New Audiences Embrace WMU of Virginia

A movement of any kind demands that new people connect and embrace the work of the organization. A massive movement of women is an ongoing goal of WMU of Virginia. We are intentionally reaching new audiences for involvement in missions. Reaching women in African-American churches takes an approach that includes building a relationship with the pastors for the purpose of connecting with missional women and those who want to learn about missions. For the last two years, we have been introducing African-American churches to the work of WMU under the umbrella of Sisters Who Care. Under the leadership of Lorae Ponder, WMUV Sisters Who Care Consultant, a council of engaged women are serving on mission and equipping others to be on mission too!

Meet Sharon Hooker
“My experience with WMUV has been like what I imagine it would have been for the disciples who walked with Jesus. I was called by a great leader (Lorae) who has taken time to shepherd and guide me in the process of learning about WMUV and what it’s all about. I have learned to partner with others, recognizing the gifts and abilities that God has given so many wonderful ladies…to manifest His kingdom vision. I learned that while I love preaching and teaching, I could do more to make a real and
practical impact in people’s lives. One example of this was participating in the Salt the City outreach event in Fredericksburg.”

Sharon is an ordained minister and works in the finance industry. She is a popular conference leader at the Get Away for women at Eagle Eyrie.

Meet Jocelyn Henry-Whitehead
Having been on mission in her hometown of Williamsburg, VA; Rwanda and Kenya, Africa; and Gredos, Spain, as a Sisters Who Care Council member, Jocelyn now adds to her ministry resume her involvement with WMUV. She has served through the Salt the City event in Fredericksburg, Standing Rock, ND, and will soon organize a team to serve with missionary Marisa Sanchez working with migrant children on the Eastern Shore. Jocelyn is a kindergarten teacher, an ordained minister, a pastor’s wife, and a musician. She has graced WMUV events by playing the harp while singing with her soul-stirring alto voice.

PRAYER POINT: Father, as Jesus directed his sheep to go into all the world and to preach the gospel to all creation, we rejoice when we hear of the ones doing this work today. We ask you to bless the people of the WMUV Sisters Who Care and may they feel energized by the Spirit as they move in sharing the Good News. Amen.

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