

Midwest Women's Presbyterial 2018

Report of the Vice President

In February of 2017, Elizabeth Reed asked if I would serve as vice president for the 2018 Midwest Women's Fellowship. She gave me some time to think and pray about that as my initial thought was, "No way, that sounds scary!" But eventually God brought me to an understanding of what a great opportunity this would be to serve others and advocate for biblical counseling. Therefore I asked Sharon Sampson to speak even before I was official. I didn't realize the correct procedure at the time but she graciously said yes and let me put her on hold temporarily. After becoming the vice president, Sharon and I officially began the process of planning by email. She agreed to be the main speaker and the mission speaker. We were even able to have a short face to face meeting in June. Sharon chose the theme, verse, topics and Psalm for the retreat and she asked to prepare the program brochure. I am very grateful for the work that God has done in her and through her and for her ready willingness to serve.

Nancy Skubal and I have done all of the logistical planning by email... lots and lots of emails. None of this would be happening without all of her hard work and planning. She worked with Matt Filbert to update the registration process from last year's new endeavor of online registration. And she worked with the ladies of the Sharon and Washington RP Churches to ensure that we would have what we need for food and shelter.

Plans for the 2018 Midwest Women's Retreat

Hosting congregations: Sharon and Washington Reformed Presbyterian Churches

Dates: Friday and Saturday, April 13-14, 2018

Speaker: Sharon Sampson, Reformed Presbyterian Church of North Hills, PA

Theme: O Taste and See! The Tongue and the Christian Woman

Topics: A Tongue that Praises and Prays, that Maintains a Good Name, that Reconciles and Forgives, that Instructs and Encourages and that Counsels

Verse: Proverbs 18:21

Retreat Psalm: Psalm 34 B, I Will at All Times Bless the LORD

Mission Speaker: Sharon Sampson of Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary

I know there are many ladies who are unable to attend the retreat so I hope that you will take the time to listen to the recorded lectures once they are available. Perhaps you can invite a group of ladies into your home that will listen together and discuss what you hear. And then encourage and remind one another to practice these truths in your daily thoughts and speech. May God teach us and enable us to honor Him with all our words.

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