

## **MIDWEST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP (MWF)**

**(1) It is proposed to amend the current bylaws of the Midwest Women's Fellowship of the RPCNA. (see attached)**

- a. Bylaw Change Explanation: The proposed bylaws remove references to the electing of officers and coordinators and also eliminate the need for an annual business meeting to be held during MWF retreats.**
  
- b. If the proposed bylaw changes pass at the annual meeting, a slate of members to serve on a standing committee would be put forth by the current executive board, to be voted on by those gathered at the 2024 MWF annual retreat. This Standing Committee will be convened in order to support the continued existence of the MWF and the regular gathering of Midwest women at retreats. The Committee would operate according to the newly passed bylaws.**

**BYLAWS OF THE MIDWEST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP (MWF)  
OF THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA (RPCNA)  
(REVISED 2024)**

**ARTICLE I – NAME**

The name of this organization shall be the Midwest Women's Fellowship of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America. The previous name of this organization from 1915-2015 was the Midwest Women's Presbyterial Missionary Fellowship of the RPCNA, which supported women missionaries on the mission field and in their retirement.

**ARTICLE II – PURPOSE**

The MWF's purpose shall be to encourage the spiritual growth and fellowship of the women of the Midwest congregations of the RPCNA.

**ARTICLE III –STANDING COMMITTEE**

Section 1. Committee Members

Women who are members in good standing of the Midwest Presbytery of the RPCNA are entitled to serve on the MWF Standing Committee. The Committee will independently conduct all business, including choosing Committee additions or replacements, when needed.

Section 2. Committee Duties

The Committee shall meet as often as necessary to conduct MWF business. The Committee will determine the structure and content of all proposed events, completing the planning required, including but not limited to, securing a hosting congregation(s), location(s), date(s), presenter(s), content, funds, and activities. The Committee will have complete discretion over any online presence of their activities, including content, access and maintenance.

**ARTICLE IV – FINANCES**

Registration funds collected will be used to support the ongoing existence, duties, and events planned by the Committee. Additional offerings may also be collected for special projects/gifts. The Committee will oversee these finances.

**ARTICLE V – OVERSIGHT**

Should the Committee seek to engage anyone who is not a member in good standing of the RPCNA for the purpose of biblical teaching at a women's event, the Committee would receive prior approval by the hosting congregation's session (or closest local session to the meeting's location) before engaging the presenter(s). The Committee would also seek counsel from the local session of the woman serving as chair of the Committee, should any other matters arise that require session oversight.

**ARTICLE VI – AMENDMENTS**

These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of members present at an MWF gathering, provided that a copy of any proposed amendment be digitally distributed (with acknowledgement of receipt) to all Midwest RP congregations at least 45 days prior to the gathering. It shall be the duty of the Committee to draft any bylaw changes and distribute any proposed changes. Any woman who is a member in good standing of the Midwest RPCNA may submit proposed bylaw changes once annually for the Committee's consideration.