



Rural & Migrant Ministry's Rural Women's Assemblies

Thank you so much for your previous support of RMM's Rural Women's Assembly.

As you know, for the past 12 years we have sponsored ONE Rural Women's Assembly in a central location in NYS (Binghamton,) for 2 nights and three days of speakers, workshops, shared meals, and testimonies, as well as educational resources from local service organizations. We've provided scholarships, transportation, lodging, meals, translation and an educational program for the children needing childcare.

Unfortunately, while women left with concrete connections with each other and with representatives of social justice, educational, health service, legal and business organizations, throughout the state, they subsequently only connected with those in their immediate circle.

Fortunately, as a result of getting three out of four of our Rural Worker Education Centers up and running, (in Long Island, Sullivan County, and Lyons, NY,) this year we are able to host 3 separate, one-day Rural Women's Assemblies geared toward the needs and desires of the local groups of women they serve.

The purpose of the change in format is four-fold. One is that it allows more opportunity for the local women themselves to participate in the planning and carrying out of the agenda for the day; secondly, it allows local groups of allies to target the specific needs of those in their communities, as well as provide information and resources that are available in the local community itself; thirdly, it lends itself to the strengthening of the ties between rural women and their allies, as well as among the women themselves; and finally, the Centers themselves will provide the women with the space and opportunity to continue to meet, learn, teach, plan and implement strategies for their own empowerment as well as that of their communities.

Each of our Centers has a Coordinator, as well as an Associate Coordinator who will, together with the local women and their allies, be responsible for creating and implementing the plan for the local Assembly including the agenda for the day, the speakers, the allies, the workshops, the meals, written materials, publicity, childcare, transportation, interpretation, fundraising and any other details necessary to make the event successful. They will also be in charge of the evaluations, and for writing a report.

Administrative, program and development support will continue to be provided by our central offices in Poughkeepsie, NY.

This model corresponds with our Mission, which we implement by way of our Program areas of Accompaniment, Empowerment and Education, and dovetails perfectly with both our Education and Youth Empowerment Program, as they are inter-generational, interracial, inter-ethnic, and inter-class opportunities for learning, empowerment and growth.

Please see the attached Sponsorship opportunities and assist us in ending the indignities and injustices facing rural women and their daughters in New York State.

Our overall goal is the creation of a Rural Women's Statewide Network, and with your help, we will be well on our way.

I remain, on behalf of Rural & Migrant Ministry, very truly yours,

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Dear Friend,

Presently, the disenfranchisement of women is a prominent discussion across our country. For over ten years, we at Rural & Migrant Ministry have been engaged in the discussion regarding the marginalization of, and barriers faced by rural women. More importantly, throughout these years we have been also focused on action. Today we write to ask you to partner with us as we work for justice.

Our efforts toward honoring the empowerment of girls and women, begin with our Youth Empowerment Program and our youth groups across rural New York State. They continue through the women's groups affiliated with our Long Island, Catskills, Hudson Valley and the Finger Lakes Centers, and are bound together through an emerging State-wide Network, that is nurtured and strengthened each year as girls and women gather for the Rural Women's Assembly.

The Rural Women's Assembly is a unique gathering of rural women and their allies across NYS. It is created and directly led by women from across an array of cultural, racial, geographic, and age groups – all committed to hope, justice and empowerment. At the Assembly, women and girls from across the State gather with their allies to listen to one another's stories, share strategies, nurture one another, and build a strong network for change. The Rural Women's Assembly is where we learn how we can make a difference throughout our lives, our families' lives, the life of our communities, and within the State.

We are committed to this Mission. We provide transportation, interpretation, and an educational program and childcare for the children of the women. We must have resources to cover the costs of bringing women and girls together. This is where you come in. ***Partner with us to make a difference. Join us as we say no to the disenfranchisement and marginalization of women. Help us live into being creative, determined and effective.***

Add your voice to hours by providing financial support to the Rural Women's Assembly. There are statewide and regional sponsorship opportunities on the Sponsor Sheet on the back of this letter.

Join us at one of our three Regional Assemblies.

December 8, 2018

Liturgia Center, Lyons, NY
RMM Western NY

December 8, 2018

RMM Center, Riverhead, NY
RMM Long Island

December 15, 2018

Eleanor Roosevelt Center- Val-Kill
RMM Mid-Hudson/Catskill Region

Stand with us as we help rural women and girls help themselves, and enter into their Destinies.

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2018 Rural Women's Assembly Sponsorship Opportunities

Statewide Sponsorship

Your generous sponsorship will be publicized at all **three** RWA events: podium signage, workshops, and other publicity materials, including printed and web versions.

\$5,000 Compañera/Partner _____

\$2,500 Defensora/Advocate _____

Regional Co-Sponsorship Levels

Your generous sponsorship will be publicized at **one** of three RWA events: signage, workshops, and publicity materials, including printed and web versions.

\$1,700 Cosechadora/Harvester _____

\$1,000 Sembradora/Planter _____

Three Events, Three Locations Throughout New York State

Select Region(s) to sponsor:

_____ RMM Liturgia, Lyons, NY
December 8, 2018

_____ RMM Long Island Center, Riverhead, NY
December 8, 2018

_____ RMM Mid-Hudson/Catskill Region, NY
December 15, 2018

Each event will have speakers, workshops, serve continental breakfast, and serve lunch. Attendees pay \$25 (or are sponsored) and receive transportation, translation, and an education program & childcare for young children of participants (up to age 12)

Please submit logo, art, & message by Saturday, November 24, 2018

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We accept B/W camera-ready art, business cards, logos, e-mailed art saved as pdf, jpg or other standard formats, or we can design something for you.