



2021 *Impact*
REPORT

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You might know WMU® as groups of women in your church who faithfully gather to pray for needs in their community and across the globe. Or as children involved in Girls in Action®, Royal Ambassadors®, or Children in ActionSM who engage in local missions projects as they develop a biblical worldview.

You might think of WMU's Pure Water, Pure LoveSM ministry that provides clean water to missionaries and those they serve. Or of the thousands of women who've made professions of faith as they gain life skills and job skills through Christian Women's Job Corps®. Or of the impoverished artisans who can provide for their families and earn income with dignity through WorldCraftsSM.

The living hope of Jesus is the common thread as lives are transformed to His glory. Day in and day out, people come to faith and share their faith through involvement in WMU.

Despite ongoing challenges related to the global pandemic, lives transformed by the gospel and God's provision and faithfulness were evident in the ministry of WMU in 2021 as we celebrated numerous milestones. Some of these include

- the highest amount ever given to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering® in 2021. Since WMU first began the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering®, we praise God that more than \$7 billion has been given by Southern Baptists to support our missionaries. We also created virtual Week of Prayer experiences with daily videos on our website pushed out through email blasts and social media channels for greater engagement.
- three WMU Compassion Ministries—Pure Water, Pure Love (PWPL); Christian Women's Job Corps/ Christian Men's Job Corps® (CWJC®/CMJCSM); and WorldCrafts—all celebrated 25 years of lives transformed through these missions avenues.
- a record amount given in PWPL grants in 2021. WMU awarded 20 grants totaling \$385,845 to provide clean water resources all around the world. To date, more than \$2 million has been given through this vital ministry.
- national WMU touchpoints in 49 countries. Our comprehensive international strategy includes WorldCrafts, PWPL, CWJC/CMJC, missions resource collaboration, international WMU, and partnership with the WMU Foundation through HEART Fund grants. In May 2021, we initiated quarterly video calls with international WMU leaders around the world, and we have connected with leaders in 26 countries.
- board diversity. As of 2021, almost one-third of our executive board is women of color. There are women born in Guatemala, the Philippines, and Nigeria, and seven are African American women. A historic seven women of color are executive directors of their state WMUs.
- our first president to represent the western US. Connie Dixon, a native New Mexican who has been a member of First Baptist Church, Elida, all her life, was elected as president of national WMU on June 13, 2021, at the WMU Missions Celebration and Annual Meeting in Nashville, Tennessee.

Making disciples of Jesus who live on mission is the unwavering focus of WMU. The stories on the following pages offer just a glimpse of how God continues to transform hearts and lives through WMU Missions Discipleship, Leadership Development, and Compassion Ministries.

Missions Discipleship



MISSIONS IN THE CHURCH

From preschoolers to adults, WMU provides relevant resources to help inform, inspire, and involve those in WMU groups in missions. We created and distributed 13 subscription items, including periodicals and resource kits. Using these and other resources we produce, involvement in WMU missions groups provides the opportunity to teach people of all ages about the work of missionaries throughout the world while developing disciples who pray for missions, give to missions, and take the gospel into their communities and beyond.

WMU's age-level groups include

- Mission Friends® for preschool boys and girls from birth through kindergarten;
- Girls in Action® (GA®) for girls in grades 1–6;
- Royal Ambassadors® (RA®) for boys in grades 1–6;
- Children in ActionSM for boys and girls in grades 1–6;
- Acteens® for girls in grades 7–12;
- Challengers® for boys in grades 7–12;
- Youth on MissionSM for boys and girls in grades 7–12;
- myMISSIONSM for collegiate and young women;
- Women on Mission® for women; and
- Adults on MissionSM for men and women.

MISSION SUPPORT



In 2020*, WMU helped raise \$177.6 million for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions. Since initiating the first offering in 1888, WMU has helped raise more than \$5 billion through this effort. The offering represents more than half of the International Mission Board's total annual support. Every penny given to the offering goes directly to support missionaries, including housing, training, health care, and more.

In 2021, WMU helped raise \$66.5 million—a record high total—for missions work in North America through the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. Since 1907, when official reporting began for the home missions offering started by WMU, receipts total more than \$2 billion through 2021. All the funds raised through this offering go directly to the North American Mission Board (NAMB) to support field personnel, and the offering supplies nearly half of their total annual revenue.

In addition to a collective \$7 billion raised through these two national offerings, much support is raised each year

for missions endeavors through local, associational, and state WMU efforts.

WMU also administers the ministry of missionary housing for Southern Baptist missionaries while they are on stateside assignment, a need that grew this past year as many field personnel had to delay travels back to their areas of service due to COVID-19 restrictions. We maintain a database of more than 600 houses made available by churches, associations, and individuals and make this information available to missionaries on a secure website.

Additionally, national WMU and the WMU Foundation awarded more than \$66,000 in scholarships to children of Southern Baptist missionaries. National WMU makes a grant to host an annual MK Re-Entry Retreat in partnership with a state WMU and continues to actively promote giving through the Cooperative Program of the Southern Baptist Convention.

*FINAL 2021 TOTALS FOR THE LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING WERE NOT AVAILABLE AT TIME OF PRINT.

NURTURING MISSIONS HEARTS

Many missionaries often speak to the value of missions discipleship they received as a child or youth and continued support from WMU when they arrived on the field. Here are a few from IMB emeriti missionaries:

Chuck grew up in RA. When he became a youth, he said several guys had girlfriends in Acteens. He pleaded with the Acteens leader to let boys join. She declined. However, she did allow the boys to sit beyond the open windows of the Acteens room and listen to the stories. He said eight boys went on to serve on the mission field because of the influence of RA and listening outside the Acteens room.

Leo grew up in Texas. Although his family moved quite often when he was a child, he always attended Royal Ambassadors. He said, "The faithful men in the churches where we were members instilled in me a deep interest in becoming a missionary."

Margaret grew up in a dysfunctional family with an alcoholic father. Her dad died when she was 12. Even though her mother worked three jobs to care for the family, she made sure her children were in church on Sundays. Margaret said, "I particularly enjoyed Girls' Auxiliary mission program. I attained the highest achievement of Queen Regent in Service. More importantly, I became very interested in world missions. It was while attending GA camp that God called me to be a missionary. I am forever indebted to the faithful workers at that church for their godly influence in my life."

Jeff and Sharon's daughter was born premature more than two decades ago. She was not thriving and was in fact dying. Jeff's birthday was two weeks after her birth. He said because of WMU's prayers [specifically on his birthday] and gifts, their daughter just graduated with a master's degree in math education. "We are thankful," he said.

Bob said, "If you want a catalyst—or [to] know how well missions is doing in a church—then follow WMU. You can visit a WMU group of a church and know that church is going to be connected into missions by not only praying for missionaries but supporting them as well."



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Leadership Development



WMU aims to infuse leadership development in everything we do. From online, on-demand courses to print and digital resources to in-person training, WMU offers a variety of opportunities for discovering and expanding one's leadership skills and spiritual gifts.

Through our Christian Women's Leadership Center (CWLC), WMU offers courses that range from stand-alone enrichment classes to a full leadership certificate program comprised of nine courses that require approximately 150 hours of coursework.

We also have developed seven minicourses related to WMU Compassion Ministries and a church's response to ministry needs such as refugees, human trafficking, and poverty, as well as seven courses related to CWJC/CMJC training. See ChristianLeaderLearning.com for the full catalog of courses.

Sponsored by the Christian Women's Leadership Center, we produced 26 episodes in 2021 of our *On the Journey Conversations* podcast hosted by Sandy Wisdom-Martin. Reflecting on the podcast, which launched in 2020, Sandy said, "Our prayer is this podcast inspires listeners to go deeper in their Christian faith walk. It is designed to offer an extensive array of thought leaders who provide personalized perspectives of what it means to follow Christ." The podcast is available on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, and Google Podcasts.

In addition, WMU offers an array of free content on wmu.com for leaders of preschoolers, children, students, and adults, in addition to other audiences.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP CENTER: EQUIPPING WOMEN THROUGH ONLINE LEARNING

In today's hectic, fast-paced world, where can Christian women find convenient, quality leadership training they trust and value?

One resource that's been around for more than 20 years is the Christian Women's Leadership Center, an initiative of Woman's Missionary Union that offers lifelong learning opportunities for Christian women.

While the Leadership Center's overall vision and goals remain unchanged, the practical details of providing those learning opportunities are continually being fine-tuned to keep pace with growing and changing needs.

Today, "the primary component of CWLC is online learning," explained CWLC Coordinator Kristy Carr, who also serves as national WMU's senior hub manager. She said CWLC currently offers "nine solid, insightful courses for the purpose of leadership development."

The nine courses explore such diverse topics as "Women Leaders from the Past," "Biblical and Theological Foundations of Leadership," and "Leading with Integrity." The self-paced courses are available online to participants on a rotating basis each quarter.



CHURCH AND COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

The CWLC was established by national WMU in 1999 in partnership with Samford University. Housed on Samford's campus for more than a decade, it primarily focused on leadership education opportunities for college women and networking events for professional women in the Birmingham area.

In recent years, the center's home moved to the national WMU building as the CWLC's focus shifted to "equipping Christian laywomen in the area of leadership in the context of their Christian faith," Kristy noted.

As early as 2013, CWLC began offering online leadership training for women seeking resources in the area of church and community leadership. Today, CWLC has expanded to include a full certificate program for women who complete the nine online courses, which represent about 150 hours of coursework.

"Through CWLC, we recognize and we celebrate the giftedness of women," Kristy said.

"We seek to assist them in developing their gifts and skills in serving Christ as they undertake leadership opportunities and responsibilities."

HELPING LEADERS GET OUT OF THE BOX



Ina Rios, president of New York WMU, was among the recipients of last year's Candy P. Phillips WMU Leadership Award. The annual award, established in 2019, provides funding for emerging leaders to enroll in CWLC's online certificate program.

Affirming the impact of her CWLC learning experience, Ina said, "For me, it gave me a deeper understanding of what's required to be a faithful leader [who] wants to work within the Great Commission, and it gave me tools on how to be a better leader."

When it comes to pursuing leadership training and ministry opportunities, "women have to get out of the box," Ina emphasized. "We have to see things differently so we can see what the Lord is doing in other places and in other ways.

"When we get out of the box, we become energized," she added. "By being energized, other people get energized and the Lord gets glorified and the church gets edified."



AT THE FOREFRONT OF ONLINE LEARNING

Amanda Martinsen, leadership development consultant and resource coordinator for WMU of North Carolina, serves as a CWLC course facilitator for the program's "Missional Living" course. She said the course is designed for participants to examine "what it looks like to be on mission with God every single day, the way that God is using them not only in their churches, but in their communities."

Amanda noted CWLC has been "at the forefront of a lot of the online learning," since its online courses were well established "long before the pandemic hit."

"It was wonderful to already have that in place and to be able to point people to that resource," she added, "especially in light of the last year that we've walked through of church looking so different."

Citing student reflections about their CWLC learning experiences, Kristy shared that one participant wrote: "I took these courses to become a better leader, and in the process, I became a better follower, a better communicator, a better planner. I became a woman God can use."

As WMU emphasizes "making disciples of Jesus who live on mission," CWLC's focus on equipping women leaders God can use is one practical step in achieving that goal.

The Christian Women's Leadership Center is funded in part by the Dr. Eleanor Terry Endowment for Christian Women's Leadership. The fund, managed by the WMU Foundation, honors the memory of Dr. Terry, who helped plan CWLC's launch and direction. To donate or to learn more, visit wmufoundation.com/womens-leadership-development.

WMU also fosters leadership development through free resources for leaders of age-level missions discipleship groups on wmu.com.

Compassion Ministries

PURE WATER, PURE LOVE

- This year, WMU awarded 20 grants totaling \$385,845 to supply clean water resources in Southeast Asia, Burundi, Ethiopia, Guatemala, Haiti, India, Kenya, Liberia, Rwanda, Togo, and Uganda; these grants also met emergency water needs in Louisiana, Texas, and Puerto Rico.
- An additional \$20,460 was disbursed to Send Relief (NAMB) to provide water filters. We also provided 1,372 filters and replacements to International Mission Board personnel and missions teams.
- Since PWPL came to national WMU from the Brotherhood Commission in 1996, WMU has awarded more than \$2 million in PWPL grants.



CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S JOB CORPS/CHRISTIAN MEN'S JOB CORPS

- Though this ministry, nearly 2,700 participants gained life and job skills in a Christian context in 2021 through more than 150 registered CWJC and CMJC sites across the United States, including several international sites.



- In 2021, more than 4,700 volunteers served approximately 113,000 hours.
- CWJC/CMJC offers classes, resources, mentoring, Bible studies, and more. Lives are transformed as participants gain self-confidence, purpose, direction, and hope for the future.
- In the past 25 years, approximately 5,600 participants in this ministry have come to a saving faith in Christ. Collectively since 1996, more than 67,000 participants have been served by nearly 198,200 volunteers as lives are transformed to the glory of God.



WORLDCRAFTS

- Since 1996, WMU has worked to develop sustainable, fair-trade businesses among impoverished people around the world through WorldCrafts.
- This ministry now works with more than 40 artisan groups in approximately 20 countries to bring their products to market and provide income with dignity.
- This compassion ministry of WMU meets the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of its workers.



BAPTIST NURSING FELLOWSHIP

- WMU facilitates ongoing communication for this group of health-care professionals and hosted its national event in November 2021.

PROJECT HELP: REFUGEES

- Project HELP is a WMU initiative designed to help the church address a current social and moral issue by raising awareness, meeting needs, and sharing the gospel.
- Our current focus is the global refugee crisis, as conflict and persecution around the world cause tens of thousands of people to flee their homes every day and become refugees.



As Christians, we are uniquely positioned to minister to refugees. Learn more and discover resources at wmu.com/refugees.

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF TRANSFORMED LIVES

In 2021, we celebrated 25 years of transformed lives through three WMU Compassion Ministries: Christian Women's Job Corps; Pure Water, Pure Love; and WorldCrafts.

These ministries work together to make an even greater impact around the world. Many CWJC sites are also WorldCrafts artisan groups. All WorldCrafts artisan groups have the opportunity to apply for funds for water needs through PWPL. It is a joy to see how our Father continues to use these ministries to meet tangible needs and show His love.



TENNESSEE WOMEN ON MISSION GROUP SUPPORTS PURE WATER, PURE LOVE PROJECT IN PUERTO RICO

Betty Cress organized an initial Women on Mission (WOM) meeting as her church, Beulah Baptist Church of Kingsport, Tennessee, resumed in-person services after being closed for months due to the COVID-19 pandemic. For her program, Betty decided to use the *Missions Mosaic* spotlight article "Helping People, Sharing Christ: Boots on the ground in Puerto Rico" about Pastor Jorge Santiago, a North American Mission Board church planter serving at One Church Comerio (OCC) in Puerto Rico.

When Betty reached out to Jorge in preparation, she learned OCC had been without water for a week, and this was a reoccurring problem in the community. She longed for her church to build a well and support Jorge's community, but the cost would be \$18,700.

After Betty received the church leadership's approval to take on the well project, she and a team of WOM members sent out letters to churches within their association as well as churches of friends and family explaining Beulah Baptist's desire to support OCC and invited the recipients to partner with them.

Donations came in from church members, other churches in Tennessee,

and even individuals from the neighboring state of Georgia who felt moved by the project. Beulah Baptist also coordinated a take-out meal on a Sunday during October, which is World Hunger emphasis month, by preparing food bags for members to take after a service and collecting an offering in support of the well project. More than \$20,000 was raised, exceeding the initial estimate. In the end, an additional \$6,000 in expenses was incurred to drill through rock before finding clean water, and national WMU approved a PWPL grant to cover the overages.

Betty offered encouragement for other groups working toward similar missions goals. She emphasized organization and communication as two important practical needs. When working with a group of other women or church members, she recommended considering each person's unique talents and how his or her skills can meet needs for various parts of the project.

Beulah Baptist hopes to visit Jorge and OCC in the future and see in person how the well has allowed the church to continue spreading the gospel and serving its community.

CHRISTIAN
WOMEN'S JOB
CORPS AND
WORLDCRAFTS
WORK
TOGETHER
AT BAPTIST
FRIENDSHIP
HOUSE IN NEW
ORLEANS



Baptist Friendship House, a ministry of the North American Mission Board, Southern Baptist Convention, and New Orleans Baptist Association, began in 1944 to holistically minister to the New Orleans, Louisiana, community and surrounding area. The mission of Baptist Friendship House is to recognize the dignity and worth of homeless women and children and minister to the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs through love, action, and truth as revealed in God's Word.

Through the years, national WMU has worked alongside Baptist Friendship House in many ways. In 1997, Baptist Friendship House became one of the first Christian Women's Job Corps (CWJC) sites.

Kay Bennett, executive director of Baptist Friendship House, shared, "CWJC provides a structured format in which our people can gain self-sufficiency skills and at the same time, through Bible study, learn and grow as Christians. CWJC provides a way to build relationships with others, do life with them, and watch Jesus work in their lives." In 2019, national WMU expanded its partnership with Baptist Friendship House as it became a WorldCrafts artisan group. The women learned to create pottery as a part of therapy provided at Baptist Friendship House. Now these women have turned their hobby into a skill they can use to rebuild their lives.

"WorldCrafts helps to give dignity back to hurting people by increasing their self-esteem and self-confidence through creativity and providing them a fair wage," Kay said.

For Yvonne Schaad, the ministry of Baptist Friendship House has greatly impacted her life. She accepted Jesus as her Savior through CWJC. After graduating from CWJC, she went on to earn her culinary management certification. She now serves in a volunteer capacity as food services coordinator and helps lead the group of WorldCrafts artisans. Her desire is to open a food truck that will employ women served by Baptist Friendship House.

Baptist Friendship House is one of more than 150 sites God is using to transform the lives of women, men, and their families for eternity. The ministry is also one of seven US-based WorldCrafts artisan groups.

WORLDCRAFTS' FIRST ARTISAN GROUP, THAI COUNTRY TRIM



In the 1980s, Betty Butcher, an American living in Thailand, sought a new way to reach women in her community. She began asking the Father how to develop relationships with the women in her community. After much prayer, Betty was led to create a microbusiness to help women earn enough money to care for their families.

Stepping out in obedience, Betty opened her home and began offering sewing lessons. Over time, as news spread about this opportunity to learn to sew, many women gathered beneath Betty's stilt house, where she taught them to create beautiful Christmas ornaments. While the women busied their hands with needles and thread, Betty reached out to their hearts with the message of eternal hope. Thai Country Trim was born.

Initially Betty and the women sold these ornaments to tourists. Later she contacted WMU and asked whether it would be willing to help sell the ornaments in its publications. WMU said yes.

After a trial period of selling Thai Country Trim ornaments as a special handcraft project, in 1996 WMU transitioned this cottage industry into a full-fledged fair-trade ministry, now known as WorldCrafts.

Today, WorldCrafts works with more than 40 artisan groups in more than 20 countries. The eternal impact of WorldCrafts has been immeasurable. From victims of sex trafficking and human slavery in Asia and the United States to HIV-positive widows in East Africa, artisans around the world are being delivered from hopelessness and poverty.

"WorldCrafts has literally changed the lives of those involved and those of the extended family," said Kaye Miller, national WMU president emerita, who grew up in Thailand. "I have seen WorldCrafts keep a family alive—provide food and clothing. It has saved so many from utter poverty."

Thai Country Trim now employs artisans throughout the country of Thailand and remains WorldCrafts' oldest and largest artisan group.

One artisan, Nongyao, works full time at Thai Country Trim. She started many years ago as a worker from home. She became a believer after hearing the good news in a gathering hosted by Thai Country Trim. Nongyao was in a tragic motorcycle accident a couple of years ago that left her with several broken bones in her left leg. She was homebound for many months as she healed and is no longer able to walk normally. However, during her recovery, she was still able to work from home and is now back at the sewing center. She thanks her Father for this work.

The purchase of WorldCrafts products makes an impact on the lives of women like Nongyao who are able to hear the good news and provide much-needed income to their families. While the monetary rewards have been significant, it is the gift of eternal hope that keeps Thai Country Trim growing and thriving. Countless families and communities have been rescued and restored by one humble servant's willingness to obediently step out in faith.

"Thai Country Trim ministry was born years ago with the faith of Betty and the hand of our God," reflected Cheryl Derbyshire, Thai Country Trim director. "No one else in the world produces hand-sewn products like ours. But more than that, Thai Country Trim is now touching the lives of 300 women through a weekly program with words of eternal hope. One of the things I enjoy most about our long-term relationship with WorldCrafts is the prayer coverage staff has always offered. I know when I have a critical issue who I can count on for diligent prayer. It's wonderful to have the orders that support the women's financial needs, but the added prayer coverage is quite honestly the greatest blessing."

Visit wmu.com/compassion-ministries to learn how you can be involved in these and other WMU Compassion Ministries.



**CONNIE DIXON,
NEW NATIONAL
WMU PRESIDENT,
HAS A HEART FOR
PURSUING "GOD'S
GREAT MISSION"**

When friends and colleagues describe Connie Dixon, one observation that repeatedly pops up is her deep love for missions.

Elected as president of national Woman's Missionary Union® in June, Connie will draw on her years of missions commitment and service to help lead WMU's focus on making disciples of Jesus who live on mission.

A lifelong member of WMU-related missions organizations, Connie has served in her home state of New Mexico as an Acteens® and Children in ActionSM leader, state Acteens consultant, state WMU president, and most recently, for 13 years as executive director of New Mexico WMU. She also works with Christian Women's Job Corps/Christian Men's Job Corps and is a certified spiritual leadership coach.

In her new role as national WMU president, Connie succeeds Linda Cooper of Bowling Green, Kentucky, who served six years in that position. Linda was scheduled to conclude five years as president in 2020 before the COVID-19 pandemic derailed plans for WMU's in-person annual meeting and Linda's term was extended.

Twelve months later, Connie stepped into the leadership position after recently retiring as New Mexico WMU executive director.

"When I first received the call asking if I would consider the possibility of becoming the national president, I naturally was overwhelmed with the thought of inadequacy," Connie acknowledged. "But that's the way I think it should be. God equips us for what He wants us to do and what He calls us to do.

"So I feel good that I know I'm not able to do this, but I know that my God is able to do this," she affirmed. "I am just so excited at the possibility of Him using me in this position."

THE RIGHT PERSON AT THE RIGHT TIME

Sandy Wisdom-Martin, national WMU executive director, is confident Connie is the right person at the right time for this key leadership role.

"Every experience in Connie's life has led to this moment in time," Sandy said. "She will embrace it with great courage, guided by the Spirit of God.

"We will all learn so much from her," she added. "I can't wait to see how God uses her unique giftedness in this role."

Melissa Lamb, president of New Mexico WMU, is excited to see her longtime friend and colleague help guide WMU's future direction.

"Connie and WMU are synonymous. She has a heart for missions," Melissa declared. "I would say missions is not just a job. It's not just something she does. It's who she is. She wants to make sure that every person has heard the gospel, and she has a passion for helping churches figure out how they can be a part of that.

"One of the great things about Connie is she's done so much in WMU," Melissa noted. "She's going to have such

a well-rounded experience that she can bring to the position of national president."

GENERATIONS ON MISSION

Connie has been a member of First Baptist Church of Elida since she professed her personal faith in Jesus Christ at age nine. She noted that "God has used Woman's Missionary Union in my life since that time in amazing ways."

Growing up as a member of Girls Auxiliary (now Girls in Action), Connie said, "I grew up and married an RA (Royal Ambassadors) and we had two little girls, who were both GAs who grew up to both be National Acteens Panelists."

Connie and her husband, Herschel, have been married 44 years and owned and operated Dixon Oil Company in Elida for 39 years. They are the parents of two adult daughters, Kendra De La Vega and Tammy Bingham, and have three grandchildren.

WMU AND MISSIONS ARE TOP PRIORITIES

"Connie's always been part of the church," her husband noted. "That's where I first noticed her."

Affirming that "WMU and missions have always been what she's all about," he said, "You can just tell that she loves what she does."

"When I hear the term or the name 'WMU,' it makes me smile," Connie said. "I have such precious memories of the WMU ladies at First Baptist, Elida, who poured into me as a child. . . . It's exciting to think about getting to be one of the people who gets to pour into others.

"In 1994, I went to the National Acteens Convention with our oldest daughter, and it was there that I felt God calling me into missions," she recounted. "When I think about my journey through Woman's Missionary Union, God has done such incredible things."

Active in volunteer mission service around the globe, Connie has served on missions teams to Africa, China, Thailand, England, and Canada as well as Alaska and Hawaii.

"God has used Woman's Missionary Union to stretch me, to push me outside of my comfort zone, and to grow me in so many ways," she shared. "I know that God has got mighty plans for Woman's Missionary Union."

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STATISTICAL REPORT

REVENUES*

October 2020–September 2021

PERIODICAL SUBSCRIPTIONS
2,213,269

PRODUCTS AND LITERATURE
379,943

INVESTMENTS
\$1,321,547

CONTRIBUTIONS
\$1,566,802

OTHER
\$801,141

TOTAL \$6,282,702

EXPENSES

October 2020–September 2021

PAYROLL AND BENEFITS
\$2,144,290

COST OF PRODUCTION
\$885,599

FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS
\$580,138

TRAVEL AND MEETINGS
\$54,729

PROMOTION AND
PUBLIC RELATIONS
\$74,380

OFFICE EXPENSES
\$216,761

GRANTS AND MISSIONS
SUPPORT
\$545,429

PROJECTS
\$12,476

TOTAL \$4,513,802

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The WMU Executive Board, which is comprised of women who serve as WMU presidents in their state or multistate territory, gathered four times in 2021 to conduct the business of the organization. These meetings took place January 8, January 30, June 4, and August 21 via video conference call.

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