# CDM's *MINISTRY*



The 2023 virtual training conference launched in early August, Over 60 churches from

29 states, Japan, and Africa have participated.

The CDM Student Ministry Team podcast features conversations with PCA leaders on practical

ministry-related issues. It's available on iTunes and Spotify. The most popular episode so far has been "Women in Student Ministry."



CDM continues to receive encouraging comments from students and their mentors. One pastor wrote, "Our director has faced significant challenges over the past few months. The things she has been learning in combination with the accountability and interaction with other children's ministry leaders has been a tremendous support and encouragement to her."



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38,000 readers every month from around the world **New articles every Monday & Thursday** 

2,000 • PODCASTS

Average of 2,000 listeners each week. Episodes drop every Tuesday **Fall 2023 season:** "Women around the World with MTW"

Check out both of these resources at women.pcacdm.org/encourage























### Serving the Church to Make Disciples

CDM serves the PCA by equipping and encouraging leaders in the local church to make disciples among the children, youth, and adults throughout the denomination. We long to see a culture of discipleship that is characterized by God's Word bearing fruit in the context of relationships.

The CDM website is a great place to find current information about our ministry. You will also find resources and tools designed to help you in your ministry.

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# **PEOPLE**



God is providing some amazing opportunities to serve His kingdom through ministry to women.



Under the enthusiastic leadership of CDM Trainer Connie Miller, CDM Women's Ministry International (WMI) has shared CDM training curriculum in 7 countries (with 3 more on the horizon) and is working with the following ministry partners:

MTW, UK Partnership, South African Reformed Mission, Redeemer City to City—Latin America, Presbyterian Church of Ireland (PCI), and the International Presbyterian Church (IPC). Pastors and women's leaders around the world are embracing the Word-based, relationally-driven model for women's discipleship that CDM has offered for years. In September, the WMI Team gathered by Zoom to discuss how to steward well the opportunities God has given.

#### Wives of Elders (WE)

The response to the Wives of Elders (WE) ministry continues to reveal the great need to connect this vital group of ministry leaders. Since March, the contact list has grown over 500% to almost 2000 women. CDM WE Ministry liaison Meaghan May is developing a team, along with a strategy, to serve these women well. Over the past year, the group has participated in online and in-person gatherings, seminars, a Bible study, and a *Partners in the Gospel* book club.

Reach United Reach



We used Reachout Adventures' Summer SeaQuest for the first time this summer. I was blown away by the whole curriculum!

First, the skits were great fun for our teenagers to lead. The Salvation Sea Crossing combined beautiful pictures with a nautical story. We shared the bliss of



Creation, to the devastation of the Fall, and ultimately Salvation with a sailor, ships, and the sea! The kids really got into it and couldn't wait to hear more! One of our kids came to know Jesus as Savior from the clear presentation of the gospel!

Another great aspect was the Chart Room time where our kids were able to meet with their Captains and crewmates. The intentionality of conversation about the day, memorizing scripture, and building relationships among various age groups fit seamlessly with the vision of our Children's Ministry!

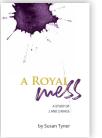
One volunteer put it well: "We had a wonderful experience at Summer SeaQuest. It was heartwarming to see how much the kids grew in their faith and their relationship with God. The activities, lessons, and the sense of community had a profound impact on their spiritual journey. Witnessing their growth and enthusiasm was a blessing for all involved."

I would recommend Reachout Adventures to anyone!

**Brigitte Bailey,** Children's Ministry Director, New City PC, Ferndale, MI

## RESOURCES

### Connecting Leaders to Ministry Resources



**What a Royal Mess** by Susan Tyner • This study of 1 and 2 Kings helps you discover the goodness of God in the midst of Israel's imperfect rulers. The story of Ahab speaks to those who struggle with the messy consequences of sin. Those who wonder if God can forgive when we make horrible choices need to consider Hezekiah. Access to accompanying videos is available on CDM's new digital training platform, **digital.pcacdm.org.** 

#### **NEW Advent Resources** for Churches, Families, and Teens



**The Song of Advent** by Caleb Click combines Scripture, a homily, and a hymn to proclaim Christ as the ultimate Song of the season.





reflect on the meaning and miracle of the Incarnation.

**Road Talk** by John Kwasny This is the first in a series of easy-to-use discipleship resources parents can use in the car (or anywhere really). Each entry has a verse of Scripture along with five questions designed to quick-start a conversation with children "when you walk [drive] by the way" (Deut. 6:7).





### Response to the 1 Timothy Bible study *has been excellent*.

Over 2000 women participated in the summer using the study guide and online videos.

A member of a PCA church in Delaware reported, "This well-planned and engaging study was a gift to our group, especially our leaders and teachers. The CDM study provided the blessing of being able to gather together for spiritual growth and fellowship."

More great books and Bible studies are available from **pcabookstore.com**