

MIDWEST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Social Media Policy

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Introduction

The online world is changing rapidly. As we embrace new methods of communication and sharing, it's important that we act responsibly and with empathy for those around us. Please take the time to read and understand the social media guidelines listed below. As a member of the Midwest Women's Fellowship (RPCNA) Facebook group, it is important that you treat all people with respect.

About this Group

This Facebook group is a private group for the ladies of the Midwest Presbytery of the RPCNA. Membership is moderated by the group admins and is limited to members in good standing of the Midwest Presbytery's churches.

This is a moderated group. That means that each post must be reviewed and approved before it posts to the timeline. NOTE: Certain content providers (such as our officers and coordinators) have been designated as pre-approved posters and can skip the approval process.

As women of the RPCNA, this group should not be used to undermine or belittle the denomination's convictions and testimony. Posts and comments may not necessarily be the official view of the RPCNA but must follow the rules for Biblical speech.

This group can be used to:

- Learn more about an upcoming retreat.
- Share reflections on current/past retreats.
- Build each other up and pray for one another during the year.
- Promote missions/missionary awareness.

This group should not be used to:

- Promote ideas contrary to the RPCNA's convictions.
- Promote personal causes.*
- Promote political causes.
- Promote items for sale.

**At the discretion of the MWF officers, information regarding ministry opportunities and/or fundraisers for Group members in need may be permitted. Posts must include a clearly stated need, call to action, and contact information.*

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The guiding principles for all posts on this Facebook group are:

- **Act responsibly** - Be honest and transparent. Think about the effect your actions may have on others.
- **Explain that these are your views** - Unless you are authorized to speak directly on behalf of MWF, please make it very clear that any views you post online are your own and not the group's.
- **Be kind** – Avoid language that is angry, defamatory, or derogatory. Posts should help create a positive, uplifting place for women to share, learn and enjoy conversations with other like-minded women. And while disagreements may arise, members must be respectful of each other at all times.
- **Be safe** - Be careful when discussing personal information online that could lead to identity theft. **IMPORTANT:** Be extra cautious when mentioning missionaries in high-risk countries.
- **Respect confidentiality** - Never disclose personal information about others that they may not want shared. When in doubt, leave it out.
- **Protect children** – Do not post photos of or details about children without their parent's consent.

If posts or comments are not in line with these guiding principles, they will not be permitted. Continued abuse may result in removal from the group.

This page is not meant for disputes and debates. While we respect everyone's right to express their opinions on their own Facebook accounts, this group is not the place to stir up controversy or attempt to sway group opinions. Language that is negative, unkind, divisive, or mean-spirited will not be tolerated.

More Information

If you have any questions or concerns about our social media policy, please contact the MWF Technology Officer: Lori Hemphill at lorihemp@gmail.com.