

2017 Report to the Credentials and Caucuses

The year 2017 brought the Women's Caucus another year of maturity, another year of visibility and another year of connecting with the constituents of our still young Caucus.

In many ways, the Women's Caucus was all about the Portland Mission Summit. **Connecting** was the theme of the biennial and, thus, the theme of our corner of the Hall of Ministries.

First, the Women's Caucus joined the other members of the InterCaucus with mostly contiguous booths in the Hall. It was a way to make the InterCaucus more visible to the American Baptist family. In addition, it served to heighten our sense of belonging to the other members of the InterCaucus.

As the leadership of our Women's Caucus prepared for the Mission Summit, we carried the image of quilting from 2015 to 2017. Shirley Fair, the Finance Coordinator for the Caucus, pieced batik squares together for an actual quilt. To make the Connection real in the hands of our constituents, women who visited our booth were invited to tie the quilt through its three layers--connecting with one another, with the denomination and with an old technique used by the mothers and sisters before us.

As visitors stopped to talk with us, almost every one--male and female--had a story to share with us about quilting, about mothers and grandmothers and other mentors, about women in the church, and leadership and ministry.

As the Women's Caucus seeks to build an ever-growing network of women in church life, we record names and contact information of those who visited the booth as well as women we met throughout the Mission Summit and wherever we meet women in the ABC. In this way, we connect women at every level of denominational life--local, regional and national, lay women and clergy women--with opportunities for service and leadership in all of these places as well as on the Women's Caucus leader team.

Julia Bebeau

for the Women's Caucus

with Shirley Fair, Charity Matic and Kay Farley

2018

Balance on January 1, 2018	\$12,612.91
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Revenues:

Funding for caucuses	1,713.38
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Expenses:

January 2018 Meeting in Dallas, Texas	
Julia Bebeau's flight	653.20
Shirley Fair's flight	292.60
Katherine Farley's flight	318.60
Charity Matic's flight	332.60
Katherine Farley's meals & additional transp	34.47
Julia Bebeau's additional transportation	121.69
Hotel	1009.07

Total Expenses	\$2,762.23
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Balance	\$11,564.06
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Women's Caucus 2019 Caucus Funding Proposal

Caucus Goals	Administration or Program	Plans and Activities	Dates	Who's Involved	Proposed Funding
1. Build/Strengthen Caucus	Administration	<p>A. At least one face-to-face officers meeting</p> <p>B. Recognize newly appointed women in positions of leadership</p>	<p>January 2019</p> <p>Throughout each year</p>	<p><i>Officers and Caucus Coordinator</i></p> <p><i>Officers and Caucus Coordinator</i></p>	<p>A. \$2850 <i>Flights \$1500.00; Meals \$150; Hotel \$900; Shuttle and Parking \$200</i></p> <p>B. \$100.00</p>
				<i>Running totals:</i>	<i>\$2850.00</i>
2. Collaborate with ABWM and ABWIM for 2020 Event	Program	Attend planning meetings	2019	Caucus Coordinator with one officer	\$1000.00
					\$1000.00
3. Plan for Women's Caucus Presence at 2019 Mission Summit	Administration	<p>Booth in Exhibit Hall</p> <p>Give away</p> <p>Ad in Program Guide</p> <p>Supplies</p> <p>Travel/lodging</p> <p>Meal Events</p>	Summer 2019		<p>\$3125.00</p> <p><i>Booth \$350; Give-away \$1000; Supplies \$150.00; Travel \$1500; Meal Events \$125</i></p>

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						\$3125	
4. Participate in Intercaucus	Administration	2019 Intercaucus Breakfast	TBA	Caucus Coordinator	As needed		

Submitted by Julia Bebeau

Grand total \$6975.00