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From the President

As Church Women United continues to forge ahead with the fantastic celebrations/projects for 2007, we thank God for each of you, for your commitment, and for your service.

At our March Board of Directors' meeting, CWU board members and former board members said thanks to **SUE SOPER** for the incredible work she accomplished while chairing the **Task Force on Courts** program. As the torch has been passed to Colleen Vogt as chairperson of TFOC, let us encourage and support her in finding meaningful ways of implementing new ideas, as well as lifting up and improving the ideas and high quality standards of service which were set by her predecessors.

Church Women United of the New York State Assembly will sponsor a conference, *A Celebration of Hope*, April 20 and April 21, 2007, in Palmyra, NY, at the Palmyra Inn. The Theme is "Spirit-Filled-Under God's Wing." We are really excited because Rochester's CWU Choir will render the music on Friday evening. Our own **Lura Masters** will render special music. Approximately 11 women from Rochester's CWU are planning to attend this conference. (There is still room for commuters and overnight guests.)

Don't forget – April 20 is also the date for our next Board of Directors' meeting. This meeting is scheduled to begin at 9 and adjourn around 11 am or before. The speaker for our May 18 Board of Directors' meeting will be Vanessa Mangan, Community Campaign Coordinator from UNITE HERE, who will speak on the organizing campaign for Crowne Plaza Hotel workers.

Thanks to all who have responded so timely to CWU's 2007 Financial Appeal. Your continued support and contributions are appreciated.

Approximately eleven women volunteered their church/congregation for CWU women to worship as a unit so that we may become even more visible and prayerfully encourage more support as we continue expanding our ministries and preparing for our 85th anniversary celebration.

–Audrey T. Davidson

From the Executive Director

At the request of the board, I am writing to update you on our office machines. Since 1993 we have been using a Mita copier and a Riso duplicator to make all of our copies of newsletters and flyers. We have made good use of them over the years.

However the parts are no longer available when repairs are needed. The original machines cost roughly \$1600 and \$5000 when purchased new (in 1993). At the February Board meeting, we approved a motion to get machines that are newer versions of these same machines with greater efficiency and a few very helpful upgrades.

A new small Toshiba copier has document feeding, automatic duplexing, and optional networking (so we can print directly to this machine). These new machines cost less than the previous ones (and much less in dollars adjusted for inflation). New copier is about \$1200 (with \$500 more for networking) and new Riso is \$4100.

I have done cost analysis that show how much more efficient it is to own our own machines over an estimated life of 10 years (pretty good since these last have worked over 14 and would work longer but cannot be fixed if they do break). We have considered contacting local document companies, but most machines available in this way are older and much larger than we need for our use.

The board has approved a motion that we go forward with the purchase of these new machines. I am seeking grants to cover the cost, but in the event that these do not come through, we will take this money out of our operating expenses, as this is an essential function of our organization to publish the newsletter and other correspondence. One grant has been approved which will cover about 1/3 of the cost.

From the Executive Director (continued)

The machines have arrived and are a delight to use and I hope you will see the quality difference in the materials we send out.

I am excited by the energy of two visitation projects. We will be visiting housing sites in small groups to get more education about the housing in Rochester. There are still spots available, call the office for times

and dates and locations of the trips. Our second visitation Audrey has mentioned. We will be visiting churches for worship in small groups to spread the word about CWU and our 85th anniversary. Join us at Mt Rise UCC on Sunday April 22 at 10am, and First Congregational UCC in Fairport on April 29 at 9:30am, and South Livonia UCC on May 20 at 10am. If you would like to volunteer to host us at your church or volunteer to join the group in representing us please contact the office.

– Colleen Vogt, Executive Director

On World Day of Prayer

“United Under God's Tent”

As the local chairperson for World Day of Prayer Service, I thank the women of Paraguay for allowing the Spirit to use them in developing this very inspirational and informative program "United Under God's Tent." The Word is always challenging and to hear the interpretation from folk a world away is simply awesome, the art that speaks of passion and strength and is compared to the Paraguayan people. Their interpretation of the colors, my favorite is "the blue sky covers us all in its embrace, like the quiet presence of God, constantly protecting us, as though it were a tent."

How can I thank my local CWU family for their support and attendance at this year’s central service and Aeon Baptist Church? Let me try by saying we are united under God's tent and there is plenty of work to be done. We can and must take the substance of this program and build on it to lift up our corner of the tent to make this world a better place. Dr. Moore, the Choir, all participants you are wonderful, God loves you and so do I.

We had a turnout of about 50 at the central service, there were also celebrations in Webster of 30 people and in Irondequoit with 18 people.

– Alberta Latimer Hunt

The site of our recent EIA meeting St Michael’s Church, offers tours of its beautiful sanctuary. If you have not seen St Michael’s Church, please do yourself the treat of taking a tour 2nd Sundays at 1pm, \$5 suggested donation.

An Invitation from your president of CWU in New York State, Carol Elaine Deyes
Asking for the Blessings of Your Attendant Grace
The Church Women United in New York State Assembly
"Spirit-filled–Under God's Wing"--A *Celebration of Hope*
1 pm Friday, April 20 to noon on Saturday, April 21, 2007
The Palmyra Inn, Palmyra New York
With CWU Choir Friday and throughout the weekend
with Lura Masters on autoharp.

Dinner: \$20, Registration \$25; overnight accommodations are available.

Many of us are driving one or both days. Join our car pools!

Details, cost and registration forms available at the Rochester CWU office, 342-2790

CWU SHORT SUBJECTS

Thank You

Esther Hammer and Claire Crump
for assembling the
February/March *Sundial*.

Thank You

Mary Discher, Mary Ann Henry & Ellen Kimbrough
for assembling the 2007 Finance Letter.

Children's Zone

For those of you who are keeping up
with the Children's Zone project, check
out: <http://www.rcsdk12.org/rcz/>

An 85th update!!

We received an anniversary gift of 85 calendars and
a lovely congratulatory letter from Louise Slaughter
in honor of our hard work in the community. See
page 7.

We received a letter from Rochester Education Foundation. Excerpts are printed below.....“.....Thank you so much for your continuing support of our efforts. It is a real pleasure and an honor to have your support. Thank you most recently for your generous donation of 50 books to Give Back, Give Books of Rochester Education Foundation. Your gift will make a positive difference in the lives of many city school children! We truly appreciate your support of REFPat Braus, Executive Director”

Women's Health Kits

are needed at the Monroe Correctional Facility. The facility would like to have a kit for every woman on discharge. Women often go out with no supplies or funds. The kits should include:

- wash cloth
- deodorant
- bar of soap out of box _____
- _____•socks
- small package of tissues
- tooth brush with outer heavy plastic wrapping removed
- tooth paste out of box
- plastic bottle of shampoo
- a comb, sturdy [so will last for a few combings] NO RATTAILS

Please package the above in a clear zip-lock gallon bag. No extra hotel amenities in these bags please. (See notice about amenities below)

Bring the completed kits to the CWU office, celebrations or board meetings. Perhaps a women's group or couples' club could work on this project. And thank you for your help. You may call me with questions.

_____NOTE: The amenities we collect in our travels are useful to many agencies, such as homeless shelters. If you bring them to the CWU office, we will see that they are distributed. Questions? Call Betty Allinger 663-0862.

Special thanks to the women of DUPC Central Missionary Guild and Penfield United Methodist Women for your recent donations.

Action Alert!

Contact your elected officials in Washington with your concerns related to migrant legislation and the impact of immigration customs enforcement raids on families of migrants.

The Rochester Alliance for Immigration Rights is joining a larger national coalition asking for a moratorium on raids and deportation until a new immigration reform law is approved. Such a moratorium was ordered by President Ronald Reagan from 1988 to 1990, setting a precedent.

A moratorium is needed to protect the families across our country being split by the numerous ICE raids. Families who have put down roots are being split by deportation of members, that leaving children born in the U.S. (therefore, citizens) unattended.

The number of raids has doubled since May 2006. We must push for our officials ensuring the values we place on family unity, rights of these young citizens, and the dignity of all persons.

-Betty Allinger

Women's Interfaith Coalition

Wednesday, April 18 at 10:00 am

Tour of The Holy Childhood, 100 Groton Parkway, Henrietta, NY

Questions? Call Eileen Fernandez 225-2301

Wednesday, May 16--Welcoming: 10 am; Program: 10:30-11:30--Jewish Community Federation, 441 East Ave. This will be an open discussion to hear feedback from the members of WIC to discuss past and future programs.

Wednesday, June 20--Annual Retreat - Sign up at May meeting

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

Following the unexpected early snowstorm in Buffalo last October, CWS sent 500 Emergency Clean-up Buckets to the City of Buffalo and School Kits and Health Kits to the Boys and Girls Clubs of Buffalo.

CWU depends entirely on the help of local congregations and groups to provide these and other Kits to support its Emergency Response Program. Your support of the Kit program is critical, not only in times of global and national disasters but year-around.

We are grateful for your past support and hope that you are busy working on Kits for the spring pickups! If you need a list of the items in each Kit, please contact the CWU Regional Office.

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www.churchworldservice.org

Church World Service-Kit Drop-off Sites

For more information on how your church or group can become involved in the CWS Kit program and a list of local drop-off locations, visit the Church World Service web site at www.churchworldservice.org or click on this link to go directly to the CWS-Upstate NY Kit web page

<http://www.cwscrop.org/newyork/kits/>

Please have all Kits boxed and mark on the outside of the box: "CWS" and the type and number of Kits enclosed.

ROCHESTER: April 2 - May 4, from 9-12:00 pm @ Downtown United Presbyterian Church, 121 N. Fitzhugh St., Rochester, NY 14614
Contact: Dan Holland 585-325-4000, Ext 12

Community News

Words We Live By

All programs are from 12:00 noon to 1:15 pm at the Jewish Community Federation, 441 East Avenue.
Free and open to the public. (Final program) JCF: 461-0490

The 23rd Psalm

Wed. April 11, 2007

Rev. Ghislaine Cotnoir Lutheran Church of Peace

Upcoming Earth Day Activities

Ninth Annual - Environmental Forum

Hemlock/Canadice: The Future of Our 'Little' Lakes

6:00 pm - 9:30 pm, Thursday, April 19 – First Unitarian Church, 220 S. Winton Rd, Rochester, N.Y.

God's Earth, Our Hands: Faithfully Caring for Creation:

An Earth Day Symposium for All People of Faith

2-5 pm, Sunday, April 22--Reformation Lutheran Church, 111 N Chestnut St Downtown (free parking in adjoining lot)

Presented by GRCC and Living in Harmony in God's World, no fee, reservations appreciated 381-4508

NOTE: flyers are separate document: SUNDIAL: aprjunflyers-Joan April 3, 2007