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Church Women United in Greater Dayton ---February 2022

FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN REPORT



The International Fellowship of the Least Coin (IFLC) is a worldwide ecumenical movement of prayer for peace and reconciliation. Women in this movement made a commitment to spend time in prayer, and to uphold in prayer others who are victims of jealousy, hatred, violence, and injustice to the family, community, nation, and the world. Every time one prays, she sets aside a 'least coin' of her currency as a tangible token of her prayer. Church Women United is the custodian for the Fellowship of the Least Coin in the United States.

Despite low offerings being received in 2020, there were 22 projects awarded grants to be used in 2022. They are as follows: 5 grants were given to projects in Africa; 4 grants in Asia; 3 grants in Europe; the World Council of Churches endorsed 1 grant for Africa; The Women's Inter-Church Council in Canada endorsed 1 grant for Canada; The World Day of Prayer International Committee endorsed 1 grant for Slovenia; 3 grants for the Pacific and 3 grants for the Middle East.

All are asked to continue to pray for tornado-hit states in the USA; India; parts of the world where floods, fires, earthquakes and wars continue to destroy and disrupt lives and communities; for healing and grace as we continue to struggle with the pandemic and re-imagine our post-pandemic world.

Church Women United in Greater Dayton is still accepting offerings of Fellowship of the Least Coin and are reminded by Chairperson Arlene Mason that all offerings, whatever the size, are needed to respond to the needs of women's projects throughout this world. Arlene's contact information is amazon7585@aol.com Offerings may be sent to Treasurer Judith S. Philpot at 617 Osmond Ave. Dayton, OH 45417.

"O HOLY NIGHT" --- MORE THAN A CHRISTMAS SONG

The Christmas Program for Church Women United in Greater Dayton was held on December 4, 2021. It was inspiring as we listened to "O Holy Night" and then learned of the origin of the hymn. The song was written as a poem first by a Frenchman and then music was composed and then sung widely throughout the Church in France.

Since 1847, "O Holy Night" has been sung millions of times in churches in every corner of the world. This incredible song was written by a poet who would later split from the church, was given music by a Jewish composer and brought Americans to spotlight the sinful nature of slavery. This song tells the story of a Savior and has become one of the most inspired pieces of music ever created. There is power in songs which can change people from every walk of life.



President's Message from Cecelia Long . . .

Greetings of peace and love! It is a true blessing to enter 2022 when so many of our family, friends and neighbors, near and far, were not able to do so. I give God all the praise for we are not responsible for our 'crossing over into the new year.' However, we are responsible for how we share the love of God with others and continue the legacy of Church Women United.

What is new this year?

The Quadrennial Priorities of Church Women United for 2021-2024 changed last year. I admit that I did not focus on the new priorities last year, but I want to focus on the four priorities this year. These priorities were prepared by the National Church Women United Action and Global Concern Committee. The theme is: 'Justice and Righteousness' based on God's Word in Micah 6:8 *"The Lord God has told us what is right and why he demands that we see that justice is done, let mercy be your first concern, and humbly obey your God."* The four priorities that will guide our work for this year are:

- #1 **Health and Wellness** --- with focus on the widening wellness gap on the most vulnerable citizens: African Americans, Hispanic/Latin X, Native Americans, rural populations, immigrants, and working poor.
- #2 **Climate Stewardship** --- with focus on Environmental Equity and educating ourselves and others on these issues.
- #3 **Social Justice** --- with focus on the Church not aligning with social systems which create and protect injustice.
- #4 **Hunger and Poverty** --- with focus on the disparity of wealth along racial lines.

What are the continuing ministries for 2022?

We continue to trust God to lead Church Women United in all that we do. The February 22, 2022 Board Meeting will meet via Zoom at 1 p.m. With the number of COVID cases in Montgomery County not decreasing significantly, the CWU Executive Board agreed that it would be safer to continue to meet via Zoom through February. We are asking Key Women to contact Cecelia Long at cealong48@gmail.com to indicate that you will be part of the February Board meeting.

Currently, we are planning for an *In-person Emma Murray Prayer Breakfast* to be held at Sulphur Grove United Methodist Church on Tuesday, March 8th at 9:30 a.m.

But, we will continue to watch the news about COVID and be prepared to change from in-person to hosting via Zoom if circumstances do not improve. We will alert the Key Women by February 22nd of the exact plans.

I ask that you please remain prayerful and patient as we move through this year. Church Women United in Greater Dayton wants this year to be one that is spiritually uplifting.

Blessings to each of you as we journey together. Continue to Trust in the LORD with all your heart.

SAVE THE DATE: EMMA MURRAY PRAYER BREAKFAST --- TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2022 9:30 A.M.



Emma M. Murray
CWU President: 1977-1979

Emma Murray, past president of CWU in Greater Dayton from 1977-1979, dreamed of an area-wide prayer breakfast to be held annually in Dayton.

CWU in Greater Dayton has continued that practice over the years. We believe that prayers can be prayer anywhere, and that the power of corporate prayer is phenomenal!

Make plans to come to the Emma Murray Prayer Breakfast being held at the Sulphur Grove United Methodist Church, 7505 Taylorsville Rd in Huber Heights. Claudia Chapman is the Key Woman who is hosting the gathering.

The theme for this year is “I Know the Plans I have for YOU.” The program is still being planned but will include a dynamic speaker and prayers from different denominations and faith traditions.

Please make a reservation by calling Pam Hamby 937/258-6014 before 7 p.m. on Sunday, February 20th. The registration fee is \$10—with \$6 going to Sulphur Grove to cover the expense of the meal and \$4 to CWU in Greater Dayton. Registration fee is to be paid on the day of the breakfast. A World Day of Prayer Offering and Fellowship of the Least Coin Offering will also be collected at the Breakfast.

If this event has to be done via ZOOM, those who register will need to contact Cecelia Long, cealong48@gmail.com so that a Zoom link may be sent to them. A registration fee of \$5 would be appreciated as an Offering to be divided between World Day of Prayer and Fellowship of the Least Coin. The Offering for the Zoom Breakfast should be sent to Judy S. Philpot, 617 Osmond Ave, Dayton 45417.

REQUEST FOR NOMINATIONS OF “OUTSTANDING YOUNG CHURCH WOMEN UNITED IN GREATER DAYTON”:



Church Women United in Greater Dayton would like to recognize young women, ages 21-45, who have made valuable, outstanding, and promising contributions in ecumenical work that exemplify the goals of CWU. She does not have to be an active participant in Church Women United but has lived out the CWU motto “Agreed to Differ, Resolved to Love, United to Serve.” If you know of young women in your church or in the community in which you volunteer or serve in different capacities, please send their names to Cecelia Long, cealong48@gmail.com or leave a message at 937-972-7045. CWU would recognize these young women at one of its meetings or celebrations which is convenient for the young women to attend.



KEY WOMEN: Please mail the membership forms and payment from your church to Treasurer, Judith S. Philpot, 617 Osmond Avenue, Dayton, OH 45417. Please include the church and individual membership as well as the membership list. All forms are located on our website: <https://www.cwudaytonoh.org/resources.html>.

Remember: Memberships in Church Women United in Greater Dayton are only \$5 which includes subscription to the Newsletter. If anyone wants to contribute to the projects supported by CWU in Greater Dayton, donations are welcomed and can be sent anytime to the Treasurer.

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CHURCH WOMEN UNITED IN GREATER DAYTON --- UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Feb. 22, 2022 (Tues) 1:00 P.M. | CWU Board Meeting Via Zoom |
| Mar 8, 2022 (Tues) 9:30 A.M. | Emma Murray Prayer Breakfast In-Person at Sulphur Grove United Methodist Church, 7505 Taylorsville Rd Huber Hgts. (Reservations made with your church Key Woman by Feb. 28) Cost: \$10 (Via Zoom if determined can't meet in person) Key Woman/Host: Claudia Chapman |
| Apr. 26, 2022 (Tues) 1:00 P.M. | CWU Board Meeting Fairview United Methodist Church
828 W. Fairview Ave. Dayton or Via Zoom as determined |
| TBA | 96th CWUO Leaders Council and State Assembly |
| May 7, 2022 (Sat) 1:00 P.M. | May Friendship Day "It's Up to You in 2022: A Call to Serve"
United Christian Church, 8611 Hoke Rd. Clayton 45315
Key Woman /Host: Gail Penney |
| June 6, 2022 (Mon) 1:00 P.M. | Human Rights Day Celebration "It's Up to You in 2022: A Call to Act" St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, 5301 Free Pike, Trotwood 45426 Key Woman/ Host: Judy Wilson |
| Oct. 20 – 22, 2022 | 2022 East Central Region CWU Assembly
Indianapolis, IN |
| Each Wednesday at 12 Noon | National CWU host lunch gathering on various topics |