North Central District Great Commission Women Newsletter - Spring 2019



A Letter From Our Director



Dear ladies,

As many of you know, my husband and I moved last summer and have taken on a new role in ministry. This was a big move for us, as we had been at our previous church almost nine years. It was also our first move made without our kids, but we are very

thankful to now be closer to our kids and family than we have for a long time. It has been a year of transition for us, but it has also brought new ministries, relationships and ways to participate in reaching our community for Christ.

I have decided that it is time for me to step down from my position as GCW Director. This decision is bittersweet for me, because this role has been both fulfilling and challenging, in the sense that is has pushed me out of my comfort zone and caused me to rely more fully on Jesus. It has been such a joy to work with our GCW team and get to know so many of you in our District. I am forever changed and grateful to have had this opportunity. I am excited for what is next for women's ministry in our District and will be praying for whoever this includes.

My prayers for you are full of praise to God as I give Him thanks for you with great joy! Philippians 1:3 (TPT)

Brenda Andrews

North Central District Director Great Commission Women of the C&MA andrewsb0116@gmail.com Call or text 218.371.8117 **EMBRACE Spring Retreat!**



Good news!! We were able to extend the registration deadline to Sunday, March 17th! Don't miss the Spring Retreat fun! Doesn't a cozy hotel and spiritual recharge sound great right now?! If Chaska is near you, you could skip the hotel! Register **TODAY** for only \$80 - best dollars you've spent in a long time!

Register **HERE** (More information there also.)

Ladies' Luncheon @ District & Prayer Conference



Remember, you need not be a delegate to attend the Ladies' Luncheon!

Speaker:

Britta Thrane, International Worker for the C&MA **Date**:

Tuesday, April 2, 2019 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Location:

Community Aliance Church in Detroit Lakes, Minnesota

Cost:

\$20.00 (\$3.00 cancellation fee to cover electronic registration charge)

Register:

Register HERE by March 22.

**Registration closes March 22, 2019.

(After deadline, call Sarah to see if space is

available: 763.443.8796)

We so hope you will be able to be there!

-thankyou

Thank You Notes from our IW's!

Thank you for gifting us with an Outfit Fund check! It was most appreciated. We loved our time in the District and so appreciated speaking at three churches last fall. S was able to visit **The Supply Room** and that too, was a real blessing to us. Thank you!

We anticipate returning to our country of service for our last term. Upon returning to the States, we plan to retire in NC, in the townhome we purchased last year. At that time we will likely switch Districts to reflect where we will be living in retirement. Again, many thanks for this wonderful gift to our Outfit Fund!

Dear North Central District Women, Thank you so much for the generous gift to our **Outfit Fund!** We always feel so cared for and supported by you! It is a privilege to serve and be sent out from this District! We cherish your prayer for us. Grateful for you! Together for Him with love and joy, Jerry & Shelly

Dear NCD Great Commission Women Leadership and ALL our wonderful District Women, Tim and I just want to say thank you so much for your gift of **Outfit Funds!** We will return to Taiwan at the end of June and will need to purchase a few things before our return. We'll also be replacing some of our household things once we are back in Taiwan, and these funds will be a HUGE help to us. Thank you for always taking such great care of our District IWs. We feel so blessed! Love, Tim & Penny

Dear Alliance Women, We just want you to know that we appreciate so much the Alliance women of our District. You have been so faithful supporting us in prayer, giving, The Outfit Fund and Supply Room ever since we started with this district in 1987. The leadership has changed but you have remained faithful to support your District missionaries and we want to give you a hearty thank you. Please pray for Carol and me as we tour the remainder of this year. Thank you. God bless,

Al and Carol Clason

Dear Great Commission Women of the North Central District, Thank you so much for your generous donations to the "Supply Room"! We were able to get items to outfit our home for home assignment, as well as some needed items to take back to our country with us. We appreciate the sheets, towels, Tupperware, school supplies, and kitchen supplies! We even got a very nice waterproof tool box and high quality umbrellas, which will help us (and our tools) stay dry in the monsoonal rainy season, which we have in our country! What a joy to find items like that! All of you have blessed us beyond measure through your gifts. Please continue to donate those necessary items. The North Central District Supply Room is the best!

God Bless, C & N

The Supply Room



The ladies from Hope Church in **Apple** Valley, MN sent a wonderful selection items for Supply Room! Not only were there kitchen items, but some much needed tools for both men and women, warm scarves and several gift cards. Thank you for these gifts, which our IWs (International

Workers) are really enjoying.





Thank you for the large donation of items from the ladies in Hillman, MN and Onamia, MN. There were umbrellas, electric tea pots, tool boxes, coolers, hair dryers, heating pads, back packs, etc. It's an amazing gift! Two IW families have already visited the Supply Room and enjoyed many of these and other donations! Thank you, ladies!

These are just **some** of the recent gifts we received. Thanks to all of you who give!

Send Year-End Reports & Offerings Please!

Your year-end report is no longer in a "form" format. Please write a narrative of what your Church women have been doing this year. Tell the story of your year, including specifics that will give us a flavor for your ministry. Thank you!

Send reports to:

North Central District Women's Ministry Director 8860 College View Drive Saint Bonifacius, MN 55375-4504

We so appreciate your financial gifts:

- Offerings for The Outfit Funds
- Offerings for The National Project, "More"
- Offerings for District Women's Expenses

Send your *financial gifts* to our Treasurer: **Sarah Guptill 10385 64th ST NE Albertville, MN 55301**

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