About one hundred women gathered at River Ridge for our third annual Spring Celebration with the theme of “How Beautiful.” We began with a short time of worship led by Beverly Smith from River Ridge Covenant and brunch. See attached for the schedule. Our breakouts were:

- “Abuse, Does It Make a Difference What I Say?” by Barbara Quesenberry
- “Make, Deepen, Repeat” by Meagan Gillan
- “The Strategies of a Prayer Warrior” by Shari Johnson
- “Created in God’s Beautiful Image” by Rebecca L Smith
- “Que Hermoso Es El Cuerpo de Cristo” by Miriam Zamora
- “Your House Beautiful” by Myrna Morey
- “CHOICE!” by Ruth Hill
- “Hearing God Speak” by Becky Watson
- “Bloom Where You’re Planting” by Kristi Byford

We had a scrumptious lunch prepared by women from Grace. Jo chaired our business meeting.

### Business Meeting

Janet Russell read the (very abbreviated) minutes from last year. Brian Wiele, pastor of River Ridge Covenant opened our meeting with a welcome.

**Financial Report**- Joan and Phyllis were introduced if anyone wanted to ask questions. Printed reports are available upon request. Thanks to those churches who continue to support Women Ministries. We are in excellent shape financially.

**Constitution and By-Laws.** We are approving that this gathering (Spring Celebration) and retreat are considered official gatherings for the organization. Attendance at either makes you a voting member. Significant changes to our documents were mostly due to our conference name change which changed our name and reflecting that we are now under Make and Deepening disciples. Documents attached. Vote was taken to approve the new Constitution and By-Laws as proposed. Approved.

**Elections:**

- 2 members “aging” off. Phyllis as financial secretary after 2-2 year terms and Louise Kelly as Vice Chair. **Need Vice Chair and Financial Secretary.**
- Janet Russell up for re-election on 2nd term. Moved, seconded. Approved.

**Faith and Outreach Grants**- were described and women were encouraged to apply. $4694.84 is available to be given as grants. Lake Bay Covenant Church was given a grant for MOPS ministry scholarships and craft supplies. Jo read a wonderful testimony from a woman who came to the ministry.

**Retreat 2015**- Marilyn Williams was the speaker. We had an Audacious time!

**Trienniel** is coming up. There was a silly skit to promote. Scholarships are available, must be willing to go and come back to conference and share what you’ve learned.
“Raise the Flag”- Raising funds for Kristi Byford, missionary and woman national from Thailand to come to Triennial. Sandy Weiss shared that she is excited that the sale of the little bags made by women in Thailand raised $2000. She is disappointed that 3 women from Thailand have been saving for 3 years out of their salaries to come to Triennial. We were asked to pray for them at retreat. Their visas were denied. It is an expensive process to try again. Kristi Byford received an email from Karen Groot that another woman may be able to come who has previously left the country. Keep praying! (The other three women had never left the country before.) Sandy prayed for these women.

Women's Retreat 2016- The theme is “Radiance: Arise, shine, for your light has come”. Publicity is now available. The speaker will be Yvonne DeVaughn- AVA coordinator for denomination.