Call 423-478-7173 to purchase tickets.

Plan Fall Ministries "Kick Off" Meeting

Plan Now for the Future
Renewal '09 — TBA

Helpful Web site Information:

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

www.praymag.com

www.nationalprayer.org



Communiqué

Summer 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 EMPHASES

June — July — August

Swiftly pass the day of summer, innocence, and youth,

Under skies of blazing sunshine, twinkling stars, and nature's truth.

May we grasp the chance to teach them, lead them to the better way.

May we mentor, model, mold them, show them often how to pray.

Bever mindful of our mandate—older women, teach the girls . . .

Reverent, sober, good and loving, giving them our precious pearls.

(Titus 2:3-5)

From the Coordinator . . .

Dear Women's Leadership Team:

Spring is drawing near. Summer will follow closely on its heels. Enclosed you will find some materials for summer emphasis. This issue tends to be a bit thinner since summers are full of outdoor activities based on schools being out and camp meetings and youth camps in full swing. That doesn't mean women aren't in ministry! It just means their focus is likely to change.

Hopefully, local church leaders spend some quality time planning fall kick off activities for women's and girls' ministries. The *Communiqué* packet you receive in June will offer help in making their plans.

Thank you for the emphasis you have put on our 2006-08 **WWAM** project, Nyamphande Orphanage and School in Zambia, Africa! Building is moving forward. Please give one last push for the next few weeks in order to give them maximum resources. Remember, to receive full credit toward the Administrative Bishop's mission award, have your **WWAM** funds in our office by May 6 so we can meet the World Missions deadline of May 10. We will continue to give credit toward '08 General Assembly **WWAM** awards until June 2. (We need to have our luncheon program to Pathway to be printed and loaded on the trucks on time.) Of course, all **WWAM** funds received by August 31st will continue to go to Nyamphande as designated.

About 900 tickets have been purchased for the General Assembly luncheon. We are looking forward to an enjoyable event with Joni Lamb, Carla Robinson, and our sisters from around the world. Encourage your ladies to attend.

My prayer is that God will strengthen you for the very busy days that are ahead over the course of the next six months. Many decisions will be made. Much work will be done. May it all be done according to the will of God and for His glory!

Thank you for your commitment and your labors of love.

Gratefully yours,

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Ministry Emphases Enclosed —

- Remember, if you want to download *Communiqué* files from the Web site, go to www.womensministries.cc and click on "Leadership Development Center." The user name is "womensministries" and the password is "unique." There you will find a *Communiqué* link.
- The **WWAM** flyer features pictures of Nyamphande boys in front of their new dorm and the foundation for a staff duplex. This new staff housing meets a government requirement for receiving funds to pay faculty. We have a few more weeks to promote this great need. If you need additional brochures for spring retreats, just ask!
- We have sold about 900 tickets to the General Assembly luncheon. Please pass along the enclosed order form so that local ladies will know how to order. Also, for the first time tickets are available online! There is an icon on our home page.
- **Change your e-mail address list as shown. The AOL account is obsolete.**
- Remember a year ago when we asked you to connect us with some of your best local leaders? The new notebook, *Building Women's Ministries*, has outlines for a year of ministry from 27 local churches of all sizes. This is for local church Women's Ministry leaders.
- "The Dad Card" is a Father's Day observance idea to share. You will find another idea sheet, "Fathers & Daughters."
- We have obtained lapel pins in response to requests from *Renewal* attendees. See enclosed flyer.
- The new book, *In All of This*, is ideal for teenaged girls, parents, counselors, and youth workers. It addresses questions and concerns that are all too common in contemporary society. The answers are theologically and psychologically sound.
- Girls Clubs often take a break from their core curriculum during the summer. Enclosed is an array of new merit studies and short curricula that your leaders and girls will enjoy.
- Girls' ministries leaders will be glad to know that backpacks and handbags will soon provide optional ways of displaying merit badges and other patches for Bluebelles and Joy Belles.
- Our culture scorns biblical norms regarding sexuality. The need for teaching purity rests ever more heavily on the shoulders of parents and the church. Note the enclosed flyer for resources and encouragement in that regard. (This is in response to requests from girls' ministries leaders on state and local levels.)
- **Thanks for sharing!**