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The Spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ is the life of the Christian Church. The Girls' Friendly Society, as a Church organization, is a channel through which that Spirit may flow out into the life of the girlhood of the country, and The Girls' Friendly Society recognizes this as its sole reason for being.

The object of the program making may be defined as the development of Spiritual Health:

Spiritual Health in the girl and young  
woman

and

Spiritual Health in the social consciousness  
of the parish, the community, the diocese,  
the nation, and the world.

As the attainment of spiritual health demands the development of all our powers, physical, mental, and spiritual, the G. F. S. makes its program threefold.

Physical		Recreation
Mental		Education
Spiritual	Indwelling—	Religion,
	personal relationship to	God.
	Outgoing	Service

That the Society may the better accomplish this, the three-fold program is bound together by

Friendship . . . Individual, personal,  
friendship  
Outgoing, social,  
friendship

It regards both of these as necessary and of equal importance in maintaining the spiritual health of the individual and the relationship of that individual to society.

The Girls' Friendly Society endeavors to visualize the girl and young woman in the needs of her daily life, both personal and social, and to provide a program which satisfies those needs.

It recognizes its definite place in the organized life of the Church and aims, by co-operation with other Church societies and by initiative, to enrich the life and extend the influence of the Church.

It recognizes that it must share in the responsibility for the Christianizing of the social consciousness.

It binds the Society together by a unified policy and action in program making, such

policy and action being suggestive and not compulsory. It gives definite and concrete modes of procedure by providing actual programs.

It endeavors to have this program material in such shape and of such diversity as to meet the need of the individual units of the G.F.S.

Through this material it endeavors to develop and express the spiritual aim in such a way that the G.F.S. may take its place among other Church organizations as an instrument by which the Church may further keep faith with the girlhood of the country. The program used for this purpose must, both from the intellectual and technical standpoint, be of such quality as to give the Society its right standing and power among other social agencies.

The program should bring, before the whole country yearly a few topics, varying with the need, which require immediate and universal attention and suggest other topics which are of particular value, interest and importance to girls and young women, and to society as it effects them.

This material must be kept up to date and should be suitable for Branch units in the parish, College Units, Training Classes for leaders and Summer Conference work.

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## THE PURPOSE OF THE GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY

The Girls' Friendly Society is an organization of the Church which exists to unite women and girls in a fellowship of prayer and service for the upholding of the highest standards of Christian womanhood.

It endeavors to reach every girl, at as early an age as possible, that she may be led to pledge herself to strive for the best things in life, spiritual, intellectual, physical and social; and to help her to attain them.

It studies conditions in which girls live, work and play, and tries, as far as it is able, to improve them, and to safeguard the whole girl-life of the community.