

Women's Ministries Service Template:

This is meant to serve as a template for you as you craft a Women's Ministries worship service. Please ask the Holy Spirit to guide you and consider those who will worship with you as you use this guide to plan your service. Added dramas and special music can enhance your service of worship to our great and mighty God! Feel free to choose a theme and Scripture that is appropriate for your congregation/women's group.

Theme: Giving Thanks in All Circumstances

Prelude:

Call to Worship: Psalm 100

Songs of Praise: (Choose songs that are appropriate for your congregation/women's group)

A Thousand Generations - Brenton Brown

10,000 Reasons – Matt Redman

In Christ Alone – Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

What A Beautiful Name - Ben Fielding, Brooke Ligertwood

Great Are You Lord - David Leonard, Jason Ingram, Leslie Jordan

Give Me Jesus - C. S. Brown

What a Friend We Have in Jesus - Joseph Scriven, Charles Crozat Converse

Fill My Cup, Lord - Richard Blanchard

To God Be The Glory - Fanny Jane Crosby, William Howard Doane

Wonderful Grace of Jesus - Haldor Lillenas

Prayer:

Fellowship Greeting:

Thank Offering:

A brief explanation of Thank Offering:

Whenever we are thankful for something in our daily lives and we want to thank God tangibly, we place a few coins in our Thank Offering Barrel and pray a prayer of thanksgiving. This daily act of worship was established by Grace Pierson, the founder of Churches of God Women's Ministries (formerly known as Women's Christian Service Council) in 1954. The offering is then collected by local Women's Ministry groups on the first Sunday in May. Oftentimes a special Women's Ministries worship service is presented by the women of the congregation. The offering is then sent to the regional treasurer. The regional treasurer will send 60% of the Thank Offering to the General Conference Women's Ministries and the 40% remaining will be dispersed as decided by each region. Originally used only for missions, it now encompasses many ministries of the church. As of 2017, over 2 million dollars have been given through the Thank Offering. In 2020, our Thank Offerings will support the School for Girls in India (15%), Physical Therapy School in Haiti (20%), Winebrenner Female Students (25%), Venezuela Bible School (15%), and Women's Leadership Development (25%).

Song: (as Thank Offerings are presented) **Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart** - Don Moen or you may want to play the CGWM video which includes photos of the 5 ministries that receive contributions from our Thank Offering. You will find this video at the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VyrZI31cj6Y>

Prayer of Blessing for the Thank Offering:

Lord, we come into your presence to thank you for the many blessings you have given to us throughout the year. We pray that you would receive our offerings of thanksgiving. We ask that you would multiple this offering and give us wisdom to use it in a way that would glorify your kingdom. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Regular Offering:

Prayer for the Body:

Song before Message: choose a song that is appropriate for your congregation/women's group

Speak, O Lord - Keith and Kristyn Getty

Ancient Words - Ronnie C. Jr. Freeman, Tony W. Wood

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Message:

Closing Song:

By Our Love - Christy Nickels (could show video)

Jesus Messiah -Chris Tomlin, Daniel Carson, Ed Cash, Jesse Reeves

God, You're So Good - Brooke Ligertwood, Scott Ligertwood, Kristian Stanfill, Brett Younker

I Love to Tell the Story - Katherine Hankey and Will Fischer

Postlude:

Additional Song Options:

Glory to His Name - E. A. Hoffman

I'd Rather Have Jesus

Yesterday, Today and Forever - Albert B. Simpson,

Nearer My God, To Thee

Revive Us Again - William P Mackary

I Feel Like Traveling On - William Hunter

Joy Unspeakable - Barney E. Warren

You Are My All in All - Dennis Jernigan

Whom Shall I Fear - Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, Scott Cash

Indescribable - Jesse Reeves, Laura Story

My Victory - David Crowder

Trust in You - Lauren Daigle, Michael Farren, Paul

Mabury

God is on the Move - Ian Eskelin, Mikey Howard, Cliff

Williams, Tony Wood

Chain Breaker - Zach William

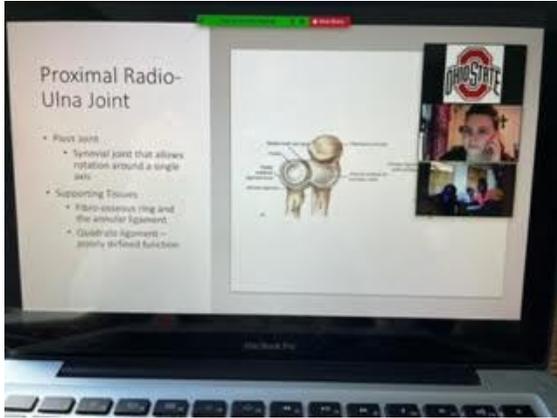
Resources that you may use with your service:

- ✓ Power Point slides of the Ministries that receive a portion of our Thank Offerings can be downloaded from Thank Offering page on our website.
- ✓ You Tube video that shows video representation of the many ways CGWM is encouraging women to live boldly for God can be accessed at the following link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VyrZI31cj6Y>
- ✓ Updates from those ministries that receive Thank Offering contributions are below.



Venezuela Bible School

First, we want to say thank you for your offering. Women in Venezuela are pushing forward in their studies and education professionally and also spiritually. Each lady who is offered a scholarship or grant or even an offset to their costs allows them to profound themselves in God's word and grow spiritually. Each woman who serves alongside the Conference in outreach to their communities is also asked to go through a series of studies to help them be more effective. We are excited that women of all ages are getting involved in studies and in-service side by side in ministry.



one more! Current PT students having class on Zoom this past Tuesday—God is good!



Thank you for your faithful prayers and generous giving throughout 2021 to provide resources for women in other parts of the world. This has enabled women to receive training and various other benefits to improve their lives while gaining dignity and better quality of life for them and their families. Throughout most of 2020 and 2021, the government of India has locked down schools and education centers, so they have been unable to meet in person. Our staff at the India Mission continues to do their best to tutor and maintain their relationships with students and families but it has been difficult. As a result, our Mission has taken the opportunity to open women's empowerment skills training sites in 3 different locations. Tailoring is the skill being taught while relationships are developed. Ministry is occurring as mentoring in various ways happens. These women are from extremely poor communities which have suffered the most through this pandemic. These women's skill centers have been able to



bring training, dignity, a source of income and clothes, as well as the Good News to these women and their families. Thank you for helping to make this possible through your gifts and prayers. I have included some pictures from our various training centers.



Sometimes pictures share thousands of words. Here are several from September 2021 in Haiti. Syndie, a full scholarship recipient in physical therapy, helping a lady who has been blind her whole life learn to walk with a walking stick so she is able to be independent. Again, Syndie with a young girl who has an amputated leg. Syndie was treating her to alleviate pain she had when she walked with her prosthesis. Syndie graduated from the physical therapy program in December! Rebecca, a physical therapist who received a full scholarship and graduated from the physical therapy program 2.5 years ago, leading a conference about physical therapy with current students. The 4 students are in their second year of the physical therapy program. The girl students receive partial scholarships. We thank you all for giving to the Lord. He does the unimaginable and He is to be praised!



Winebrenner's mission is
to equip leaders
for service in God's Kingdom.

Women at Winebrenner Theological Seminary

This Academic year ten women at Winebrenner benefited from half-tuition scholarships for a total of just over \$13,000. These gifts have made such a difference in the ability of the students to concentrate on their studies. Here are a few notes from some of our students.

"I am incredibly humbled and grateful for the

scholarship provided to me. I am already loving my time at Winebrenner. God is stretching me and teaching me and it is overflowing into my full-time ministry at the church. I can't wait to see what God has in store for this season."

"Thank you for the incredibly generous gift of scholarship donation. Scholarships, such as this one, are the reason I can study at Winebrenner and follow my calling in ministry with youth! It would not be possible with you!"

"Thank you very much for your generous gift of paying towards my tuition at Winebrenner! As a woman, closer to retirement than not, I appreciate not having the full payment on my shoulders, and your scholarship allows some room to breathe. I had no idea there was such a group as yours and am humbled that you selected me."

"My sincere thanks and appreciation for selecting me as a recipient of your scholarship! What a blessing it has been to me and my family! Knowing that I can continue my education with the support of your organization is humbling and encouraging. Thank you for believing in me."

"Just a note of thanks for blessing me with a scholarship as I continue my studies here at Winebrenner. The calling on my life to full-time vocational ministry has been evident since I was a teen. This scholarship removes the financial portion of tuition and allows me to focus just a little more on the rigor that it takes to be a successfully equipped student. Being a part of the Winebrenner family has impacted me in ways that I cannot fully express. Thank you for partnering with me in this journey to become all that I am called to be."

