

The CWF Movement at Mt Paran

In 2009 at the encouragement of some of the members of our church from Cameroon we began to form a group of women partnered with The Silver Spring Presbyterian Church's Christian Women Fellowship. This movement seeks to involve women more intensely in evangelism and Bible Study had been started in Cameroon by the Swiss Presbyterian Missionaries. We soon qualified as a baby group and officially started our journey to maturity. We followed the path by writing a set of by-laws that were approved by our session as well as by the Mother group from Silver Spring. The CWF of SSPC sent many different women to meet with our group and help us move toward inauguration. We studied the lesson book written for each group and took part in our first Rally in 2009. Each year we focused on our studies from Esther to Daniel to Acts and on. Our mentors encouraged us in many ways and in 2011 we were inaugurated and dedicated. This was a time of great joy to us. Our uniforms consisted of the number 1 uniform, a yellow wrapper, white blouse and yellow head wrap, and our number 2 uniform a blue caba. These uniforms were set aside and dedicated to be used in the service of our Lord. In 2015 discord arose between the CWF in Cameroon and the CWF in the USA. Unfortunately, this resulted in a split between the two groups.

The CWF USA was formed in 2016 and comes under the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church USA. The CWF at Mt Paran is a charter member of the USA group. There are only five charter members however we are growing with more groups forming in Chicago and in Houston. Our uniforms changed design but remain similar. Each symbol is important and each color is significant. Our mission is the same to provide service to others and to promote evangelization and Bible Study. We seek to serve with joy and to learn the lessons taught in the Bible. We are also a social group of women who see each other as sisters, who we share our joys and sorrows with and with whom we pray and share our faith. We have just returned from our 2017 Rally where we worship together, perform in friendly musical competition and share a special meal together. For Americans like me at first it felt a little different but soon became as much a part of me as going to church or Sunday School.

This group is open to any woman who is member of our church and wishes to join us. We expect commitment and regular attendance. There are dues and obligations of membership much like the Presbyterian Women's Group of the PCUSA. We are part of that program and participate in the same international organizations. If you are interested in learning more please speak to me or any member of our group.

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