



Sisters Who Care
A Ministry of WMU of Texas

SISTERS WHO CARE

ORGANIZING GUIDE

WMU CONTEXTUALIZED FOR THE AFRICAN AMERICAN CHURCH

Our Mission

Make disciples of Jesus who live on mission.

WMU of Texas started in 1880 to support missionaries and the work of the denomination and to provide mission education and involvement opportunities for the entire church.

Sisters Who Care (SWC) is a ministry of WMU that aims to reach women in African American churches for missional discipleship.

SWC seeks to involve individuals in responding to God as they learn about missions, teach God's Word, and make disciples who make disciples according to Matthew 28: 19-20.

As Baptist churches are autonomous and therefore led by the local congregation, SWC groups can organize as the local church deems most appropriate for that congregation.

Sister Who Care Groups in the church:

- Meet regularly.
- Pray for missionaries.
- Pray and promote the Mary Hill Davis Offering® for Texas Missions: iamtexasmissions.org.
- Organize to teach members about missional discipleship.
- Offer missional involvement opportunities for the congregation.



THE LOCAL CHURCH

The local church can begin a Sisters Who Care group that is focused on missional education and involvement.

Make it Plain! Identify an SWC Coordinator at your local church. Her team should mobilize the entire church to be involved in missional discipleship.

THE ASSOCIATION

Contact your Baptist Association or Network of Churches to ask about starting a Sisters Who Care group. Volunteers would be recruited from the churches in that association or network. **txb.org**

Make it Plain! Who is the SWC Coordinator for your Baptist association? She leads women to meet human needs and she also calls sisters together in prayer.

THE WMU STATE OFFICE

The WMU office in your state can appoint an African American sister from one of the partner congregations to serve as the statewide SWC Coordinator.

Make it Plain! Dr. Bennye Bryant is the state consultant for WMU of Texas.

The accountability structure of a Sisters Who Care group depends on the conditions in which the group was started.

Remember that the Baptist church is autonomous and not top-down but bottom-up!

Working together for missional discipleship is the commission given to us by our Lord.

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"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8



How to Start a Sisters Who Care Group

- Pray
- Do your research locally
- Organize a leadership team
- Launch your Sisters Who Care Ministry
- Engage in the work
- Share Your Story
- Evaluate Regularly

Visit **wmutx.org/swc** for additional details.

Jump-Start Resources

- Missions Leader: WMU Planning Guide at **wmustore.com**.
- Missions Mosaic: missions magazine for women, available at **wmustore.com** or 1-800-968-7301.
- "Be Restored! God's Power for African American Women" by Debra Berry at **newhopepublishers.com**.
- "Sistahs: Stories of African American Women's Lives and of Finding Place in Christian Missions" by Valerie Smith at **wmu.org/resources**.
- "Sistahs Study Guide". Access free downloadable pdf at **wmu.org/resources**.

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