
How to Start Sisters Who Care

Sisters Who Care is a missions discipleship group of WMU that aims to reach women in African American churches for cooperative missions. Sisters Who Care seeks to involve individuals in responding to God as they learn about missions, pray for missions, support missions, do missions and tell about Jesus. As the African American church has always been on mission, WMU gives an additional opportunity in providing structure, connecting points and a global perspective.

Steps for Starting Sisters Who Care

- **Pray.** Ask the Lord whether this is the right time for your church to start a missions group. Ask others to pray with you.
- **Involve your church leadership** in seeking direction for starting and leading Sisters Who Care. Make an appointment to talk with your pastor and church leadership team. Ask them to pray with you. Share why you believe the church would benefit from a missions group. Providing a copy of this information for them may be helpful.
- **Identify and enlist a small group of leaders.** Ask your church leadership for names of potential leaders. Pray and then meet individually with potential leaders. Explain what the group will do, how often the group will meet, and where the meetings will be held. Consider writing down these details for the potential leaders, as well as how they personally can help the group. Ask them to pray about helping lead and to let you know in the next week.
- **Train your newly formed leadership team.** Consider holding a planning meeting: read through *Missions Mosaic* and *Women on Mission Leader* together. Most Sisters Who Care groups take an hour or more to share the monthly articles in *Missions Mosaic*, using suggestions from *Women on Mission Leader* or *Women on Mission Leader Kit*. Also, reach out to the WMU consultant in your association or state. The consultant can supply helpful resources for training your team, provide information on regional or state trainings, and connect you with other nearby WMU groups.

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- **Order resources** from wmustore.com or by calling 1-800-968-7301. Order one *Missions Mosaic* subscription for each group member plus a few extra copies, one *Women on Mission Leader* subscription per leader, and one *Women on Mission Leader Kit* subscription for your group. (Note: *Women on Mission Leader Kit* includes one copy of *Women on Mission Leader*.) Group members will grow in their knowledge of missions and increase their prayers for missions by using the resources in *Missions Mosaic* each day. Over the course of 12 months, WMU adult missions discipleship curriculum is priced less than a cup of coffee per month. It's an affordable investment to help a church live on mission.
- **Schedule a time and location for the group's first meeting.** Make sure to get the plan on your church's calendar.
- **Tell everyone!** The leadership team can work together to invite women to attend through personal contacts, email, social media, flyers, as well as the church bulletin, Sunday School announcements, and church newsletters. Some churches may allow a member of the leadership team to visit Sunday School classes/small groups to share about the upcoming meeting.
- **Enjoy your first group meeting.** Include some time for fellowship and for the group members to get to know one another. Follow the meeting plan in *Women on Mission Leader* to guide you.
- **Evaluate.** Take some time in the next couple of days for the leadership team to evaluate how the meeting went. What do you need to prepare for next time?
- **Celebrate what God is doing in your group!** Living on mission together is fun!

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