We are grateful to the women who took the time to come away and be refreshed with Women in Focus. From hand-massages and henna drawings to enjoying Esther’s Wedding cake, it was a wonderful weekend for connecting and laughing as well as gaining new insights into the story of Esther as we reflected on God’s calling upon each of our lives for such a time as this. There are great blessings to be known when we set apart time to listen to the stories of God’s people in light of our own story. As Esther took time to fast and pray, we are also challenged to “fast” from the routines of daily living and allow God time to work with us, through us and for us. The word, “Holy” is to be “set apart” and taking a weekend away for retreat with other women is a holy thing to do and a way to fast from the tyranny of schedules. Refresh is now over, but each region will be offering either upcoming fall retreats or days away. Check our website regularly for details and talk it up with your friends. And the more generations, the better!
Some changes ahead!

Over the past 120 years of Baptist Women’s work in Western Canada, there have been many adjustments in how to best equip women for mission and ministry. Historically, women’s mission’s circles supported well over half of all those on the mission field through their regular offerings. Today, it is harder to track the kinds of ministries that women support through their churches, communities and other causes.

Since 2001, the CBWC has graciously financed the work of Women in Focus with a P/T director, however new economical realities make this difficult. Faye’s present responsibilities will be redirected to denominational needs around church health though she will continue some oversight of WiF in a volunteer capacity.

Women in Focus requires funds through donations and we invite you to participate in resourcing us so that we may most effectively resource you! You can become a regular monthly donor through the CBWC or contribute from time to time as God’s nudges. Change is good and may we continue serving for another 120 years!

Our Future Leaders in Training!

We really appreciated the four young women from FEC in Winnipeg leading our worship times at REFRESH and it is a strong reminder that we must engage these young leaders now so that they can shape the ministries of tomorrow. Mentoring is a way to guide young talent while allowing them to find their own path of expression and service. We must let go of the notion that a mentor is one who instructs the younger and see it rather as an opportunity for dynamic friendship between generations. In working with Sam Breakey on Church Health Assessments, it is a common theme that churches lack the structure to mentor new leaders into their ministries.

Churches “recruit” but do not “train up” those with budding potential and future vision. Our Friday night and Saturday workshops are excellent ways to engage multiple generations in dialogue and discovery. These workshops can empower both men and women of all ages and we come to you! Contact us now for fall bookings!

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