



# Inspire

## Welcome Home

### Education

### Tips for Spring Cleaning Your Home

**1. Have a plan.** If you don't have a plan you'll end up running from room to room in your house without any real direction. You'll be creating a lot of extra work for yourself by backtracking and cleaning things twice. Don't just think through your plan. Write it down!

Your cleaning plan should clearly outline everything in your house that needs cleaning. No you can't write "everything" on a piece of paper as you cleaning plan. Start by writing down the different rooms in your house and what needs to be done in each room, then write down what order you want to clean the rooms in.

**2. Set goals.** After you have created your cleaning plan and you know exactly what needs to be done, create goals for how you're going to go about getting everything cleaned. Be sure to write your goals down!

**3. Break large tasks into 10-minute tasks.** When we try to face big tasks often we end up getting part way through the task before getting bored, distracted, or just feeling exhausted. When that happens we end up having a dozen half-completed tasks around the house and we haven't made any progress.

**4. Have all your cleaning supplies handy.** Take every cleaning supply you will need for the room you are working on with you before you start. Consider making a cleaning supply tote. The last thing you want is to have to leave the room to get a needed supply.

**5. Turn up the music!** Nothing will make the time go faster than putting on your favorite tunes. It keeps you motivated and in the process you have a little fun too!

**As a WM Group, have women share their spring cleaning tips and ideas!**

I have discovered the secret to a clean house: never let your children or husband enter it.



### INSPIRATIONAL IDEAS from the Territory

**Turlock, CA** started a D-2 group. It is not medical but a support and accountability group for those with type 2 Diabetes.

**Tucson All Nations, AZ** are inviting the ladies to write encouraging notes and placing them in each person's box. At the end of the month the ladies take their box of notes home and look at them whenever they are feeling down.

**Santa Rosa, CA** is doing a study on the book "Fully Alive" by Susie Larson.

**San Gabriel, CA** holds a Talent Day quarterly where the ladies showcase their talents/training/ specialties and share them by teaching them to the other ladies.

**San Diego Centre City, CA** watched the movie "Breakthrough."

**Pasadena Tab, CA** have a few ladies who are participating in a half marathon together. They are meeting together to train and for fellowship, prayer, support and encouragement.

**Nampa, ID** held a "Pounding Party" for the new Corps Officer to say "Welcome Home." It is a Quakers tradition where every bring a pound of pantry staples—corn, wheat, sugar, butter, etc.

**Escondido, CA** had a "Ready to Bee a Blessing" program and the women participated in 3 different service projects: bagged cookies for seniors, made blessing bags, wrote notes for those who need encouragement.

**Angoon, AK** is doing a study on "Experiencing God" by Henry T. Blackaby and Claude V. King.

Commissioner Jolene K. Hodder—Territorial President of Women's Ministries

Colonel Colleen R. Riley—Territorial Secretary for Women's Ministries

Major Beth Desplancke—Territorial Women's Ministries Program Secretary

Be sure to check out our website for more resources: <https://usw-womensministries.org/>

## Service

### Easter Favor Ideas

Easter is next month (April 12, 2020). Below are pictures of easy Easter favors that WM groups can make to be given to corps youth and music programs, distributed in the social services office, distributed to the community, at Corps Easter Egg Hunts, etc. All could include invitations to the corps and WM programs.



<http://www.michellepaigeblogs.com/2013/03/easter-favors-for-teachers-friends-and.html?m=1>



<https://happyhomefairy.com/free-printable-easter-treat-tag/>



<https://happyhomefairy.com/easter-story-snack-mix-free-printable/>

## Service

Spring Clean the WM meeting room or storage closet. If the group is feeling really industrious, spring-clean all the classrooms at the corps. Make the whole corps building sparkle and shine!

As a WM group, volunteer to spring clean some of the homes of corps members such as the elderly, shut-in, those who have been sick, young moms with littles.

Spring clean the outside of the corps building. Make sure there is no trash in the parking lot and spruce up the flower planters.

Distribute Easter favors and fliers about corps Easter events to the neighborhood.

Fill plastic Easter eggs with candy for the Corps Easter Egg Hunt.



# BONUS!

Check out our website for a Spring Cleaning for the Soul Devotion and Bookmark!  
<https://usw-womensministries.org/march-2020-inspire-newsletter/>