



International Disciples Women's Ministries

*of
The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)*

Service Project 2022-2023

As Disciples Women, one of the ways we make the gospel of Jesus Christ live is through our partnership with our communities as the hands and feet of Christ on earth. To that end, we are reinstating the Disciples Women service projects, effective immediately. Through December 2023, the IDWM Executive Committee is calling all DWM ministries to partner with local domestic violence shelters in your region to help provide them with essentials that will help them serve those in need. We hope that you will form a relationship with them and provide tangible resources (donated toiletries, socks, sheets, a meal, etc.) quarterly.

- Contact an organization that serves our target audience and meet with them to determine how you can best serve their needs.
- Work with their leadership team to create a plan to partner with them quarterly to provide a tangible donation of requested items or volunteer time.
- Encourage women's ministries in local congregations to collect items donate to your efforts.
 - They are welcome to partner with a local organization if distance or other circumstances prevent them from participating.
 - For example, due to the size of the region, Tennessee Disciples Women Ministries may have ongoing projects in the East, Middle, and West areas of the state facilitated by Area Coordinators and/or local congregations.
 - The idea is that women find a way to participate in some way and that reporting rolls up from local, to regional, and the national office.
 - Ask them to send pics of their project to dwmcommunications@dhm.disciples.org (include the name of congregation, city, state, and region)
- Donations may include but are not limited to the following:
 - Socks
 - Women's hygiene products
 - Sheets
 - Children's pajamas (if they house children)
 - Pillows
 - Blankets
 - Toiletries
 - Cleaning supplies
 - A meal
- If you are providing a meal, work with the organization's leadership team to determine guidelines for food delivery and service.
- You may decide to use your funds from your budget or solicit item donations from congregations.
- Take photos of your efforts and send them along with write-ups of your experience to dwmcommunications@dhm.disciples.org (including city, state, and region). They will be included in the DW Newsletter as well as featured in the Just Women Bible Study.
- Make it fun! Make your donation sorting delivery an opportunity for fellowship.

PLEASE NOTE:

- To maintain the safety and privacy of clients, please do not photograph them.
- Ensure that you have the permission of staff when taking pictures of them.
- Suggested photos include:
 - DW group sorting items
 - Delivery of items
 - Donated items
 - Organization's leadership team with DW Team

Contact any member of the IDWM Executive Committee or Rev. Johnson via email for questions.