

SUPERHERO

Dear Ladies,

If you joined us at Power Chicks '19 this year, I trust that it was as powerful for you as it was for me personally. If you were there, you also know that I have announced my plans to retire in October as director of Girls' Ministries. I will admit that it is sad to think about the fact that this will be my last time to write the Girls' Ministries Week theme booklet. I love writing, planning, and developing the ideas God gives me. However, after 18 years in this position, and 45 years of serving in the IPHC Global Ministry Center (some part-time, some full-time), I have chosen to pass the baton, or should I say cape, on to someone else. Watch the website for updates.

As the new school year kicks off, Girls' Ministries Week is just around the corner. GM Week means we get to focus on a generation of girls and young women who are unique and have so much to offer the church. This booklet is designed to give you inspiration and ideas for promoting and implementing GM Week using the new theme *Superhero*. This theme is then carried forward throughout the 2019-20 school year.

The *Superhero* theme ties in to the 2019 denominational theme which is our sixth core value—"We Prayerfully Value Justice." Each year, we have chosen to develop our Girls' Ministries theme around the current year's core value. Because GM Week falls in September, we always join the theme a little later in the year. However, that allows us to make good use of the videos and articles released by the IPHC highlighting the year's core value. We encourage you to use that material and have included links to it at the end of this packet.

Thank you for the steps you take to help girls determine exactly where they fit into God's story and how they can be superheroes to the families and friends! We want our girls to know that their superhero strength does not come from a cape or a mask! It comes from walking in the power of the Holy Spirit!

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