

Dear Women of Trinity,

It was with great excitement, anticipation and humility that I said 'yes' to being the Women's Ministries Coordinator. When Brian asked me to consider this role, I knew Who was behind him. You see, ever since Doug and I came to Trinity 15 months ago, I have been asking the Lord, "How can I love and serve my new church?" His answer came through opportunities to which I said 'yes'. In fact, our first month here I brought a Thanksgiving Dinner to a dear family in our church that I had just met. There have been many opportunities since then that the Lord has brought to me and to which I said 'yes'. I consider this opportunity to serve as Women's Ministries Coordinator just one more step in loving and serving my church.

I was raised in a Christian home and accepted Jesus as my Savior as a child. My formative years were spent at Calvary Evangelical Free Church in Boulder, Colorado. Doug and I met at Bethel and have been married 42 years. We have 4 adult children and 12 grandchildren. Over the years we have attended healthy Bible teaching churches, primarily in the Baptist General Conference and the Evangelical Free Church.

I have been involved in Women's Ministries for over 38 years in a variety of leadership roles. This past 10 years I have been living out a different paradigm of women's ministries. I have come to believe that each time a woman asks the Lord, "What can I do for you today?" the Spirit will lead her to an act of love. When she obeys, she is 'loving God' and doing her woman's ministry. I believe that each time a woman chooses to act in love toward someone else, she is 'loving others' and doing her woman's ministry. Do you see this paradigm? Ministry is not done at church, by church. It is done by us in our world. We each have our personal woman's ministry.

By defining ministry this way, we end up with a different destination...a different vision. I believe that the vision for Women's Ministries at Trinity is "Each woman fully engaged in loving God and her world." I am convinced that this is where we need to go. I don't know specifically how we will get there. I do have confidence in knowing the questions to ask and the order in which to ask them. Then together we can discover and discern how we can reach our vision.

Trinity Women's Ministries will be equipping ministries done woman to woman in order to prepare each woman to 'love God and her world'. Each woman will understand that her ministry of love is done in her home, in her church, in her neighborhood, in her workplace, in her community and beyond.

There will be a Resource Team made up of women who are already seen at Trinity as modeling certain areas of a woman's ministry. It has been said, "You teach what you know. You reproduce who you are." This experienced, equipped Resource Team will take the responsibility of equipping, supporting, resourcing and challenging each woman to walk toward the vision. The Resource Team will also be multigenerational. Each of five generations of women will be represented beginning with the youngest generation of 13-18 year olds through the seniors, including all generations in between.

It is my hope that each woman will love her world with intentionality, convinced that she is doing her woman's ministry of love; that each one will be affirmed in her important, unique, personal woman's ministry; and that each one will be able to take her next step in being equipped or equipping another woman to take her next step to being "fully engaged in loving God and her world."

Sincerely,



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