

Women's Council Report - March 9, 2023

Rev. Erin Curtis, chair

The Regional Women's Council met via Zoom on March 4th at 4:30 pm. Present were Kay Killian, Cheryl Hudson, Judy Meneghin and Rev. Sharon Eggleston.

Our primary objective for this meeting was to brainstorm about the Regional Women's Retreat in Oregon for 2024. It was decided to remain at Murray Hills Christian Church in 2024, with a possible change of venue for 2025. We are hoping to make a change of season to early summer with a possible June date, however, we remain open to the idea that the latter half of October may work best this year. The retreat will again be a one day retreat, with an option for women to gather for a relaxing evening activity the evening before. Our theme this year is Self-Care and Connection.

It was discussed that we would like to reach out to Portland area members to ascertain if they might have interest in hosting our sisters who come from farther away overnight in their homes. Our hope is that not only might this help those who drive from far away, but also would encourage connection and attendance. We further hope to promote the Women's retreat held on the Idaho side of the region as we seek greater connection with all of our Regional sisters.

To that end, we look forward to welcoming onto the council women from the Spanish and Chukkeese speaking congregations, as well as representatives from Idaho. We feel the Women's Council should reflect and represent the entire region of Oregon and SW Idaho.

Our tasks for our next meeting in April (tentatively the 2nd or 9th) are:

- Bring others onto the council
- Get more input for this year's retreat
- Set a solid date for the retreat in 2024
- Start serious planning for this year's retreat
- Create a budget
- Start dreaming about what next year, 2025, could look like

Respectfully submitted,

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