

BELONGING TO CHURCH WOMEN OF THE SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

October 3, 2015

The Church Women of the Southern Conference (CWSC) have had a busy and exciting year. Our Summer Conference at Franklinton Center was hosted by the Eastern Virginia Women. The conference with the theme of "Come to the Waters" was inspirational and thought provoking. Many of our churches still use this material published by the Presbyterian Church. The fellowship, pajama party, games, dancing, and snacks made a delightful Friday evening of fun. Franklinton Center was a wonderful host with very nice rooms and delicious food. Some of the food served was grown in their own gardens.

During August, several of our districts had workshops planned in their local area. It was a joy for me to be a part of these district gatherings. It is our hope that all districts will soon have new events planned. It would help to pull our churches back together in a feeling of belonging on the local level. These events could be the backbone for our organization, as well as the conference. In September the EVA and WNC Associations had Fall Enrichment gatherings with the attendance and number of churches participating up. We hope to continue building strong relationships with our churches through the women's group.

Two new committees have been appointed to study several issues that are facing our Church Women. Does our Summer Conference need to be changed in any way to help attract younger women? Another group is appointed to help plan events that will attract family groups together in the Conference.

1. SUMMER CONFERENCE COMMITTEE IDEAS:

ENC- Alberta McLaughlin, Chair & Betty Griffin

EVA - Mahalia Clark & Mabel Lassiter

WNC - Nora Norred & Margie Weavil

2. YOUTH PLANNING EVENTS

EVA - Gwen Mitchell, Chair & Carathene Crump

ENC - Diana Moody & Gail McAfee

WNC - Margaret Lemly & Ernestine Purnell

These committees are to report back to our Expanded Board Meeting in March. The ENC women will be in charge of planning our Summer Conference for 2016.

We are excited about our Southern Regional Meeting of UCC women coming up October 16 - 18. So far we have 19 registered to go to Sumatanga Conference Center in Gallant, Alabama. We'd love to have more of you to go with us. Copies of the registration form and more information can be found on the Western North Carolina Association website and Facebook page, and on the Southern Conference website.

Belonging to the CWSC is wonderful. We come together to worship, fellowship and grow in our faith. May God continue to guide us to love and work together as the family of the Southern Conference.

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