

HOW TO START A NEW FRIENDS WOMEN FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Why start a FWF group at my church?

There are **three** main reasons:

- To support our missionaries – spiritually, emotionally and financially. Each FWF group is given an “Adopted Missionary.” These are individuals or families currently serving on the mission field. You will be provided names, birthdays, addresses, and specific prayer requests. The main purpose of your local meetings is to cover these missionaries with your prayers. Your prayers can make things happen across the globe!
- To provide Christian fellowship for women.
- To raise awareness for missions in local churches.

What are the unexpected benefits?

Fellowship! You'll not only deepen your relationships in your local church but you'll make new friends with women across your area and across Mid America Yearly Meeting. Many life-long friendships have been born through Friends Women Fellowships.

What do I need to do to get the ball rolling?

Designate who will be the contact person for your group. Then contact Dalene Hutson, Vice President of FWF:

Dalene Hutson, 1518 N. Wheatridge, Wichita, KS 67235, (316) 721-5364, email: dhutson@usd266.com

Dalene will be your liaison and your guide through the start-up process. She will answer any additional questions you have, introduce you to your Area Vice President, and help you get your group started.

Are there any membership fees?

Yes. We try to keep these at a minimum so that everyone can participate. This small amount helps defray administrative and mailing costs.

Dues per member...\$7.00 per year. This includes Mid America Yearly Meeting Friends Women's dues of \$3.00 and Evangelical Friends International/Women's Missionary Fellowship dues of \$4.00.

Dues per group...\$5.00 per year. This helps defray the travel cost for the national president who travels around the world speaking on behalf of Friends Women Fellowships.

Send your membership and group dues to FWF Treasurer: *Patti Rucas, 15567 SW Mulberry Road • Rise Hill • KS • 67133*

What activities will our group be part of?

- Most FWF groups meet once a month. You can determine when and where are best for your group.
- Once a year all the FWF groups in your area will meet at an Area Missions Conference to fellowship, hear a guest speaker share on missions and swap ideas.
- Of course, the yearly Women's Retreat is hosted by Friends Women's Fellowship! A great place to get involved!

What Happens At Our Local Meetings?

The Program and Devotional Booklet has monthly devotionals that serve as the foundation for your meeting. The most important thing is to lift up your Adopted Missionaries in prayer. Aside from that – you can be creative! Some groups meet at restaurants, some at homes, and some at church. Lots of groups bring a pot luck dinner to share or make it a dessert night, many times they will work on items to mail their Adopted Missionaries or address cards to them. It can be something different each meeting, or you can have an ongoing project you work on every time you get together. It's your choice.

We hope you'll decide to form a FWF group at your local church. Remember, *“Don't despise the day of small beginnings!”* (Zechariah 4:10) A FWF group can be two people! That's all it takes! *“Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”* –Matt. 18:20