

Woman 2 Woman

"It is healing for a woman in prison to have a relationship that is caring, honest, and trustworthy. Most have had very few, if any, of those." – Dorothy Muller

Who We Are

- Nancy Gernert, elder at Bedford Presbyterian Church (BPC), coordinator of Woman 2 Woman
- Reverend Dorothy Muller, Protestant volunteer chaplain at Bedford Hills Correctional Facility (BHCF)

What We Do

Launched by Bedford Presbyterian Church in the fall of 2013, Woman 2 Woman is a prison ministry program that connects women in our congregation and community with women incarcerated at Bedford Hills Correctional Facility. These women are our neighbors, yet many of them have little to no outside contact. Our visiting program is designed to provide them with much-needed emotional support, encouragement and friendship. Our goal is also to stretch our own capacity for empathy and understanding by developing a relationship of mutual respect and caring with someone whose history and circumstances is typically very different from our own. We currently have 50 visitors enrolled in our program.

What You Can Do

- Attend a 2 hour training session to discuss the program guidelines and get questions answered.
- After the training session, you will be given the Department Identification Number (DIN#) and name of your inmate, who will have been screened by Dorothy Muller.
- Commit to visiting your inmate at least once a month.
- If you would like, Nancy or another experienced visitor will accompany you on your first visit.
- We will hold a support group for visitors three times a year. This is an opportunity to share both the joys and frustrations of prison visiting and to discuss any questions or concerns you may have.
- In the interim, please contact Nancy Gernert at 914-763-0750 or via email at nancygernert@gmail.com with any immediate issues.
- **Please pay close attention to the Woman 2 Woman guidelines and procedures that are distributed at the training session.**