



February 2023

Greetings from your National FCE Board,

Serving on the National Board is very rewarding but also there is a lot of work involved: getting material ready for lessons, putting a conference together and this year again we are offering a Mid-Year zoom meeting. The nominating committee has been contacting potential candidates for National Board Service ~ we will be electing a Public Policy Coordinator, a Program Coordinator, a Vice President for Public Policy for a 1 year term and a Treasurer for a 2 year term. The committee has contacted candidates for each position and are waiting for the paper work to be completed. Serving on the National Board is a worthwhile experience and I would encourage anyone who has the slightest interest to contact your state president to get the process started.

We have 13 affiliated states and 1,464 members for 2023. We are small but mighty. I love hearing how FCE has made a difference in a member's life.

I have appointed a Future of FCE committee and it recently met ~ the 3 areas of concern they are addressing are Membership, Finances and Sustainability of FCE. They will have a session at the Annual Conference to share what they have learned.

Mid-Year Zoom Meeting ~ The board coordinators have put the final touches on their Hearth Fires and FCL Lessons. Learn more about this at our Mid-Year Meeting. We will also share information about ACWW. Connie Larrington will present the main lesson "Food Waste, A World in Crisis." This is part of ACWW's Strategy for 2022 to 2026. ACWW and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations will advocate for the importance of family farming, women's land rights, indigenous seed protection, food security and food sovereignty.

There is no charge for the Mid-Year Zoom meeting but it is not without costs. Thanks to Scott Teeples we are able to have zoom meetings. He does not charge FCE for helping us out. But there is a cost. This quote says it best: "Nothing is free in this life. If it's not costing money, it's costing something else. If you got it for free, someone paid for it. Nothing is free."

Please note that Daylight Savings Times starts on Sunday March 12 ~ our Mid-Year Zoom meeting times will be Central Daylight Savings Time ~ 1 pm and 7 pm ~ Don't be late!!!

We thank each member that contributed or helped in any way to build up FCE. As we end the month of Valentine's I send Love to each of you from myself and the board.

Judy Fullmer, NAFCE President

Enclosed with this FLASH
Mid-Year Registration form
Mid-Year Agenda/Schedule
ACWW Report from US Area President Bonnie Teeples