



- Welcome
 - M&A Introduce ourselves
 - Depending on numbers, let participants introduce themselves
 - Go To Meeting
 - We will mute everyone
 - How to use the chat function

Opening Prayer

One: God of wonder, both past and present,

All: we admire the wisdom that is discovered in history, and the way it brings people together.

One: God of wonder, both past and present,

All: we celebrate the river that waters the crops that we grow and the faith that nurtures and sustains our communities.

One: God of wonder, both past and present,

All: we rejoice that the desert land is blossoming in vivid colors, and that the churches are striving for unity in Christ.

One: God of wonder, both past and present,

All: we thank you and praise you, asking that young people—Christian and Muslim—may one day see peace and justice gush forth like streams flowing in the desert. Amen.

Agenda

- About World Day of Prayer
 - ▣ Break for questions
- Introducing World Day of Prayer 2014
 - ▣ Break for questions
- Planning your service, sharing ideas
 - ▣ Break for Questions
- Closing prayer

What is World Day of Prayer?

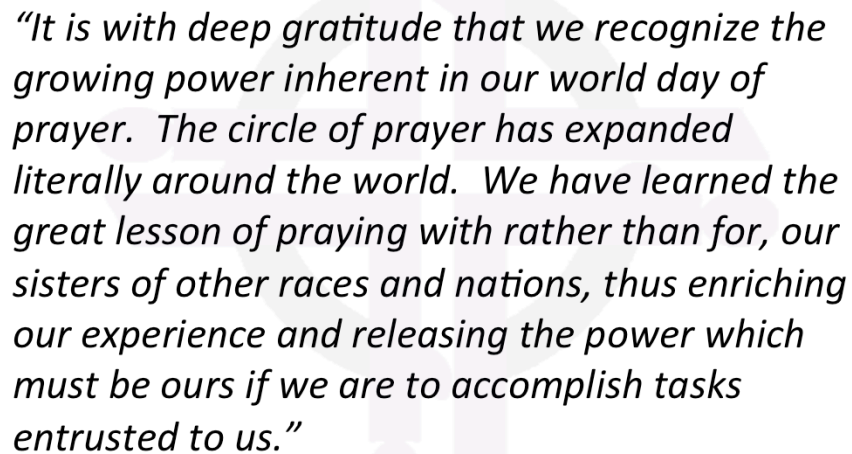
- Worldwide ecumenical movement of women
- First Friday in March
- Written by a different country each year
- Offerings support women and children throughout the world
- “Informed prayer, prayerful action”
- WDPUSA promotes justice and equality for women through prayer, partnerships, service and celebration

- About World Day of Prayer
 - What is World Day of Prayer?
 - Worldwide ecumenical movement of women of many Christian traditions
 - Come together to observe a common day of prayer each year on or near the first Friday in March
 - Use worship service written by women in a different country each year
 - Collect offerings nationally to support women and children throughout the world
 - The international motto of WDP is “informed prayer and prayerful action”
 - WDP USA promotes justice and equality for women through prayer, partnerships, service and celebration.

How did WDP begin?

- 19th century women's mission work
- Women's Mission Boards
- February 20, 1920: joint day of prayer for missions
- World Day of Prayer founded 1927

- How did it start?
 - Dates back to the 19th Century and women's involvement in mission work at home and abroad
 - Ecumenical cooperation among women saving very small amounts of money
 - Women's Mission Boards were formed to empower women to choose how their mission funds would be used, instead of just giving to the denominations (run by men)
 - These Mission Boards often called for national days of prayer for home or foreign missions
 - In the United States, the first Friday in Lent was established as a joint day of prayer for missions, beginning on February 20, 1920
 - World Day of Prayer was formed in 1927
 - With this statement from the WDP Committee:



"It is with deep gratitude that we recognize the growing power inherent in our world day of prayer. The circle of prayer has expanded literally around the world. We have learned the great lesson of praying with rather than for, our sisters of other races and nations, thus enriching our experience and releasing the power which must be ours if we are to accomplish tasks entrusted to us."

-WDP Committee, 1928

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- Now, national committees for WDP exist in over 170 countries around the world!
- In the United States, World Day of Prayer USA incorporated as a 501c3 non-profit organization in 2006, after many years of nurture by Church Women United

How are themes chosen, and who writes the services?

- International Committee meets every 5-6 years to select future themes and assign writer countries
- List of themes and writers from 1927-2021 at: <http://www.wdp-usa.org/about/>
- National Committee begins process years in advance
 - ▣ Study scripture and interpret in their context
 - ▣ Naming issues affecting their communities
 - ▣ Develop worship service and distribute around the world

- How are themes chosen and who writes the services?
 - The International Committee of WDP has representatives from every region of the world and they meet about every 5-6 years to select future writer countries and themes.
 - The last meeting was held in NYC, June 2012
 - Upcoming themes include... (download list of themes and writers at our website)
 - WDP national committee in writer country begins the writing process a few years in advance,
 - studying the scripture theme and interpreting it in their context,
 - naming issues affecting their communities,
 - and finally developing a worship service that is distributed to the national committees around the world. (praying *with*, not for)

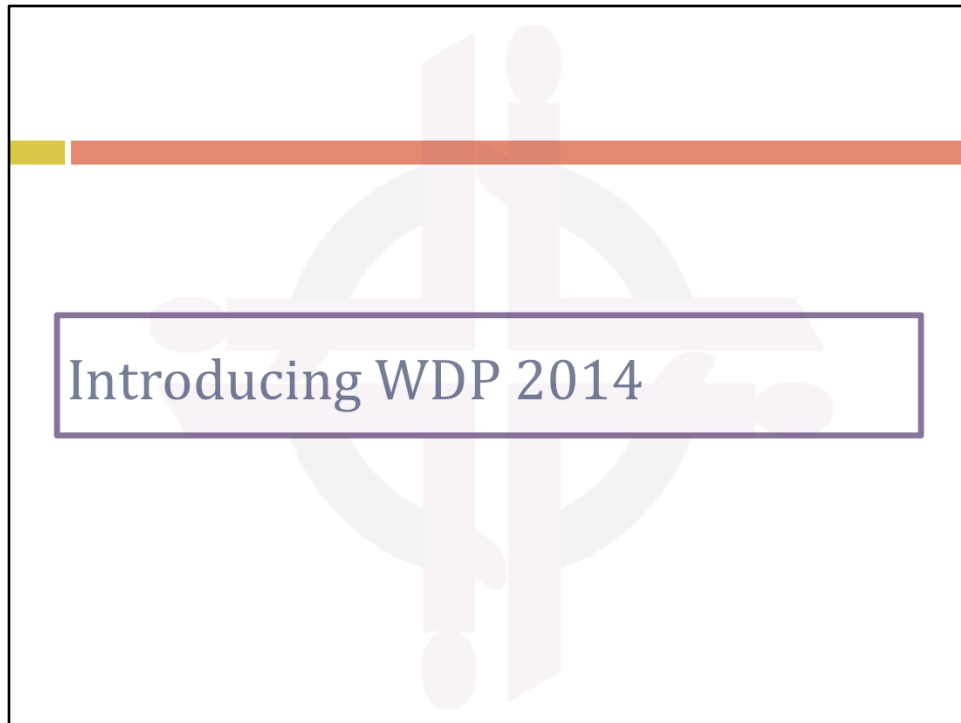
Who benefits from the offering?

- Offerings collected across the US
- WDP USA makes grants to organizations that apply for funds, in relation to each year's theme
 - ▣ Domestic, International, Writer-Country
- See a list of grantees at www.wdp-usa.org/grants

- Who benefits from the offering?
 - Offerings collected across the US are sent to the WDP USA Committee
 - Each national committee has been given the responsibility of determining the use of the offering as it relates to the theme for each year.
 - WDP USA makes grants to organizations that apply for funds, in relation to each year's theme
 - Domestic
 - International
 - In the writer-country
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Questions?



- Introducing 2014
 - Egypt
 - Streams in the Desert
 - Jesus and the Samaritan Woman at the well
 - Selections from Isaiah “I will make streams in the desert...”
 - Materials
 - What’s new:
 - More free, online
 - Leader’s/Planner’s Guide and bulletin—**full text of worship only in Leader’s Guide** and bulletin available for free download (also template version to adapt)
 - Full score of music included in LG only (should be in hymnals), songsheets for “She Who Trusts” available online (<http://www.wdp-usa.org/2014-egypt/>)
 - Postcards
 - Poster (also free online)
 - Supplement—what’s in it, free online (<http://www.wdp-usa.org/2014-egypt/>), order hard copy for \$2.00
 - Children’s service—download only (<http://www.wdp-usa.org/2014-egypt/>)

WDP 2014 Music CD

- Includes Accompaniment Tracks
- 20 songs total
- Track Listing insert
- This track: “Op Ouro March”
 - From an ancient Mass of the Coptic-Orthodox Church, and is still in use today

WDP 2014 Photo CD

- Jpeg Images
- Photo Book
- Powerpoint Slideshow with script or voiceover
- Movie
 - Play on a computer, not a DVD!



Questions?



Planning Your Service

Myth-Busters

- ❑ MYTH: World Day of Prayer Worship Services must be held at 12 noon.
- ❑ MYTH: World Day of Prayer Worship Services must be held on the first Friday in March.
- ❑ MYTH: Men are not allowed to attend World Day of Prayer.
- ❑ MYTH: Materials distributed by World Day of Prayer USA cannot be altered.

Read more about these questions on our blog at <http://www.wdp-usa.org/mythbuster-wdp-usa-edition/>

Planning and Promotion Process

- Find partners
 - ▣ Friends, members of other churches in your community, colleagues, etc.
- Order or download resources
- Meet to plan the service
 - ▣ When/where will it take place?
 - ▣ Who will lead the service?
 - ▣ Which elements will it include?
 - ▣ Will you offer any other events (lunch, Bible study, take action, etc.)?
- Promote the service and events

Elements to Consider

- What are we trying to cultivate during the service?
 - ▣ Community
 - ▣ Connection worldwide
 - ▣ Engaging the Egyptian context
- Space
 - ▣ Where?
 - ▣ Set-up
 - ▣ Placement of leaders
- Evaluation

- Priorities in planning.
 - What are we trying to cultivate during the service?
 - Community, connection, engaging Egyptian context
 - Space—where will you do it? How will you set it up?
 - Involvement, participation
 - Leadership—where are leaders? Who are leaders?
- Evaluation: really helpful to us and helps you get materials next year



Questions or stories to share?

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Last Words:
Facebook, share info, let us know about when your service is

Closing Prayer

May God always guide you, giving relief in desert places.

**May God give strength to your bones and make you
like a watered garden,
like a spring of water whose waters never run dry.**