

REACH OUT IN COMPASSION

IDEAS FOR GROUP COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Galatians 5:13–14 tells us, “Serve one another in love. The entire law is summed up in a single command: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’” A healthy ministry to women will encourage women to look for practical ways to serve others every day. To be an accurate representation of God’s love, we need to actively care for people in our community.

IDEAS FOR INVOLVING WOMEN IN MINISTRY

- ***Collections***

When promoting your next big event, request that attendees bring specific items such as clothing, bedding, or shoes, etc. (based on the needs of your local homeless shelter, or domestic violence center) to make a large donation from the event to a local agency.

- ***Single Moms Ministry***

Consider the needs of single moms in your congregation. Could your church provide free oil changes, groceries, free child-care, or free haircuts? You could also consider shoe giveaways for the children of single moms, gift cards to local stores, back-to-school clothing events, and scholarships to retreats, or discounts rates on ticketed church events. Also plan special events targeted specifically toward encouraging and strengthening single moms in your church and community.



- **Food Pantry**

Allow individuals to contribute food, then offer free food to members of the community who are in need of assistance.

- **Adopt-A-Block**

Visit the neighborhood surrounding your local church. Offer to do odd jobs such as mowing the lawn, washing windows, going to the grocery store, etc.

- **Adopt-A-School**

Contact a local school and find out their needs. See how the women of your church could contribute.

- **Adopt-A-Soldier**

Find military families in your community who have members deployed in active service. Send care packages, and find volunteers to write letters to those soldiers. Care for the family as well while the soldier is away.

- **Clothing for the Underserved**

Encourage women in the congregation to donate gently used clothing. Invite the underserved women to select the donated clothes.

- **Seasonal Dinner for the Underserved**

Prepare and serve a meal for the underserved of your community.

- **Notes of Appreciation**

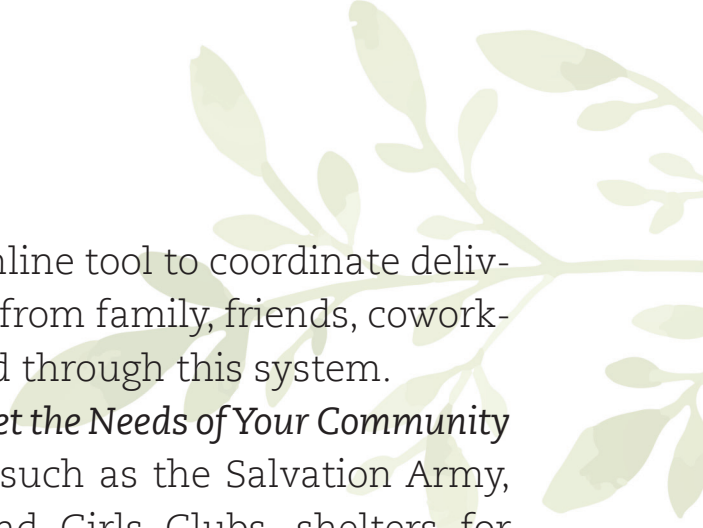
Collect notes of appreciation for community service people, such as firefighters, police officers, teachers, school administrators, city officials, or church staff. Send the notes as a group to those individuals, thanking them for their service.

- **Back-To-School**

Solicit members from the congregation and local businesses to donate monies and/or school supplies for children in need.

- **Plant a Community Garden**

Beautify a community area or grow vegetables to donate to homeless shelters.

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- **Organize Meals for Families in Crisis**
Use TakeThemAMeal.com, an online tool to coordinate delivering meals to those in need; meals from family, friends, coworkers, or church members is simplified through this system.
 - **Partner with Local Organizations to Meet the Needs of Your Community**
Check with local organizations such as the Salvation Army, prolife pregnancy centers, Boys and Girls Clubs, shelters for abused women and children, literacy centers, etc., to see how you can partner to meet your community's needs.

IDEAS FOR INVOLVING WOMEN IN WORLD AND U.S. MISSIONS

Helping those you lead to care about the needs of people around the world will broaden their worldview and give them greater insight.

- **Assemblies of God World Missions**
The mission of the Assemblies of God World Missions is to engage in missionary endeavor for world evangelism by reaching the world through every available means, planting churches, training leaders, and touching the poor and suffering people with compassion. Each region of the world has specific needs and missions projects, including feeding programs and children's needs. Missionaries are encouraged to raise their monthly support and to raise funds for various projects.

Visit worldmissions.ag.org for more information.

- **Assemblies of God U.S. Missions**
The mission of U.S. Missions is to fulfill the Great Commission in the United States through missionaries, chaplains, and project volunteers. The vision is to establish a replication presence through missionaries, chaplains, and project volunteers in every special needs group, ethnic group, and cultural environment in America to execute the Great Commission so that none perish.



Visit usmissions.ag.org for more information.

Each district looks for world and U.S. missions projects. Check with your district Women's Ministries director about projects in which the women of your church can be involved.

- ***Assemblies of God Compassion Ministries***

1. ***Convoy of Hope***—The mission of Convoy of Hope is to feed millions of people in need in the United States and around the world through children's nutrition initiatives, citywide outreaches, and disaster response.

Check out convoyofhope.org for more information.

2. ***Rural Compassion***—This national initiative is dedicated to encouraging, strengthening, and empowering rural churches to work outside their four walls to address the needs of the community. Rural Compassion provides resources to enable churches to respond to needs such as shoes, backpacks, food, and more.

Check out ruralcompassion.org.

3. ***CompACT Services Agency***—This national Assemblies of God childcare ministry provides a place of physical, mental, and spiritual safety for children, youth, birth mothers, and their infants. This includes Highland's Maternity Home and Life Center, and Hillcrest Children's Home, a loving, stable home environment with godly values, strong and encouraging Christian support, and family structure; complete medical care; biblical counseling, healthy relationship building; quality education and vocational training opportunities; spiritual development; missions and kids/youth ministry opportunities; as well as funding for college scholarships. Visit compactfamilyservices.org for more details.

- ***Assemblies of God Girls Ministries***

Mentoring girls is biblical, as shown in Titus 2:4, where the apostle Paul teaches us that older women should teach the younger.



To learn more about this ministry to girls, visit the Assemblies of God National Girls Ministries Web site at ngm.ag.org.

- ***National and District Women's Ministries Projects***

1. ***Touch the World Fund***—This project provides indoor equipment and furnishings to Assemblies of God World Missions schools and institutions and to Indian Bible colleges in the United States. Donations to the fund are sent to the National Women's Ministries Department.

2. ***Library Fund***—This project provides study and reference books for Assemblies of God World Missions schools and Indian Bible Colleges in the United States. Funds are raised from the marketing of canceled postage stamps collected by individuals, women's groups, and churches.

Visit women.ag.org for more information, and contact your district Women's Ministries director for district projects.