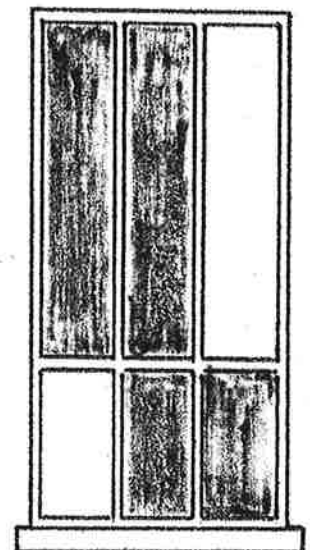


The Missionary Circle

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THE HISTORY OF THE MISSIONARY CIRCLE

The Missionary Circle was organized on October 27, 1958 by Mrs. H. Oppermann, wife of the Rev. H. Oppermann. Our meetings are held on the last Monday of each month. The Missionary Circle gives the ladies of the church an opportunity to meet together to study and become more closely acquainted with the work of both our Christian World Mission and Domestic Missions. The purpose of the Missionary Circle is:

- To make Christ known to all the world.
- To united Women of the Reformed Church for Evangelism through education.
- To give women a better understanding of Missions.
- To deepen the Spiritual life of its members.
- To gather free will offerings for the work of both World Missions and North American Missions.

Our meetings are held in the church, beginning at 8:00 P.M., with opening hymn and prayer. This is then followed by Bible Study and a program. After a short business meeting, refreshments are served with consistory members invited to have coffee with us, since our meetings are held on the same evening.

At present we have eleven members. Although our number is small we have grown spiritually.

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

- Matthew 18:20

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The support we give to the Board of World Missions and Board of North American Missions each year, comes solely from our Free Will offerings. The membership is \$1.25 per member per year, and is sent to the Department of Women's Work. Other projects we have supported are the Bethany Christian Home in Michigan, Alberta Indian Mission and Glenwood, Care and the Billy Graham Crusade.

Special occasions throughout the year which we attend include Women's World Day of Prayer, Day of Commitment, Guest Day and our annual Fall Conference. Also we entertain guest Missionaries who come from time to time. The annual Conference is one of the hi-lites of the year. The ladies who attend make new acquaintances and renew old friendships. Another hi-lite was the Christmas Luncheon, originated by Pastor and Mrs. S. Ter Louw, who would spend many hours preparing food and then so graciously serve all the ladies a tasty meal.

With Christians everywhere, the Missionary Circle seeks through interest, work and prayer "to open the door of faith" so that all men may come to know and love Christ as their Saviour.

History Committee -

Joan Zoeteman