

## GO! HEBREWS 13:1-16

*“So let’s go outside, where Jesus is...”*

Hebrews 13:13a (The Message)

We are a people on the go! We are constantly on the move. We go to work, school, or church. We go to the supermarket, the movies, or the dry cleaners. We go on vacations, to hospitals, or doctor’s offices. We go to volunteer at the food pantry, the animal shelter, or the library. Much of our going is necessary and good. Some of our going is simply mindless motion. The challenge from Hebrews is one to encourage us all to make our actions, our motions, and our goings count. *Let’s go outside, where Jesus is, where the action is.*

First of all, we are called to a vibrant, authentic **WORSHIP** where praise flows from our lips. The writer is encouraging his listeners, then and now, to become fully engaged in a life-changing worship experience. He didn’t describe worship styles or music genre. He didn’t say it had to be traditional, or contemporary, or blended. He simply said that words of praise to God should flow from our lips – to whatever tune, beat, or genre that speaks to our hearts. And this worship is not just a “Jesus and me” experience. The engaging and authentic worship that he is speaking about will bring us into relationship with other believers. It is only in **COMMUNITY**, where our hearts can truly sing in full harmony with praise to God, our Creator and Redeemer. The one thing that will pull this community together is our common love for Jesus Christ and his sacrificial love for us. Lastly, the result of such a harmonious worshipping community is inevitably **MINISTRY**. We take to the streets, the prisons, go to the strangers in the neighborhood, the refugees, the schools, our marriages and relationships, our families, our kitchens and living rooms, and yes, even our churches – sharing the love of Jesus with all we meet. Some of these places may be familiar to us, while others may be new and strange. Regardless, we are called to GO!

In the coming year, Women’s Ministry will be on the go. As we worship and pray together may we truly embrace the richness of God’s presence, in and around us. As we meet together may we remain open to all women and seek ways to bring all women into our community of sisters. Let us seek out the immigrant woman, let us forge a bond with a survivor of human trafficking or domestic violence, let us make room for the young women in our midst. And lastly, as our community of women grows and flourishes, may we continue to get outside our churches and into the world that Jesus calls us to embrace with abundant love and compassion.

**Let Us GO!!!**

The concepts of Worship, Community and Ministry were gleaned from the “Theological Perspectives” of Gray Temple in *Feasting on the Word, Preaching the Revised Common Lectionary, Year C, Volume 4, Westminster John Knox Press, 2010*

*It all began with two missionaries...*

A.D. Hail and his brother J. B. were the first missionaries in Japan that were sponsored by the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. J. B. Hail and his family sailed from San Francisco, for Osaka Japan, on January 30, 1877. A.D. Hail and his family sailed to Japan on October 21, 1878. From the moment the two men stepped onto the boat from San Francisco, it was obvious that the women of the church were imperative for the mission work of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. They needed more support and more personnel in the field in order to meet the great need in Japan alone and the women of the church could supply that. A.D. Hail wrote, “One big problem was the women’s work, how to reach them, how to hold them for Christ. The wives on the ground did the best they could to fill the gap... Sometimes both had to be absent at meetings, we men tried our hands at the business of trying to keep busy babies busy in right lines. This proved pretty generally to be the busiest part of our work... Add to all the fact that at that time it was particularly the case that the women could not be reached in their own homes by men. It was so then and measurably so now. We felt the need to have Bible women.”

A.D. Hail and his wife approached the leadership of the women of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church asking the women to convene at the 1880 meeting of the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church for the purpose of organizing the Woman’s Board of Foreign Missions. Since then the women of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church have been meeting regularly alongside with General Assembly and supporting the mission work of the church through prayer, finances, and personnel.

[Source: *Hearth and Chalice: The Story of Cumberland Presbyterian Women and World Missions* by James. W. Knight]

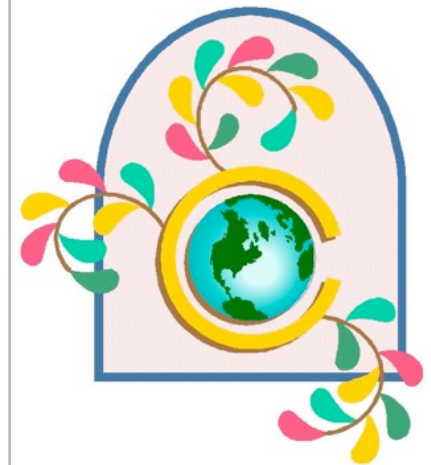


## Women in Ministry of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church

### **Purpose Statement:**



*To accept and share the love and joy of Jesus Christ through the ministry of women in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church as we pray, study God’s Word, and reach out through mission, service, encouragement, and fellowship.*



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# Women of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church

## WOMEN OF THE CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

All women of the Church are considered members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry. The Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry is part of the Missions Ministry Team of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Women from across the denomination gather at the Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Convention once a year for the purpose of advancing the spiritual enrichment and effective operation of the local and regional organizations through fellowship, worship, learning, and program emphases. The 2017 Convention will take place in St. Petersburg, FL.

## WOMEN OF THE LEBANON CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The women of the Lebanon Cumberland Presbyterian Church are an important branch of the ministry of our congregation. Our regular meetings are set for the second Monday of each month at 10:00 a.m.

Our ministry includes:

- Coordinate Easter and Thanksgiving baskets to shut-ins
- Provide food to those who are sick
- Provide food to families who have lost a loved one
- Support the Cumberland Presbyterian Children's Home in Denton, TX
- Participate in the Least Coin Offering
- Recognize CP Women and award Perpetual Memberships and Memorials
- Provide an opportunity for women to gather for Bible study, prayer, and fellowship
- Send representatives to our Regional Women's Meeting twice a year
- Participate in our Annual Denominational Women's Convention
- Support and promote the mission work of our denomination and our congregation
- Participate in the Synodical Women's Retreat
- Support the Lebanon Family Resource Center & Joseph's Storehouse
- Support Guatemalan Mission and Clergy Appreciation

For more information about the Women in Ministry on the denominational level, visit <http://ministrycouncil.cumberland.org/womentministry>.

## *Lebanon Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry*

### **2016-17 OFFICERS**

President: Jessica Templeton

Vice President: Lyndsey Kuhl

Treasurer: Joyce Mitchell

Secretary: Loretta Haley



### ***Matthew 28:19-20***

*Therefore, GO and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.*