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The
North Central District Alliance Women
...becoming Great Commission Women



Let's Have Coffee!

The theme for the 2013-14 year is *LET'S HAVE COFFEE* and is aimed at building our relationship with the Lord and with people. Sharing a cup of coffee or tea is such a great way to spend time with someone. An invitation to coffee is so much more than the drink, but says "I value you and want to spend time with you". In our busy world, it's no wonder coffeehouses are everywhere. They provide an opportunity to stop and refocus.

Our team is so excited about the new theme for the year! What better avenue for building relationships than visiting over a cup of coffee? We want you in the year ahead to maybe even imagine that the Lord is inviting you to visit over your morning cup of Joe. We hope that your ministry team and the women from your church will get excited along with us to use the avenue of coffee to nurture women in your community and show them the love of Jesus.



SAVE THE DATE!

WOMEN'S RETREAT at BIG SANDY CAMP October 4, 5 & 6

Gals, Retreat is right around the corner and this is one you do not want to miss! Our speaker this year is Pam Farrel of Love-Wise Ministries. She has authored many books for women and she and her husband have also written Men are Like Waffles- Women are Like Spaghetti and Red Hot Monogamy. The All Girl Band is back this year – they led our worship in music last year and so many of you enjoyed them. Registrations are all online this year so you don't even have to spend money on a stamp! Registration is quick and easy at www.ncdcma.org. Click on Ministries then Alliance Women and follow the link for Big Sandy Retreat!

There is place on the form to put the name of your church and to request roommates with other gals from your group.



National Project Cultural Coffeehouse in Spain

Each year, a special fund-raising project is chosen by the National Women's Ministry Team of the Christian and Missionary Alliance. This is our chance to be part of something big - bigger than just ourselves, bigger than just our churches. Ladies, churches, and districts nationwide all work together and give funds toward the National Project to accomplish something huge for the Kingdom - how exciting and what a privilege!

In keeping with the year's theme of "Let's Have Coffee" the national project will raise support for four ministry coffee houses around the world. Folks come in for coffee, relationships are built and deepened, the patrons come again and again to learn English and make friends - and many hear about Jesus and respond to His call on their lives.

The North Central District Women's Ministry Team introduced our district's part in this great project - support of a coffee house ministry in Spain - building relationships with both Spanish residents and North African immigrants over a cup of cafe con leche or hot mint tea.

Encourage your women to consider giving in some way to this important ministry! Perhaps your church can host a fundraiser and involve the men also! What does a cup of coffee cost? Would you be willing to donate the cost of just one cup of your favorite coffee drink?

Theme packets with the Promotional DVDs and Project Cards have been mailed. Please share these with the women in your church.

Coffee House Ministry – Costa Rica

We are also supporting workers from our own district, Chuck & Robbi Fanberg and Jessica Lloyd, serving in a Costa Rica coffee shop. Join us as we watch God do great things through our giving!



... Becoming Great Commission Women...supporting your ministry to women.

Mark 12:30-31a

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength...Love your neighbor as yourself.”

Loving God...How do we do that? We love him more as we get to know Him by studying His word. Loving others... When we love God with our whole heart...it's out of that love that our love for others will flow.

Take time to build your relationship with the Lord. He deeply desires an intimate relationship with you. Take time to build relationships with women. It's all about getting to know another woman, building a friendship—being known, being loved.

The opportunities for creativity are endless and there are tons of things you can find at home or you may already have at your church that will create a super cool atmosphere for your events throughout the year.



One final thought... I am sad to say that I will be stepping down as your District Director following the Fall Retreat this year. I know you've heard that line before...Our district has seen much transition over the last two years. The Director Position has seemed a little like a “revolving door”. My husband has a new job in Pennsylvania and we are happy to be returning to our roots. At the same time, it is difficult to loose the ties of all that bind us to Minnesota and the friends we have made here.

I have been humbled and blessed beyond measure to serve among you. God continues to be at work in our District and around the world. I leave you in the hands of the One whom we serve and a capable team of women who love you and desire to see healthy women's ministry in every church in the North Central District.

In Christ's love, Lisa Wolfe~

Christmas Families

Great Commission Women would like to promote the Christmas Family Ministry again this year in the North Central District. This ministry helps support and encourage our church planters and smaller church pastors who function with limited resources. Here's how it works; your group decides they would like to be a part of this blessing, your leaders contact us, we will then match your group with a family and you will be responsible to gather gift items and deliver them to your Christmas Family in time for Christmas.

This is a great ministry of encouragement for your women's groups, and we hope that you will join us in blessing our pastors and church planters this Christmas! Please email Brenda Andrews at andrewsb0116@gmail.com or call her at 218-430-0116.



Let's Have Coffee Bible Study

In the Engage Magazine...

Have you ever had a friend call you and say, "Let's have coffee!" When you hear it you know exactly what that means. They want to be with you, they want to talk to you friend to friend; they want to let you know they love you.

Jesus would like to hear you say, let's have coffee...let's spend some time together... let's talk heart to heart...let's enjoy the warmth of a cup of fellowship! I think He would love to hear those words. I think Jesus loves to hear any words that express our love to Him. That's what our study this year is all about; loving God and loving people. (Excerpts taken from *Engage* magazine June 2013).

We are really excited about this year's scripture-filled Bible study. We love the idea of nurturing a best friend relationship with Jesus, just as we would with our girlfriends. We love what having coffee or tea or hot chocolate can represent... connecting with and loving people.

We hope that you will be able to utilize this great resource in the way that would best serve you and your women's ministry... whether that is in your monthly meetings, in a weekly Bible study, or one on one with a friend. The complete study is found in your Engage magazine as well as online at www.greatcommissionwomen.org where there is also a leaders guide available.

We are excited to join you for coffee and this years Bible study!

Submitted by Brenda Andrews



Becoming Great Commission Women...

You've heard us say it over and over. If you go to an Alliance church, you are an Alliance Woman. If you are involved in any kind of event, Bible Study, outreach, prayer group or social with women in your Alliance Church...that falls under the umbrella of Alliance Women's Ministry. Many of you have seen the information coming from the National Team on their name change to Great Commission Women. In the North Central District we are Alliance Women who are becoming Great Commission Women—a noteworthy goal of all women in the church...the NC District Team exists to support your ministry to women—whether you call yourselves Diamonds in the Rock, or simply Women's Ministry, Alliance Women or Great Commission Women. Understand that your ministry to women can look the same as what you've been doing. We're not trying to put you in a box. We're just here to give you tools to do ministry and support your work. Let us know how we may help you and pray for you.

Submitted by Lisa Wolfe

International Worker Supply Room Update

We received notes from Dave and Chris Manfred and Steve and Debbie Zopfi who recently visited the Missionary Supply room. Each expressed their thanks and appreciation to the North Central District ladies for the many necessary items they were able to take. Keep up the good work, ladies!

Submitted by Sandi Stoldt

We Need Your Help

The Bongolo Hospital in Gabon needs bandages rolled by Alliance Women! If your group is interested in rolling bandages or donating medical supplies, please contact Colleen Lofgren for details of their need and shipping instructions: coliemark@gmail.com or 218-245-2706

Campbell's UPC codes are also still being collected. (Find them not just on soup but on all Campbell's products!)

Send UPCs to:

Lilyan Lindstom
Tri County Alliance Church
8464 160th St NW
Clearwater, MN 55320

Used postage stamps (cut from the envelope with a one-fourth inch border around them – no ripped, torn or mutilated stamps PLEASE!) are still bringing in thousands of dollars! Some of that money supports the Koutiala mission. Let's get clipping!

Send stamps to:

Stamp Ministry
Shell Point Village
15071 Shell Point Blvd
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Our team is here to encourage and equip you as you minister to the women in your community. Please let us know what we can do to help you.



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