

More Services

“ESTHER SISTERS”

As Scripture exhorts “older women to teach the younger women,” the “*Esther - Sisters*” relationship program is designed to strengthen, encourage and develop women leaders to fulfill their calling to build up the Body of Christ for the spreading of the Gospel in the world. It is a spiritual variation of a mentoring relationship identifying each person as either:

Deborah: Experienced, mature spiritual leader in the Body of Christ, gifted in nurturing, or

Esther: Called of God as an emerging leader, eager to learn and grow spiritually. A separate brochure about the program is available online and upon request.

MINISTERIAL CREDENTIALS

The Bible teaches that both women and men are called to Christian leadership. Since not all leaders are called to pastor a local church, the need exists for gifted women to have a body of believers recognize and affirm their particular callings through a Ministerial Credentialing process. As an Incorporated Non-Profit Religious Organization, *S.W.I.M. International* has full legal rights to license and ordain. Qualifications for entering the vigorous Credentialing process are available on the website or by request.



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How YOU can support SWIM International

Prayer support

“David du Plessis stated, “Where there is little prayer there is little power, where there is no prayer there is no power, but where there is much prayer there is much power!” Your prayers for *S.W.I.M.* are requested and much appreciated.

Communication support

Tell your friends and church about the many services of the *S.W.I.M.* support network. Brochures are available.

Financial support

Donations to this Non-profit Religious Corporation can be sent by check made out to *S.W.I.M. International* and mailed to:

Mrs. Susan Abrams, *SWIM* Treasurer
42333 Willete Ave., Quartz Hill, CA 93536
A charitable receipt will be mailed to you.
May the Lord bless you for your kind support!

SWIM INTERNATIONAL Board of Directors

“God has made us competent as ministers of a New Covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit.”

II Corinthians 3:6 NIV



2015 S.W.I.M. Board of Directors

The current Board of Directors consists of five voting members and two other roles compose the Leadership Team:

President: Rev. Gwen Ehrenborg
Vice-President: Rev. Norma Guerrant
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Retreats & Gatherings: Rev. Mary Lou Flesh

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Director Emeritus: Rev. Ruth Miller



Supporting Women In Ministry

**A network designed to
uphold women in their call to
Christian Ministry**

***“Take heed to the ministry which
you have received in the Lord,
that you may fulfill it.”***

Colossians 4:17

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Who We Are

Supporting Women In Ministry (S.W.I.M.) International are women who have been called by God to serve the Body of Christ according to his revealed will. From the teaching of Holy Scripture and the Priesthood of all believers, we believe that all women and men are called to effective and fruitful ministry by using their God-given gifts, skills and talents to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Serving in a church, para-church or individual ministry can often be a challenging and isolating experience. In response, **S.W.I.M. International** was created to bring women in ministry primarily into support relationships where they may be encouraged and spiritually strengthened. In this Christian community they are empowered for service in the 21st Century with its unique challenges confronting women leaders.

The following Mission and Purpose Statements are the core objectives of **S.W.I.M. International's** "calling" to prayerfully and relationally support women in Christian ministry in unique and effective ways.

Mission Statement



The Mission of **S.W.I.M. International** is to encourage, promote, uphold and network women who are called to Christian Ministry.

Purpose Statement

The purpose of **Supporting Women In Ministry International** is to encourage, promote and be an advocate for women who are "called" by God to Christian Ministry. We do this by:

1. Assisting evangelical women to understand and appropriate the spiritual truth that, being created in the image of God, they are called and gifted by God for ministry.
2. Encouraging the Body of Christ to identify and maximize women's gifts in ministry and leadership.
3. Offering networking opportunities to women in ministry so they might encourage and facilitate one another's calling in the service of Jesus Christ.
4. Helping women discern their God-given "call" into ministry and provide a network of peers with which to share ideas, issues and concerns.
5. Empowering women for service because of the negative barriers that limit women's opportunities for Christian ministry.

Ways to Participate

SWIMMERS -Women presently in Christian ministry as pastors, laypeople or in para-church ministries, whether ordained or not, who are recognized as a leader by a Christian community.

STREAMERS -Women preparing for ministry or investigating a "call" into ministry.

LIFESAVERS -Women who have a calling of intercessory prayer and/or the gift of "helps," choosing to actively support women in ministry.

LIFEGUARDS -Men who are pastors, church leaders or laymen who desire to support the organization of **S.W.I.M.** and affirm women as Christian leaders.

Opportunities & Services

GATHERINGS -

Periodic "Gatherings," called, "Come to the Water," are offered where all participants come together for one to two days of worship, sharing, fellowship and prayer for one another. The women of **S.W.I.M.** gather to share their joys, needs, to bear one another's burdens and challenges, as well as sharing the Hope we have in Christ while together enjoying the goodness of the Lord.



PRAYER SUPPORT -

S.W.I.M. International holds prayer as a core component of its reason for existence. Prayer Intercessors, whimsically called "Lifesavers," have committed themselves to be a part of a circle of prayer around the women currently in ministry. Prayer requests are received from participants and passed through an online Prayer Chain that is confidential and honored as a sacred trust.



REGIONAL GROUPINGS -

A key component of **S.W.I.M.**'s purpose is to enable women in ministry to stay in relationship with one another. Consequently, smaller groups meet regularly in different geographical areas to accommodate time and travel constraints. Currently there are numerous regional groups meeting in various states in both English and Spanish.



RETREATS --

Retreats are offered for spiritual development and inspiration. They feature Spirit-filled worship and outstanding guest speakers. Workshops on a wide range of subjects provide opportunities for increasing ministry effectiveness. While retreats are sponsored by **S.W.I.M.**, they are not limited only to its participants, but are designed for all women as well as men.

WEBSITE -

The **S.W.I.M.** website lists Gatherings, Retreats, Regional Groups, programs, contacts, photo gallery and detailed information about the services **S.W.I.M.** offers. It is a vital tool in reaching women who are looking for prayer and spiritual support through the opportunities and services the **S.W.I.M.** network offers. Prayer requests are quickly sent to Intercessors through the online Prayer Chain. Links to Swimmer's websites and their ministries will be available.

