

THE STORY
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the next chapter.

- Church Women United is a racially, culturally, theologically inclusive Christian Women's Movement, celebrating unity in diversity and working for a world of peace and justice.
- We are an autonomous local unit affiliated with the national movement meeting monthly for worship, fellowship, and service.
- We hold the national CWU celebrations of World Day of Prayer, May Friendship Day, and World Community Day as well as local spiritual, educational, and social programs.
- We sponsor several service and advocacy projects in our community. We invite all women to join with us.



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Church Women United has a long history of studying and responding to the needs of the times. Begun in 1922 under the leadership of prominent women like Mrs.

Harper Sibley and through the tireless efforts of less famous, but equally dedicated women, CWU worked to address needs. Realizing that people had limited access to health care they created a motor service to transport people to medical appointments and visiting nurses to their clients – this effort continues today.

Through their work responding to the needs of the migrant workers the women saw the need for education, especially in basic adult literacy, coordinating a program which later came to be part of the national movement of Literacy Volunteers.

In response to the riots of the 1960's and concerns about racism in the courts, CWU was asked to be in court to observe – this work led to the Task Force on Courts and the Judicial Process Commission. Noticing hungry people, an effort to pro-

vide emergency food has evolved into the Community Food Cupboard.

CWU is proud of these past projects, some we birthed and let grow on their own. Others are still closely nurtured by our board and members. Listening to the needs of this time and place, we continue a great history of studying a situation and organizing to take action to meet the challenges faced.

What makes us unique?

We are drawn together from diverse backgrounds and across denominational lines. Rooted in prayer, strengthened by fellowship, we go forth to serve as a group and as individuals.



Our strength lies in our diversity and our commitment to service.

Closely tied to women's movements, our founders were the first women to vote, and our members in the 1960's continued their legacy to extend equal rights to all. The women of today want to celebrate our diversity as we work to reveal God's reign of peace and justice in the way we live our Christian call to love.

We have several ongoing projects for which volunteers are always welcome:

Warm Up Rochester

Project – delivers knitted afghans and lap blankets made by church groups in our community to recipients in adult day programs and family shelter programs.



Community Food Cupboard – provides food for families and seniors in emergency situations.

Health Kits - collects toiletries and other small items to assemble kits for both men and women at the Mercy Outreach Center, a not-for-profit ministry of the Sisters of Mercy.

Rochester Regional Coalition Against Human Trafficking(RRCAHT)

Human trafficking is going on right here in the Rochester area, and RRCAHT is focused on helping victims through awareness, advocacy, and action. They support anti-trafficking programs in the community, schools, colleges, and hotels to help people identify entrapment situations.