

WOMEN'S MINISTRY CONGREGATIONAL CONTACT FORM

We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. Romans 12:6a

_____ **DISTRICT**

Name: _____ Date: _____
Address: _____ Apt. No: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Email: _____ Phone: _____
Name of Congregation: _____
City: _____ State: _____
Church or Pastor Email Address: _____
Name of Pastor: _____

Pastor initials

Please get pastor's initials for hard copy forms. If you send this electronically, an email with the form as an attachment will be sent to your pastor. WELS Women's Ministry Congregation Contact is an important position in partnership with the pastors of each congregation. The District strives to achieve good communication for all Congregational Contacts candidates and their pastors.

Please define what the term "women's ministry" means to you.

Please identify three areas of women's ministry you'd like to see addressed in your congregation, and why you see this as important to the overall ministry of your congregation.

Please share information about your past leadership experiences in home/work and in your congregation:

Are you aware of the Bible Study "Heirs Together of God's Gracious Gift of Life"? If so, how did you hear about it?

*Pray about this. As the Lord leads you, complete the form, and then email it to your pastor (or print a copy and hand it to him). Discuss your interest with him, and if he approves, ask him to initial the form. Email the form to the Congregational Coordinator (welsmom1@yahoo.com). **If you prefer to mail your form, please contact Deb Witte for instructions (708-672-0633, or at the email address listed above).***

What is A Women's Ministry Congregational Contact?

"And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all time, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. 2 Corinthians 9:8

The WELS Women's Ministry Committee (WMC) is organized with a 3-tiered structure, working under the Commission on Adult Discipleship:

- Synod-wide level: Women's Ministry Committee (WMC)
- District level: Women's Ministry District Coordinator (WMDC) – one per district
Women's Ministry District Administrator (WMDA) – one per district
Women's Ministry District Team (WMDT) – one team member per circuit
- Congregational level: **Women's Ministry Congregational Contact (WMCC)** – one per congregation

In each district, the WMDC, the WMDA, and the WMDT together are the "hub" for the network of WMCCs. The purpose of this network is to establish channels of communication that facilitate exchange of ideas, awareness of the resources available through WELS Women's Ministry, and mutual support and encouragement across the district. It is our prayer that this communication will foster an environment of heightened ministry among WELS women of all ages.

The WMDC will work with the district's Adult Discipleship Coordinator and also use various contact opportunities to seek out women willing to serve as a WMCC.

Once a woman has been nominated for the WMCC position by her pastor (or has expressed interest in the position and has discussed it with her pastor), she must fill out a "Women's Ministry Congregational Contact Form." This form is then initialed by her pastor and returned to the Women's Ministry District Coordinator (WMDC) for the district, at which point her term as WMCC officially begins.

The suggested term of service is for two years, however, each congregation is free to set the term and term limits (if any) for the WMCC.

Those who are to be considered for this position would be **women who are faithful in the public use of the means of grace and who have given evidence of a strong personal devotional life.** The following characteristics would also be beneficial for someone serving as a WMCC:

- Has an active awareness of women's ministry within her congregation;
- Is a team player who will communicate well with her pastor and others in leadership;
- Has zeal and enthusiasm for women's ministry;
- Possesses computer skills that would help her communicate with the district.

Action items for the WMCC would include:

1. Become familiar with the ***Heirs Together*** Bible study;
2. Receive information from the WMDC and inform her congregation (the called workers and overall leadership) of Women's Ministry information and resources available and of Women's Ministry events occurring nationwide or locally
3. Collect, record and send to the Women's Ministry District Coordinator ideas of women's ministry events/activities that are working well in her congregation
4. Become familiar with online resources provided by the WMC at www.wels.net/women

It is our prayer that women's ministry at all levels will support the work of Adult Discipleship by assisting WELS congregations to equip women to use their gifts to God's glory and the benefit of his kingdom here on earth.