



## Summary

### **Purpose**

The purpose of Hands of Hope, a ministry of WMU, is to provide a Christian context in which women in need are equipped for life and employment, and a missions context in which women help women.

### **Key Elements**

Certification (training for site coordinators,) advisory council, covenants, needs assessment, networking, mentors, Bible study, and evaluation are key elements. Not included in this list, but foundational in Hands of Hope, is prayer.

### **Statement of Faith**

We believe in the Trinity, God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and the Bible as the Word of God. Salvation comes through grace by believing in Jesus Christ as the only begotten Son of God, our Savior and Lord. Once saved, the Holy Spirit indwells, thereby instructing, guiding and empowering the individual to follow the mandate of Jesus Christ in daily living. Hands of Hope, a ministry of WMU, is a response to this mandate.

## Ministry Description

### **Our Mission Statement**

In keeping with the Great Commission of Jesus Christ, we propose to extend our Christian witness to women in need, supporting and equipping them for life, employment and self-sufficiency.

### **Our Vision**

Our vision is to provide a place where women can come to thrive and learn, and leave capable of leading successful, happy lives as contributing members of society.

### **Our Program**

This program will enable the women to become who they are meant to be in Jesus through Bible study and mentoring. While learning academic skills, job readiness, and time and money management, these women will be equipped for better employment opportunities. The program offers two semesters each year and each semester is ten weeks long. Only one semester is necessary for program completion.

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