

# Church Women United in Wisconsin

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## 2019 State Assembly

### "Care of God's Creation"

#### Holy Wisdom Monastery

4200 County M  
Middleton, WI 53562

Saturday  
**Sept. 7, 2019**

**Special Guests**  
CWU National President

**Patti Polk**

Midwest Regional Coordinator

**Judy Reimer**

Featured Speakers

**Sr. Lynne Smith, OSB**

**Pastor Michele Hopp**

### "An Assembly to Remember"

Patti Polk, National CWU President, and Judy Reimer, Midwest Regional Coordinator, have accepted our invitation to attend the fall Assembly and will be active participants in our scheduled events. It is exciting to know we will hear from both during the day and have a chance to meet them person to person. Check out the bio information included in this newsletter to learn more about them. Our committee has been working toward making this an assembly to remember, and this news promises to make it even better.

This is our last newsletter before the assembly, so this is our last reminder to please get your reservations in soon. The assembly date is a little earlier than usual - Saturday, **September 7, 2019**. That is the Saturday after Labor Day, which comes early this year. Reservations should be received by **August 16, 2019**. Registration fee of \$25 is non-refundable, but it is transferable. (See the attached registration form for specific information, including a map and directions.)

The venue for the assembly is also different this year. Instead of a local church, we are holding the assembly at Holy Wisdom Monastery and Retreat Center. Don't let the word "Monastery" cause you to hesitate. The Retreat Center on the grounds is a modern, environmentally friendly facility. Originally run by Benedictine Sisters as a school, the monastery is now managed by the Ecumenical Benedictine Women of Madison. Women and men of all faiths are welcomed.

Our theme, "Care of God's Creation", includes caring for all living things – including ourselves, so a portion of this assembly will have some time and presentations that have a "retreat" aspect. Sr. Lynne Smith, OSB, resides at Holy Wisdom Monastery and will be telling us about Benedictine Practices and showing us different forms of prayer. Pastor Michele Hopp will speak to us on "Caring for God's Creation." Patti Polk will address "How to Find Spiritual Time in a Busy World" as well as offer a meditation during our Memorial Roll Call of our deceased sisters in Christ. Kathy Maldegen will provide the music leadership throughout the day.

That's only part of what we'll be doing! Join us and make this truly **"An Assembly to Remember"**!

**2019 Assembly Committee:** Gloria Carter, Sue Coghill, Kris Clauzing, Carol Lange (ex officio)

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**Calendar**

<b>State Board Meeting - De Forest - August 8</b>
<b>Registration for Assembly due - August 16</b>
<b>State Assembly – September 7</b>
<b>World Community Day – November 1</b>
<b>Quadrennial Gathering – June 11-14, 2020</b>

**Assembly Reminders****Memorial Service**

Remembering our Sisters

The 2019 Assembly will again remember our sisters who have died within the past year with a Memorial Service.

Unit Presidents are reminded to send a list of women from their unit or area who have died during the past year to Kris Clausing in order that we may include their names in our Roll Call at the Memorial Service. Kris can be contacted at W799 Town Line Road, Ripon WI 54971 or email to [kristineclausing@live.com](mailto:kristineclausing@live.com)

**Housing at the Assembly**

Double and Single Rooms are still available at Holy Wisdom Monastery for anyone coming to the Assembly on Friday night, September 6, 2019.

See the attached Housing Brochure for more information and registration form. Reserve a room before they're gone!

## Meet our National President - Patti Polk



The 2019 Assembly Committee is proud to announce that Patti Polk, National President of Church Women United, will join us for our assembly to be held at Holy Wisdom Monastery and Retreat Center.

Patti, a faithful member of the St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Peoria, Illinois, has served on numerous committees. Her career work experience includes working for SBC/Ameritech/ AT&T for 30 years in various positions including: Corporate Director of External Affairs, Manager of Sales and Servicing, Customer Advocate, and Business and Residence Service Representative.

Upon retirement, Patti became an entrepreneur of a sole proprietorship, Pya Mwanzo. Her business disseminates information through personal lecture presentations on African-American quilts and their role in the Underground Railroad. One of her retirement opportunities was with Methodist College of Nursing. There she developed and coordinated all aspects of the College Bound Nursing Excellence program. This program was developed to encourage minorities to pursue nursing careers.

Currently Patti is employed for Harbor Light Hospice as their Volunteer Coordinator. Patti feels that the Lord saved her the best job for last - being able to provide emotional support and companionship to those on their final journey.

Patti's volunteer experiences and community service are too numerous to acknowledge all, but here are just a few: Vice-President of Springdale Cemetery Authority Board; President and Founder of Mothers Against Violence; member of Peoria

Public Schools District 150 Strategic Plan Committee; member of Peoria Area Chamber of Commerce Workforce Development, Education and Transportation Committees and Vice- Chair of Voters Services for the League of Women Voters.

In addition, Patti has been a member of CWU-Peoria for over 34 years. She has served as State and Unit President, Chair of Ecumenical Celebrations, Chair of Enabling Services, and Chair of Ecumenical Development. Currently she is Chair of Communications and the Investment Committee for Illinois. During her term as local CWU President, Patti established a Prayer Shawl Ministry. This ministry provides shawls to mothers that have lost children to violence. Patti has encouraged the Peoria Unit to become more involved in their community. One project they have embraced is called "Snack Packs". It is a program that provides food for children over the weekend when school lunches are not available.

As National President, Patti's goals are; to establish programs to further CWU Quadrennial Priorities, to increase Young Church Women membership and involvement, to improve CWU partnerships with denominational organizations, and to develop and sustain a capital fund raising program.

Patti has received numerous awards and recognition for her volunteer work in the community. A couple of honors include "Volunteer of the Year" for her management of the telephone service for March Madness Basketball Event, and the "Martin Luther King Distinguished Citizen Award" for her organization of and work with Mothers Against Violence.

We welcome Patti to Wisconsin and to our 2019 Assembly.

## CWU Returns to the Monastery

Church Women United in Wisconsin's Annual Assembly will be held September 7 at Holy Wisdom Monastery in Middleton. There are overnight rooms in the monastery's Guest House for those who wish to come on Friday before the Assembly. This Assembly offers a retreat-like program in the gracious monastery setting. For most in attendance, the Assembly will be the first time to visit the monastery and to experience the way the monastic community lives out its mission:

*"Weaving prayer, hospitality, justice and care of the earth into a shared way of life as an ecumenical Benedictine community."*

Today's monastery traces its origin to a group of Benedictine Sisters who came to Madison from Iowa in 1953 to open a Catholic girls' school. After a while the school was closed and the facility was opened in 1966 as the Saint Benedict Center, maintained by the Benedictine sisters. "St. Ben's" became a retreat and conference center that welcomed a wide variety of faith groups.

During the 1970s and 1980s, CWU's state meetings were frequently held at St. Ben's. Sometimes the sessions were day-long Saturday meetings, or other times, two day meetings with overnight lodging provided in the former dormitory. For long-time CWU sisters, the mention of St. Ben's brings a memory of meaningful gatherings in a wonderful setting.

The last state assembly held at St. Ben's was October 23-24, 1987, to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of CWU in Wisconsin.

By the way – CWU's annual meetings have an interesting record. In recent years, we have met for one-day meetings in communities

across Wisconsin, often in a church and hosted by a local unit. This way, over time, travel to meetings is evened-out and CWU can reach into different areas of our state. When CWU was a younger group (in the 1950s) a favorite location for state meetings was the American Baptist Assembly on Green Lake. These gatherings covered two days. For women coming a distance – or those organizing the meeting – a travel day was necessary, meaning women would be away from home for two nights. These women and their families were committed to CWU! Our most recent Assembly at Green Lake was October 18-19, 1985, with Sylvia Talbot, then-president of National CWU, attending.

In the years since CWU was last at St. Ben's, there have been changes at the monastery in keeping with the changes in our world, while still embracing the Benedictine values of prayer, hospitality and justice. In 1998 the monastic community widened its membership to include women of any Christian tradition. In addition, the sisters undertook a long-term effort to care for the earth where they are – to restore the native prairie landscape on the monastery grounds and to maintain an energy-efficient, environmentally-friendly facility.

It is this forward-looking monastery – with its time-honored values – that we will visit in September. We are pleased to return to a place CWU has visited before and look forward to introducing our National President, Patti Polk, to Wisconsin CWU at Holy Wisdom.

We hope you are planning to be at the 2019 Assembly "**Care of God's Creation**" in this special place!

*Sue Coghill*, CWU in Wisconsin Historian  
Member of 2019 Assembly Planning Committee

## Judy Reimer to Join us at State Assembly



Another special guest at our State Assembly in September will be Judy Reimer, our CWU Regional Coordinator. Judy was a guest at our assembly last year and was our assembly speaker in 2017. Judy's background is in health and health education. She still is active in women's health issues and serves as a charter member of the local Public Health Department Board of Directors.

Judy is an active member of the United Methodist Church in Hastings, Nebraska. She began her work with CWU in 2011 and since then has served as local Treasurer and President, State President, and is now Regional Coordinator.

We welcome Judy to our 2019 State Assembly.

## Marion Christensen Fund supports CWU Assembly

The Marion Jane Christensen Fund was established in 1995 by her family to honor Marion's memory following her death in May 1995. Because of Marion's long-standing commitment to Church Women United, the fund specifically supports CWU women.

Marion was married to the late Reverend James Christensen, a United Methodist pastor. Marion and Jim moved around Wisconsin as his pastorates changed. Wherever Marion lived, she always kept up her interest in CWU. Marion served the state unit too, serving two terms as State Treasurer (1980-83 and 1992-95), a term

as Northwest Area Chair (1978-79) and a term as Chair of Nominations (1987).

The Christensen Fund is set up at the United Methodist Foundation, with CWU in Wisconsin the recipient of interest from the fund. The earnings are to be used "for the purpose of assisting CWU women in Wisconsin to attend seminars, conferences and enrichment programs."

The state board recognized the special nature of the planned retreat and assembly at Holy Wisdom Monastery this September and decided to put the 2018 earnings toward assembly expenses. With this assist from the Marion Christensen fund, the individual registration to attend this Assembly remains at its usual amount (\$25) to make it possible for interested women to attend.

We are grateful to Marion Christensen's family for their generosity to future generations of women in Church Women United. We were blessed to have Marion Christensen as part of our Wisconsin CWU.

*Sue Coghill, State CWU Historian*



*Marion Jane Christensen was CWU State Treasurer and a strong advocate of CWU. The Christensen Fund was established in Marion's honor. Money from this fund has been used to help offset costs of the 2019 Assembly.*

## CWU in Wisconsin State Board News

The May 11th meeting of the State Board, typically called our Presidents Meeting, was called to order by Carol Lange, CWU in Wisconsin State President at the UCC Center in De Forest. Guest presidents at the meeting included former State Presidents, Dorothy Wetterlin and Gloria Higgins, and La Crosse Unit President, Sister Eileen Lang.

Kris Clausing shared information on the upcoming assembly at Holy Wisdom. The assembly committee wants "a retreat feel" to this year's assembly. Through a generous donation from the Christensen Fund, the assembly planning committee will keep the registration at \$25. Kris explained that the registration fee would be transferable, but not refundable. Housing will be available at the Retreat Center for Friday evening before the assembly. There are only 24 rooms available, so it is on a first-come-first-serve basis. A buffet-style lunch will be prepared from fresh, healthy, locally grown ingredients. (Vegetarian or gluten-free meals are available, if reserved in advance.)

It was announced that Patti Polk, CWU National President and Judy Reimer, CWU Regional Coordinator, will be attending our assembly

After lunch we heard from the units represented at the meeting. Sister Eileen Lang reported on the La Crosse Unit's goals and activities. They have developed an introductory packet which is given to new Key Women. A contact person from the unit meets one-on-one with the new Key Women and mentors them for the first year. The unit is continuing its theme of "Anti-Racism".

Gloria Higgins reported on the Watertown Unit. They gave a Human Rights Award and a Valiant Woman Award this year. Watertown is looking for new people to take officer positions.

Lynn reported that Madison is also looking for someone to take over the President position. She will serve as interim president.

Carol Lange reported on Platteville's unit. They are involved with the funding of Badger Camp, which is for the disabled and youth, the Family Promise program, and Family Advocate shelters in the area.

Filling officer positions is a concern for our state board and different options will be explored if we are unable to fill positions

Kathy Weeks reported that the upgrade with our website through Go Daddy has been working out well.

Lynn McDonald, CWU Representative on the Wisconsin Council of Churches, plans to write a letter in support of the new director for WCC. Lynn also asked for \$250 to help fund the WCC Gun Violence Program. We decided to give the \$110 as we had budgeted. We will be able to see if we are able to donate the rest of the money after the assembly.

**Gloria Higgins** - Acting Secretary

## Thank you, United Church of Christ!

We want to express our appreciation to the Wisconsin Conference of the United Church of Christ (UCC) for its support of our Church Women United State Unit. For a number of years, the UCC has provided space for our day-long business meetings 3-4 times a year at its center in De Forest.

The comfortable and beautifully-appointed meeting room overlooking the surrounding pines and prairie is the perfect setting for our discussions and planning. We also appreciate the friendly welcome by the center staff and a fresh pot of coffee when we arrive!

Our special thanks to the UCC Wisconsin Conference for your generous gift of hospitality to Church Women United in Wisconsin.

**CWU in Wisconsin State Board**

## More State News.....

### Nominations 2020-2021

The task of the Nominating Committee is to find women to serve on the State Board. There are several slots that need to be filled, including Vice-president/President Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, Ecumenical Action, Ecumenical Celebrations, Ecumenical Development, Finance Committee Chair, Nominations, Communications Chair, and Newsletter Editor.

We have received confirmation that Helen Harold is willing to accept the Secretary position, Sister Karen Flottmeier has agreed to take the position of Vice-president, and Shirley Jackson has agreed to be on Nominations. We thank these ladies for their willingness to serve.

Serving on the State Board is a great opportunity to expand your knowledge and meet others from our state. Please contact any member of the committee if you are able to serve for one of these open State Board positions or if you know of a good candidate for a position. We will be glad to contact the person/persons.

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### New State Board Faces

We would like to introduce three women who have accepted nominations to serve on the State Board; Helen Harold, Sister Karen Flottmeier, and Shirley Jackson. Their nominations will be approved at the State Assembly in September. We thank these ladies for their willing to serve and look forward to their contributions as part of our CWU leadership team.

**Helen Harold** has accepted the nomination of State Board Secretary. Helen has served as president of La Crosse Area Church Women United for two years and has served as Ecumenical Development Chairperson on the State Board for two years. She served as chairperson of the La Crosse area CWU task force to

eradicate modern slavery. In 2017 she was honored as Valiant Women for her work to set up training at area hotels so that employees would be able to identify signs of trafficking within their workplace and know the steps in reporting it.

Helen is President of the West Salem Presbyterian Women's organization and serves as a deacon in the Presbyterian Church in West Salem. Prior to retiring, Helen was a teacher in West Salem and La Crosse school districts.

**Karen Flottmeier**, a Franciscan Sister of Perpetual Adoration, received a BS in Education from Viterbo University, her MTS from Catholic Theological Union of Chicago, and her MA in Education from Fort Wright College in Spokane, WA.

Karen taught elementary education in Mississippi, Oklahoma, and Wisconsin, and then went on to spend fourteen years as Director of Religious Education for the Diocesan Offices of La Crosse, Oklahoma, and Dubuque, Iowa. She was elected leader of FSPA Central Region and served in that capacity for seven years.

Retired from active ministry now, Karen volunteers for Catholic Charities, reads story books to public school children, prepares Friday evening meals for a homeless shelter, and is on the La Crosse Jail Ministry Board.

**Shirley Jackson** is a nominee to serve on the Nominations Committee.

Born in Little Rock, Arkansas, her family moved to Chicago when she was quite young. After high school Shirley enrolled in a nursing class. She was a nurse from 1968 until 1993. After her husband retired, they moved to Omaha, Nebraska where Shirley worked as a nurse at a school for children with special needs. After her husband passed away in 2005, she moved to Texas and then to Wisconsin.

Shirley started attending Brown Deer United Methodist Church and over the years has served as Social Action Chairperson in her local church and has been a lay delegate for four years to the Wisconsin United Methodist Church Annual Conference. An active member of CWU, Shirley has also served as Ecumenical Action Chair on the State Board for four years.

## Unit News .....

### Madison CWU

The 2019 year for Madison's unit was quite varied. We celebrated Human Rights Day on January 4 by honoring Will Green. He started a program for troubled youth and calls it "Mentoring Positives". Not one of us had heard of it and we were so impressed at how well it is run and how successful it is. Will named the group using the initials of his mother in order to honor her.

In February we learned how Madison is welcoming others with "Open Doors for Refugees". These volunteers collect needed items for refugees, help obtain housing for them, and help with the paper work. Our unit collected needed items to donate to Open Doors for Refugees,

In March, World Day of Prayer was held at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church. The program was very meaningful at that church.

In April we went on a field trip to Middleton Outreach Ministries. (MOM)

We ended our year at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church with a May Friendship Day celebration and lunch. Our choir director, Ginny Armstrong, wrote a song using the theme "The Time is Now--Agree to Differ". It was beautifully sung by our choir. It was a lovely program before our summer break.

Submitted by **Ann Sowaske**

### La Crosse Area CWU

Since our last conversation, the La Crosse area CWU Unit has been working hard to "catch up." We had to cancel a Key Leader meeting due to inclement weather and that made a big difference in the rhythm of our activities. However, we did celebrate May Friendship Day in grand style.

On June 14, we were honored to have Carol Lange, State CWU President, as our guest and speaker at

our Key Leader meeting. She gave a delightful talk on how she got involved with Church Women United. She also reviewed the overall structure of CWU with us and spoke of some of the current happenings at the national level.

Our Justice and Peace Committee has invited us to use the book *Waking up White and Finding Myself in the Story of Race* by Debby Irving as a conversation guide at each of our Key Leader meetings. This is a follow-up to last year's study of *Racial Disparities and the Call of the Gospel*. In October 2020, Debbie Irving will be the featured speaker at a conference at the La Crosse Civic Center. We thought this book study would be a great opportunity for us to participate in this community wide study and effort to understand racism, as well as prepare for Debbie Irving's visit to La Crosse.

Our Human Rights Celebration was held at First Lutheran Church in Onalaska on July 9<sup>th</sup>. Reverend Kent Johnson, associate pastor from Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in La Crescent, Minnesota was our guest speaker. Pastor Johnson was also the recipient of our Human Rights Award. Pastor Kent has been active in humanitarian work in our community for many years and has been an advocate for justice for Palestinians living under Israeli occupation. He has been recognized for his work for justice and human rights at both the national and international levels.

Blessings on your summer of rest and adventures!

Submitted by **S. Eileen Lang, fspa**  
President, La Crosse Area CWU



*Some of the Key Women from the La Crosse Unit pose for a picture with State President Carol Lang.*



**CHURCH WOMEN UNITED**  
**2019 Human Rights Day**




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You Are Invited

## Human Rights Celebration

"Human Rights are the basic rights and freedoms that belong to every person in the world from birth to death. They apply regardless of where you are from, what you believe, or how you choose to live your life." ([www.huanrights.com/en/human-rights](http://www.huanrights.com/en/human-rights)) This human rights declaration was adopted by the UN General Assembly on December 10<sup>th</sup>, 1948 because of WWII and events that occurred during that war.

Each year, Church Women United take time to reflect on Human Rights as one of our four celebrations. The purpose of CWU Human Rights Celebration include: 1. To promote the awareness of human rights among people all around the world. 2. To join together in cooperation to discuss and highlight on-going challenges to human rights. 3. To encourage the vulnerable groups of people to take part in this event/celebration. These groups include women, minorities, youth, poor, disabled and indigenous people.

This year's Human Rights Celebration is based on Micah 8:6 - one of my favorite Bible verses: "He has told you O mortal what is good: and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?" The Bible study portion of the event is based on Psalm 82:3-4 and suggests an interesting activity if you choose to use it.

Each year, our CWU committee that plans the Human Rights Celebration suggests that we give an award to an outstanding person who has assisted in providing or promoting human rights to a person or group who has been denied human rights. Some units invite this person to speak at their Human Rights Celebration as well.

As I was reading the Leader's Guide this year, I noticed the Quadrennial Priorities for 2016-2020. Next year will end the emphasis on these priorities but I doubt that those needs will have ended or even been reduced. Our current priorities fit right into the Human Rights Celebration as well. If you see fit to use them in some manner, that would be good. Briefly, our Quadrennial Priorities include: 1. Human rights focus: Child education, 2. Hunger and Poverty Focus: Childhood Hunger 3. Health and Wellness Focus: Women's Heart Health, 4. Diversity and Inclusiveness: Racial, Ethnic Equality and Cultural inclusiveness

Human Rights is an important topic. Your unit is free to fit this celebration in whenever it works best for your organization. I hope that your group has fun presenting this program!

*Eleanor Siebert / Celebrations Chair*

## La Crosse Human Rights Recipient



*Reverend Kent Johnson, pictured here with La Crosse CWU Secretary Kathy Rosenberg, is the 2019 recipient of the Human Rights award from La Crosse CWU. Pastor Kent is an associate pastor at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in La Crescent.*

*He was recognized for his work to restore peace and human rights in the Middle East.*

## Peace & Justice Wisconsin Council of Churches Update

Under the strong leadership of WCC, there has been a push for youth voices to emerge across WCC, in particular, over the issue of gun violence, and for a completed training package. Following two meetings of youth from WCC in January and in June of 2019, the voices to be included in training materials have broadened to include white and black youth, and both rural and urban personal gun violence experiences in Wisconsin.

Training materials on how to deal with gun violence are currently being developed and written, including a manual and training videos. These will be reviewed, and by the end of 2019, these training materials will be made available to our parishes across the state through the Wisconsin Council of Churches website. We encourage all CWU-WI to be alert for this and to share with your units this exciting update. For more information, please contact the WCC office.

I would like to follow up on the "When the Diagnosis is Racism", a four-week offering by host Grace Episcopal Church on the Square, in the CWU-Madison unit. Several of the members of the CWU-Madison Board visited one of the sessions, and CWU-Madison recommends this innovative strategy. The attendance was 25% of the parish (78-94). The evaluations illustrated the importance of talking in small groups. First reflecting on and sharing what your grandparents and parents actually taught you about race. Understanding that no one is born a racist, they 'had to be carefully taught.' Then, to practice with scenarios how to identify more subtle racist statements and behaviors. Third, to practice with fellow parishioners, what to say to block and divert and

ask questions about racist remarks when they hear racist comments at their parish events. The final session was a board game, played at each table, to highlight lessons learned and some history. Each week there were handouts of readings, e.g. recent research showing that living in a racist society results in toxic stress, which can make people sick. Evaluations showed 100% of the participants recommended going to the Healing Racism Dialogues. Grace Episcopal then applied for replication funding from the Episcopal South East Diocese, and was awarded a small grant to review the pilot, write a manual, and develop training tapes, and to replicate it at Grace in January-April, 2020, and three other Episcopal parishes.

For more information on hosting a "When the Diagnosis is Racism" study group, contact Grace Episcopal Church at [www.gracechurchmadison.org](http://www.gracechurchmadison.org)

**Lynn McDonald** Peace and Justice Chair, CWU Representative to Wisconsin Council of Churches

## Proposed 2020 State CWU Budget

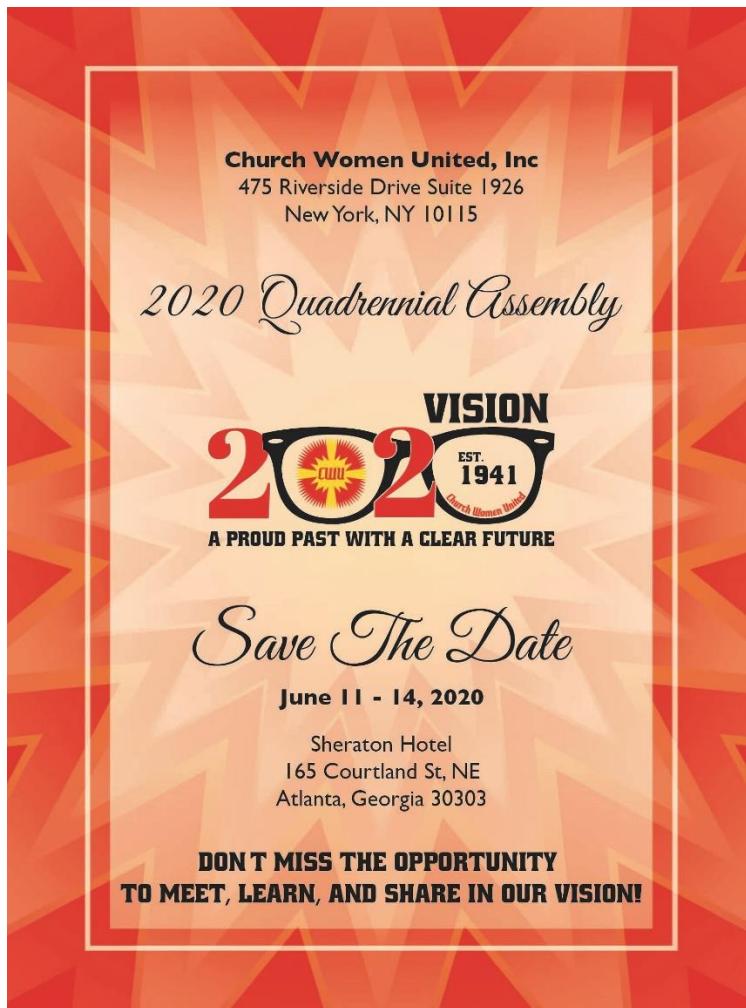
The next page of this newsletter contains the proposed budget for the CWU State Board for 2020. The budget will be discussed at the assembly and voted on for approval.

This budget has been drafted by the Finance Committee consisting of Financial Chairperson Kris Clausing and State Treasurer Marilyn Verkuilin. Please contact them if you have questions or concerns.

Please take some time to review the following budget before the assembly!

**Church Women United In Wisconsin - Proposed 2019 Budget & 2020 Budget**

Description	2017 Budget	2017 Actual thru 12-31-17	2018 Budget	2018 Actual thru 12-31-18	Proposed 2019 Budget	2019 Actual Thru 7-15-19	Proposed 2020 Budget
Local Units Contributions	\$1,700.00	\$900.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,200.00
May Fellowship Offerings	\$550.00	\$276.50	\$ 550.00	\$ 196.93	\$450.00	\$ 280.50	\$ 200.00
Denominational Gifts	\$400.00	\$30.00	\$ 400.00		\$50.00		
Individual Gifts (Incl. 2 voided 2017 checks & \$120 in charged \$)	\$200.00	\$20.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 315.00	\$100.00		\$ 200.00
Newsletter Subscriptions	\$20.00	\$65.00	\$ 20.00	\$10.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 43.00	\$ 20.00
Annual Meeting Offering	\$400.00	\$502.00	\$400.00	\$430.00	\$300.00		\$ 400.00
Meeting Registrations & Resources	\$1,200.00	\$1,300.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$1,035.00	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00
In/Out - Nickels for National				\$27.09		\$ 8.67	\$ 20.00
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$4,470.00</b>	<b>\$3,093.50</b>	<b>\$4,070.00</b>	<b>\$3,214.02</b>	<b>\$ 3,120.00</b>	<b>\$432.17</b>	<b>\$ 3,040.00</b>
 <b>EXPENSES</b>							
National CWU Support	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00
Contributions & Membership	\$200.00	\$400.00	\$ 200.00	\$310.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 110.00	\$ 400.00
Valiant Women Award	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00
Regional Coordinator	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00
National/Regional Assembly	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 26.96	\$ -		\$ 300.00
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$1,600.00</b>	<b>\$2,500.00</b>	<b>\$1,600.00</b>	<b>\$1,336.96</b>	<b>\$ 1,600.00</b>	<b>\$110.00</b>	<b>\$1,900.00</b>
President's Office Expense	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 100.00		\$100.00
President's Travel	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00
State Board	\$25.00	\$64.76	\$ 25.00	\$ -	\$ 25.00		\$ 25.00
Vice President Expenses	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$ 25.00		\$ -		
Board Member Travel	\$1,100.00	\$811.16	\$ 800.00	\$ 490.78	\$ 700.00	\$ 336.80	\$ 500.00
Training & Enrichment- Christensen Fund					\$ 400.00		
Finance Committee	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$ 25.00	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 25.00
Nominating Committee	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$ 25.00	\$ -	\$ 25.00		\$ 25.00
Policy/Bylaws Committee	\$25.00	\$95.21	\$ 25.00	\$ -	\$ 25.00		\$ 25.00
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$1,425.00</b>	<b>\$971.13</b>	<b>\$1,125.00</b>	<b>\$ 505.78</b>	<b>\$1,375.00</b>	<b>\$ 336.80</b>	<b>\$800.00</b>
2019 State Assembly				\$ 615.00		\$ 615.00	
Assembly Speaker/Facility Fees	\$300.00	\$366.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 295.00	\$ 450.00		\$ 450.00
Assembly Annual Report Printing	\$150.00	\$77.15	\$ 150.00	\$ 155.72	\$ 150.00		\$ 150.00
Assembly Supplies	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 74.72	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00
Assembly Catering	\$600.00	\$496.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$1,150.00</b>	<b>\$939.15</b>	<b>\$1,150.00</b>	<b>\$1,540.44</b>	<b>\$1,200.00</b>	<b>\$615.00</b>	<b>\$1,200.00</b>
Office Expenses (copies, postage.)	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 16.50	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 25.00
Newsletter	\$100.00	\$148.78	\$100.00	\$132.47	\$ 125.00		\$ 125.00
Website Maintenance	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00		\$ 125.00
Auditor/Bank/License Fees	\$60.00	\$295.00	\$ 60.00	\$20.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 10.00	\$150.00
Contingency	\$10.00		\$10.00	\$ -	\$10.00		\$ 10.00
In/Out Nickels for National				\$22.14			\$ 20.00
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$295.00</b>	<b>\$ 443.78</b>	<b>\$ 295.00</b>	<b>\$ 291.11</b>	<b>\$435.00</b>	<b>\$110.00</b>	<b>\$455.00</b>
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$4,470.00</b>	<b>\$4,854.06</b>	<b>\$4,170.00</b>	<b>\$4,599.73</b>	<b>\$ 4,610.00</b>	<b>\$1,603.97</b>	<b>\$4,355.00</b>
				Corrected			
<b>Budgeted Loss :</b>					<b>\$ 990.00</b>		<b>\$ 1,315.00</b>



be paid by May 30, 2020. This campaign is being called "National Boost".

To date, the campaign has raised \$45,000.00 toward the goal of \$197,000.00.

When you or your unit submits your contribution, please follow these instructions to help our national office personnel:

- When sending your pledge, include "**Boost Pledge**" on the memo line.
- Write "**Boost Pledge**" on the outside of your envelope.
- Include the name and address of the person who should receive the acknowledgement of the gift.
- Give an email address for your pledge receipt, and you will receive a note that your check was received.

**Carol Lange**  
State President  
CWU in Wisconsin

## 2020 Quadrennial Assembly

In 2020, Church Women United will again hold a National Assembly to be held in Atlanta, Georgia from June 11-14. The National Assembly is a chance for state CWU leaders from across the country to connect, plan for the upcoming years, and make financial and administrative decisions. It is an important event in the CWU calendar.

National CWU has announced a national campaign to raise funds for the quadrennial event in 2020. They have set a goal of \$197,000.00. To help achieve this goal, they have asked each local unit to raise an additional \$395.00 to their annual donation to the national office. They have requested that the pledges



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We have recently upgraded and updated our Webpage.

Go to: <https://churchwomenunited-wi.org/>



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