
WOMEN'S RESOURCE COUNCIL REPORT

37th General Assembly

The Women's Resource Council (WRC) administers the ministry of *The Well: Women's Resources*.



*Sharon Beekmann
Chairman*

Executive Committee

TE Sharon Beekmann (NLT)	Chair
TE Lana Roberts (Pacific)	Chair-elect
Jessi Schatzle (Central South)	Chair of Communication Committee
TE Mary Brown (Great Plains)	Chair of Discipleship Committee
Elizabeth Parker (Golf SO)	Chair of Leadership Committee
Kathy Marcy (Rivers and Lakes)	Treasurer

Committee Members

Communication Committee

TE Carolyn Poteet (Alleghenies), Heidi Bethel (Southeast), and RE Lou Anne King (Florida)

Discipleship Committee

Kimberly Sinclair (Midwest), Jeanne Gaessler (West), Joe Ann Stenstrom (East)

Leadership Committee

Jeanne Kuhlman (Mid-America), Kathy Marcy (Rivers and Lakes), and Katherine (Kitty) Katt (Mid-Atlantic)

WRC met at the Office of the General Assembly in Livonia August 30 & 31, 2016 and in Orlando March 30 & 31, 2017 with additional communications and meetings occurring through conference calls, face to face meetings, and email exchanges. Committees meet quarterly, the Executive Committee meets bimonthly, and the entire WRC meets twice a year. The Council consists of one woman representative from each Presbytery of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

The Work of the Council

The Well: Women's Resources supports women in local churches to fulfill the mission and vision of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. The ministry provides resources to local churches that inspire and facilitate the development of a vibrant, grassroots connectational ministry wherein women are nurtured, encouraged, inspired and equipped to bring Christ to those near and far.

Resources include, but are not limited to, Bible studies and print and digital media on topics such as discipleship, evangelization, spiritual formation, soul care, leadership development, and mentoring. Additionally, the ministry exists to facilitate communications among and between women throughout the denomination. The WRC works primarily with local

churches and alongside Presbytery's Women Ministries. Members of the Executive Committee seek Session or Presbytery endorsement.

Organization

The WRC has four committees: Executive, Discipleship, Leadership, and Communication. The WRC communicates with EPC Administration on matters pertaining to finances, social media, data base, and other communications.

Communication Committee

The Well encourages and provides ways for women to communicate with each other in their region, Presbytery, and across the denomination. The ministry utilizes social media such as Facebook, Twitter, email, blog, and the EPC website; all forms of print communications; and person-to-person contacts. Members of the Committee oversee content and design of marketing and print handouts, the Website, Facebook, Blog, and Twitter.

Go to the blog: <http://www.epcthehell.org>. Blog posts focus on:

- a. leadership and discipleship resources
- b. Personal stories, "My story with God"
- c. Celebrations of women's ministry within churches
- d. Featured videos

Go to Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/TheWellEPC>.

Go to EPC website <https://epc.org/thewell>. The pages contain information on *The Well*, and resources for local church ministries.

Discipleship Committee

The Discipleship Committee provides resources that equip and encourage Christian women as they pursue holiness through spiritual disciplines such as prayer, meditation on Scripture, practicing the Presence of God, and service.

The ministry makes available on the EPC website suggested pathways to discipleship. It categorizes resources into four areas:

- Believe
- Belong
- Be Bold
- Be Free

The ministry adheres to the EPC endorsement policy: www.epc.org/christianeducation. EPC women and men are invited to complete and submit resource surveys that are on the EPC website.

Two people review the resources. Reviewers have a basic understanding of Reformed Theology and are familiar with the resource. Vetter's have some seminary training, are knowledgeable in doctrine of Reformed Theology, and have been recommended by a WRC member. Vetter's categorize the resource:

- a. *Endorsed* means that the resource adheres to the doctrine of Reformed Theology.
- b. *Commended* means it adheres to EPC Essentials of the faith, but is not Reformed.
- c. *Other* means it has useful information, but is secular.

Leadership Committee

Leaders influence others! Christian leaders influence people to follow Christ whatever their situation and wherever God puts them. The ministry provides material to Empower, Equip, and Encourage ordained and lay women, formal or informal leaders to bring Christ to those near and far. God uniquely gifts women to accomplish his purposes.

The Leadership Committee offers resources on leadership principles and skill development on the EPC website.

Budget

The operating budget for The Well: Women’s Resources is supplied by the generous giving of our churches. The \$1 Per Woman Asking is a General Assembly approved benevolence fund. Monies do not come out of EPC Per Member Asking.

1. Donate by Check
 Make checks payable to Evangelical Presbyterian Church and designate *Women’s Resource Council* in the memo area.
 Send to:
 EPC
 Office of the General Assembly
 5850 T.G. Lee Blvd., Suite 510 (Citadel I Building)
 Orlando, FL 32822
2. Donate Online
 Secure online donations by credit card or e-check can be made by going to <https://epc.org/donate>. To donate, click on the *Click to Support the EPC* button and select the category, *Women’s Resource Council* at the top of the *Thank you for supporting the ministries of the EPC!* page.

Recommendations to the General Assembly

Recommendation WRC-1

That the Assembly amend Rules for Assembly X.10-1E, clarifying the role of the Executive Committee of the Women’s Resource Council as a permanent committee of the General Assembly, the selection of additional Council members, and the election of the Chair.

Current Rules for Assembly X.10-1E	Proposed Rules for Assembly X.10-1E Additions in <i>bold italics</i> .
E. Women’s Resource Council 1. The Women’s Resource Council will recruit, administer, and coordinate	E. Women’s Resource Council 1. The Women’s Resource Council, <i>consisting of an Executive</i>

<p>the activity of women’s ministry established by the Assembly.</p> <p>2. The Executive Committee of the Council will consist of six women, each a currently active member of an EPC congregation or presbytery with three classes equal in size to the extent possible. Council members may serve all or part of two consecutive terms and are then ineligible for re-election for one year.</p> <p>3. Members shall be nominated to the Women’s Resource Council by the nominating process prescribed in the Rules of Assembly XI.11-4.3.</p> <p>4. The Chair for the succeeding Assembly year will be elected by the Council at the spring meeting prior to the convening of the General Assembly.</p>	<p><i>Committee and General Membership</i>, will recruit, administer, and coordinate the activity of women’s ministry established by the Assembly.</p> <p>2. The Executive Committee, of the Council, <i>which serves as a Permanent Committee of the General Assembly</i>, will consist of six women, each a currently active member of an EPC congregation or presbytery with three classes equal in size to the extent possible. Council <i>Executive Committee</i> members may serve all or part of two consecutive terms and are then ineligible for re-election for one year. Members shall be nominated to the Women’s Resource Council <i>Executive Committee</i> by the nominating process prescribed in the Rules of Assembly XI.11-4.3.</p> <p>3. <i>The General Membership shall be made up of at least seven women, each currently an active member of an EPC congregation or presbytery. The Executive Committee and General Membership shall collectively have representatives from each Presbytery. The Executive Committee will select the General Membership according to skills needed to run the ministry. These General members will serve two year terms, with a maximum of three full or partial terms. After three terms, General Members are ineligible for re-election for one year.</i></p> <p>5. The Chair of the <i>Women’s Resource Council</i> for the succeeding Assembly year will be elected by the Council <i>from eligible Executive Committee members</i> at the spring meeting prior to the convening of the</p>
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	General Assembly. <i>The Chair of the Council also serves as Chair of the Executive Committee.</i>
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Respectfully submitted,



Sharon Beekmann
Chairman

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