

Presbytery Women's Ministry Webinar
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A Rationale for Presbytery Women's Ministry:

- What is PWM?

Presbytery Women's Ministry provides leadership on the presbytery level, seeking to connect, encourage, and equip the local churches within that presbytery.

(PCA CDM website)

- Why do we have Presbytery Women's Ministries?

- CONNECTION:

- 1 Thess. 2:8 —> So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.
- Connecting local churches within the presbytery
- Connecting those local churches with regional and national structures and resources
- Creating relationships that lead to loving and leading well (we are part of something greater!!)

- ENCOURAGEMENT:

- Since we are part of something bigger, we have an opportunity to learn from each other
- As we hear what God is doing in other areas, we are encouraged and spurred on in ministry
- Prov. 27:17 starts to happen where iron is sharpening iron, and one woman sharpens another

- EQUIPMENT/TRAINING:

- There are opportunities for shared conferences
- Local women get to use their teaching and training gifts
- There are opportunities to serve together on blended WM teams

IDEAS: I'm interested... what now?:

- Pray

- For wisdom about your schedule, availability, capacity. Do I have time to add this to my schedule. Is there enough margin in my day, week, month?
- For humility to serve if needed, wise counsel from church leaders

- Learn

- Take a look at the PWM resource webpage and see what resources are available to you. (Found at women.pcacdm.org)

- Does this look like a ministry where you want to invest your time and talents?
- Do your gifts match up with what is needed to be part of PWM?
- Requires time, administration, relationship building...
- **Make Connections**
 - **Talk to your Regional Advisor about your interest, ask her to pray with you.**
(The advisors can also be found on the website.)
 - Talk to your pastor about your interest
 - Enlist his help and get his support to move forward
 - Ask him to pray for you - you will need his support
 - From whom do you need to get approval to take on the position?
 - Find out and seek approval - navigate these conversations in partnership with your Regional Advisor.
- **Gather Contacts and Connect with the following people in your presbytery**
 - Clerk of the Presbytery/Moderator of the Presbytery
 - Your presbytery may have a web page, ask your pastor.
 - CE or CDM committee of the Presbytery - usually under their umbrella
 - Ask Clerk of the Presbytery who you report to
 - Pastors in the presbytery - you will need their support
 - Pastor's wives
 - Women's Ministry leaders in the local churches (Great way to find and build a strong team)
 - Some churches don't have (formal) WM's. You can offer to help get them started but some are so small they function without it.
 - Church secretaries/Admins in the presbytery
- Find a co-coordinator and gather a team of ladies interested in starting a PWM
 - Your RA might be able to help with this
 - Must be members in good standing - their local pastor can confirm this
- Create a Facebook page, Use other social media
 - Post often, include things like articles, the EnCourage Blog, EnCourage Podcast, etc.
- Create an email list to communicate with the presbytery women
- Find out when the presbytery meets and ask to go to a presbytery meeting
 - Ask if you can speak and have a plan ... make sure you have something to say
 - Ask for funding (possibly talk privately with your CDM/ CE elder for oversight)
- Connect with all the National Groups on FB - WE, WM - Get on email lists
- Attend LT - promote it at the presbytery level
 - So many great resources and connections to be made at LT each year

What might PWM look like?:

- PWM IS DIFFERENT IN EVERY PRESBYTERY... no two PWMs look just the same
 - Meetings:
 - Formal conferences/presbytery-wide gatherings w speakers
 - Quarterly meetings at the same time as presbytery meetings
 - Semi-annual breakfasts/lunches at accessible locations
 - Monthly zooms
 - Coffee clutches
 - Communication with Churches
 - FB newsletters/posts
 - Email newsletters
 - Casual/friendly emails to women leaders
 - Periodic snail mail/phone calls
 - 1/1 coffee with PWM and WM leaders
 - Communication with Presbytery
 - Quarterly communication with CE/CDM elder oversight
 - Quarterly report to CE/CDM Committee for presbytery, if desired
 - Annual in-person report to Presbytery, if invited and encouraged
 - Periodic in-person reports to Presbytery for special events

Challenges:

Galatians 6:9-10 ⁹ *And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.* ¹⁰ *So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.*

- Lack of interest
 - People aren't familiar w/PWM and the structure of the PCA
 - Maybe they aren't plugged in at their local church and are unaware
- Ladies are already busy serving in their local churches
 - Serving, planning, organizing, leading Bible studies, their families, the busyness of life and ministry
 - PWM shouldn't be a burden. Communicating the joy, value and benefits of PWM is very important (share your experience!)
- Some churches don't see the need
 - Large churches have a large network and may not understand the benefit of serving outside the four walls of the church and connecting with others, but this connection can actually support the growth of local ministries
- Gathering Contacts
 - Getting people to respond can be challenging, for all the reasons listed above
- Presbytery Ministry moves SLOWLY
 - Presbytery meetings usually only occur 3-4 times per year
- Scheduling PWM around other WM Bible studies and events
 - Finding a time to gather and that works for most women is difficult

- Childcare for gatherings, especially if you gather when Presbytery is already meeting

Discussion:

- Survey info:
 - Want to know how to get more churches involved
 - How to best minister to pastors wives
 - How to be involved and connected at the Presbytery level
 - How to build a team
- What are you doing in your own presbyteries?
- What challenges are you experiencing?
- How can CDM WM support you?

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