

WHO IS THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS FOR THE PACIFIC ISLANDS?

We are **NURTURERS**. To nurture means "to feed," coming from the French root word "to nurse". Also to nurture means "to train, to educate". We have the high calling not only to feed and educate our children, but to offer our world around us the Bread of Life and the Living Word. To be a nurturer, one has to be **practical** rather than clinical. The questions we need to ask today are *How are we going to feed the body and soul, how are we going to educate the body and soul? What can we do to train the body and soul?*

God has empowered us to be **ENCOURAGERS**. To encourage means to inspire with courage, spirit and hope. Our world around us is quickly falling into despair, and we as women who have the Holy Spirit and who know the Hope of the Ages, are the only ones who can offer the broken and downtrodden courage to face life, spirit to put their trust in their Spiritual Savior, and hope that He can change their live. To be encouragers requires compassion. Today, when we work with our committees, the questions we need to ask are, *Who needs our encouragement, and What practical ways can we be an encouragement to them?*

The Woman's Board of Missions for the Pacific Islands has a reputation of being **SERVERS**. To serve means to render assistance, to contribute or promote, to answer the purpose. To be a server requires **humility**. Jesus said, *Whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave; even as the Son of man came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.*" It also means being **available** when people ask us for assistance. Today, we need to ask ourselves, *When, where and in what capacity can I be available? And in what capacity can I contribute to and promote the Woman's Board of Missions for the Pacific Islands?*

We are **DOERS**. Every church leadership knows that if they want something done, ask the women. The Woman's Board of Missions for the Pacific Islands has a rich history of doing. We see a great need and activate ourselves to accomplish the task. If being an encourager requires compassion, then being a doer requires **passion**. Do we believe in something passionately enough to put our whole selves behind it? The question we need to ask today is, *What do I believe in and how can I activate that belief?*

And most importantly, we are **PRAY-ERS**. Women are known to be pray-ers. Believing in the power of prayer and being disciplined to pray is a phenomenal gift God has given to women. Being pray-ers requires compassion, humility, energy, passion, and availability.

This is who we, the Woman's Board of Missions for the Pacific Islands are, and God has promised us in His Word that He will empower us to do all that He requires of us. (Colossians1:11)