



# Church Women United

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To: The Common Council  
From: The Executive Committee  
Date: September 9, 2010  
Re: Closing the Washington Office

After much discussion and deliberation, the Executive Committee of Church Women United, Inc., has made a very difficult decision.

For a number of years Church Women United, Inc. has had a deficit in financial operations with each year's expenditures well in excess of revenues and available reserves used to address the shortfall. If a similar deficit is experienced in 2010 and 2011, reserves will be exhausted and CWU, Inc. will necessarily cease operations. As one painful but essential action to reduce current expenses and the looming deficit, it has been decided that the Church Women United Legislative Office in Washington DC be closed, the position of Legislative Officer be eliminated, the employment of the current holder of that position be terminated effective September 9, 2010, and said person be offered her regular compensation through October 9, 2010; further that the Executive Committee authorize Ann Kohler and Malinda Waltz to inform in person the current Legislative Officer of this decision. Although the office has been valuable and successive staff persons have performed dedicated service, we can no longer afford them in our severely straitened circumstances.

The Executive Committee offered sincere thanks to Patricia Burkhardt for her years of service and wished her Godspeed and blessings as she transitions to other employment. For severance pay Patricia was given one month's compensation.

The closure of the Washington office took place today, September 9, 2010. This will be discussed at the November Board Meeting along with options and costs to maintain a presence in Washington. Please, if you can not wait until November to discuss this matter, ask your questions directly by contacting one of the Officers. Please do not start negative networking by e-mail. This will only harm the movement.

The deficit for 2010 will be \$100,000 without some immediate action. That would leave \$100,000 left in the savings which would be gone at the end of 2011! With a \$100,000 deficit looming for 2010, something had to be done or CWU National will not exist after 2011. This action was taken after looking at the financial facts and with much prayer, discussion and soul searching.

The greatest challenge CWU has at this point is for women to be supportive and work together. Certainly there should be questions asked, but among people of goodwill there should be some acceptance when there is an answer even if the answer is not the one you wanted!

The Executive Committee of Church Women United, Inc.

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