

## Missouri River Mission Outreach and Social Justice Initiative (MOSJI)

Happy Summer! I hope that you are staying cool. There are still many opportunities for mercy and justice work around the Missouri River District. I continue to be impressed by the work that many of you do.

The Facebook page, [@mrdmissionandjusticeinitiative](#), continues to provide legislative updates from Nebraska Appleseed and General Board of Church and Society, among others. These updates provide the MRD with legislation that affects Nebraskans. Often times there are also calls to action and talking points when speaking with Nebraskan legislators. I encourage you to check out the Facebook page and hit *like* so you can stay updated.



This month The Women's Center for Advancement (WCA) is being featured as the Spotlight Organization. They are wanting to partner with area churches so that they can bring training to your congregations. I encourage you to reach out to Lizzie Hudson for more information. Her contact information is listed at the bottom of the page.

### From Lizzie at the WCA:

*The Women's Center for Advancement (WCA) serves survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, and stalking and has been an important community organization in the Omaha Metro area for over a century. WCA's services include a 24/7 hotline, advocacy, individualized case management, pro bono legal services, therapy, classes, and support groups. Additionally, the WCA works on violence prevention which starts by partnering with our community.*

*Churches play a crucial role in many peoples' lives. It's where you go to connect with others and be a part of something greater than yourself. However, the statistics from the CDC show that 1 in 4 women experience domestic violence at some point in their lives and 1 in 6 men experience sexual violence so many folks in your congregations could also be experiencing violence. Survivors often turn to their faith when they need help. When that happens, you should be ready and know what to do. WCA would like to offer education opportunities to those at the pulpit and in the pews. We offer presentations and trainings on preventing and responding to domestic violence, sexual violence, human trafficking and stalking, all for free. If you are interested, please contact **Lizzie Hudson at [lizzieh@wcaomaha.org](mailto:lizzieh@wcaomaha.org) or 402-345-6555 Ext. 344.***

I appreciate the opportunity to be your coordinator for the Missouri River District Mission and Justice Initiative. If you need a preacher for UMW Sunday or a guest speaker for a Special Sunday, please contact me at 620-341-3708 or [mbinder@greatplainsumc.org](mailto:mbinder@greatplainsumc.org).



Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rev. Marcee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pastor Marcee