

## What is Woman-to-Woman Worldwide?

*Woman-to-Woman Worldwide is a program which helps women from the United States and Canada learn what life is like as a woman of faith in other countries around the world.*

- ◆ ... responds to the call of Christ for women in the church to experience solidarity with one another, to affirm the unity of the church of Jesus Christ and to join the common struggle for justice and peace in the world.
- ◆ ... is an opportunity to learn, to relate, to visit and **to be with** (stand beside) our sisters and brothers throughout the world.
- ◆ ... is an opportunity to personalize mission in the life of congregations and regions.
- ◆ ... is a life-changing experience.
- ◆ ... is an opportunity to share the journey to faithfulness with sisters and brothers around the world.



### History:

1989	Philippines
1989	N. Ireland and Scotland
1990	Costa Rica, Nicaragua and El Salvador
1991	Japan
1992	Haiti, Puerto Rico and Jamaica
1993	Zimbabwe
1994	Czech Republic, France, Germany and England
1995	Hong Kong and China
1996	Brazil
1997	Indonesia
1998	Cuba
1999	Mexico
2000	Vietnam
2001	The Sudan (cancelled)
2002	India
2003	Colombia (cancelled)
2004	Kenya
2005	Korea
2006	Haiti and Dominican Republic
2007	Bosnia and Croatia
2008	Israel and Palestine
2009	Venezuela and Colombia
2010	Turkey
2011	Republic of the Congo and Democratic Republic of the Congo
2012	China

Excerpts from reflections by Lyn Williams, SW Region, 2007 Bosnia and Croatia participant:

*“Over the past 15 years I have participated in several work mission projects. However, this journey was very different. We were not there to ‘work’ or ‘build’ something. We were there to learn and begin a journey of understanding a culture new to us. . . . seeing a small part of the rest of the whole and what is really happening is critical to my development as a child of God. My faith has been greatly deepened.”*

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*Woman-to-Woman Worldwide is a program coordinated and administered by the Office of Disciples Women (Disciples Home Missions )*

# The Woman-to-Woman Worldwide Journey . . .

Woman-to-Woman Worldwide was born in 1989 with the following purpose:

*. . . to help women from the United States and Canada learn what life is like as a woman of faith in other countries around the world.*

There are two ways to participate in the Woman-to-Woman Worldwide program.

## **1. Apply and be accepted to participate in the journey to the country of the upcoming women's mission study.**

### **The annual journey to visit other countries are made:**

- ◆ in partnership with Global Ministries staff;
- ◆ in relationship with the Global Mission Partners program; and
- ◆ as women with open eyes, ears and hearts to experience the journey fully.

### **Before the visit:**

- ◆ participants should read resource /orientation materials as provided;
- ◆ develop support groups in their local church and region; and
- ◆ resource financial support.

### **During the visit:**

- ◆ be flexible and open;
- ◆ be respectful of cultural differences;
- ◆ identify critical issues, especially those confronting women through conversation and visits with women and children-focused programs and agencies;
- ◆ develop suggestions for a women's service project; and
- ◆ participate fully.

### **Upon returning home:**

- ◆ prepare and make presentations to share the experience throughout your region;
- ◆ contribute to the development of study curriculum.

### **Office of Disciples Women will:**

- **Arrange contacts;**
- **Provide a tour coordinator;**
- **Identify host country coordinators;**
- **Plan the itinerary;**
- **Arrange transportation; and**
- **Provide information.**



**2. In the year of the Quadrennial Assembly, regions are invited to sponsor an International Guest who, when arriving in the United States, spends approximately two weeks in their host region before or after attending the women's Quadrennial Assembly. These International Guests have come from many countries around the world.**



### **When women visit the United States, visits are made:**

- ◆ in conjunction with Quadrennial Assembly, district assemblies, regional and area events for women;
- ◆ as part of trips and visits initiated and planned by individuals, other groups and churches; and
- ◆ in response to areas of special interest expressed by regions and congregations.

### **Before visit:**

- ◆ determine what you want to learn from the visitor and what you want the visitor to discover while visiting the United States;
- ◆ plan her itinerary (experiences you wish to share; i.e., retreats, projects, training events, etc.); and
- ◆ clearly define expectations during her visit....yours and hers.

### **During visit:**

- ◆ plan schedule with sensitivity to international time and cultural differences and
- ◆ maintain flexibility in scheduling.