

The Guide

Church Women United of Greater Cincinnati
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Church Women United of Greater Cincinnati is a volunteer Christian ecumenical women's movement that brings together women of diverse races, cultures and traditions in closer Christian Fellowship, prayer advocacy and action for peace with justice in the world.

CWU Outreach Work Continues

with Mary Grafe, SC

Betty Baker, Mary Kercheval Short and I continue to do Bible study at the Hamilton County Juvenile Court Youth Center. It is a joy sharing God's Word with the girls. I also volunteer at Peaslee Neighborhood Center and at the bag lunch program for overnight workers at the Contact Center. The Center is a community organizing center and I am a board and committee member. I encourage you to write to your elected officials, and to Representatives Ryan, to voice your concern about the deep cuts in programs for our "least brothers and sisters."

The annual Women Conference was a great success. The women reflected on "who I am" through listening to a panel, sharing their story, writing a poem, etc. The OTR summer festival was an enjoyable time of connecting with friends and non profits groups. I attended a protest rally for the Anna Louise Inn. After more than 100 years of service, the Anna Louise Inn is in jeopardy, defending against a takeover by the Western and Southern Financial Group. The Inn provides preventive programs for women "not to be bent over".

It was a blessing to attend the Children's Defense Fund's (CDF) annual conference. The Conference began on Sunday with a welcome from Marian Wright Edelman and an Interfaith Prayer service. Our Administrative Assistant, Joellen Grady, who also worked with CDF, asked me to represent Church Women United and the

Catholic Church. I read a scripture from the New Testament. The conference theme and hope was "Pursuing Justice for Children and the Poor with Urgency and Persistence." All of the sessions encouraged us to choose to work for justice; to end massive economic inequality in America; to improve our educational system so that all children will receive a quality education; to have a National and Racial Healing; and, to dismantle the Cradle to Prison Pipeline. It is my prayer that we individually, and as members of Church Women United, be advocates for children. Hopefully, each of us will work to assure that the Children's Defense Fund Leave No Child Behind mission "to ensure every child a Healthy start, a Head Start, a Fair Start and a Moral Start in life, and successful passage to adulthood with the help of caring families and communities," will become a reality.

We hope our CWU churches will sponsor the CDF-Children's Sabbath prayer service on October 21.



At the CDF Interfaith Service, Bishop Bridenthal of the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Ohio, prays over children from the four Cincinnati Freedom Schools who formed a choir and sang for us.

Agreed to differ. Resolved to love. United to serve.

Leadership Planning Retreat

Reported by Betty Baker

Church Women United Cincinnati Leadership Planning Retreat was held June 25 at the Kemper Road Christian Church in Forest Park. Newly-elected board members were present to assume their official positions.

The board planned for the upcoming year. Of special note is Cincinnati Christian Women's 100 years of ecumenical mission and Church Women United's 70 years as a Christian ecumenical movement.

The board discussed and evaluated present programs and mission projects. Work began for another faith inspired year, striving to make CWU's work attractive to more Christian women.

Thank you to the Kemper Road women for the cordial hospitality and delicious lunch—Cathie Spaulding, Era Edwards, Althea Day-Engstrand, Debbie Duncan, Pam Carl, Ruth Burbank, and Betty Baker.

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~Reminder~

**Have you renewed your
CWU Membership?
Don't Wait—Do it now!**

**If you have not renewed,
please respond to the
letter you recently received
from the Membership Chair,**

**Yvonne Jones
2205 Loth St.
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**Remember, it is only
\$ 10/yr.**

NEW KROGER REWARDS PROGRAM

Since 2008, Church Women United has raised over \$1,400 through the Kroger Neighborhood Rewards Program. This program has been replaced by the Kroger Community Rewards Program. The new process is easier to use – members and supporters register their existing Kroger Plus Rewards cards annually at the Kroger website, selecting Church Women United as their designated non-profit organization – **CWU is Kroger NPO number 81281**. Once this is done, we raise funds with every eligible purchase made by our enrolled members. We receive a reward check each quarter based on a percentage of participants' spending.

Each card must be individually registered at www.KrogerCommunityRewards.com. No group registration is permitted. If you are not yet signed up on Kroger.com, then you will have to enroll there first, but that will get you a host of online benefits.



If you do not have access to the internet, call us at (513) 471-2612 and we will arrange for your card to be registered online. If you have any questions, please call us at (513) 471-2612.