The US Grail Year in Review 2025

Grail members advanced the Grail mission goals as individuals and small circles, in over 100 communities in 27 states and 4 countries, as part of national and international Grail actions.
In 2025, Grail members:

- **Gathered to look to the Grail's future at the 2025 General Assembly, members ask: "What ails thee?" to discern how The Grail must evolve to meet the future.**
- **Met regularly to focus on: Becoming an Anti-Racist Institution, Climate Action, Sustainable Community Building, and Deepening Spirituality.**
- **Hosted young women from 9 Grail countries to attend the United Nations (UN) Commission on the Status of Women (CSW). Participants: offered a panel on education and gender-based violence, held a Sacred Activism event, and hosted young women at the Bronx Grail Center.**
- **Presented a multinational panel event at the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII).**
- **Financially supported the Point-au-Chien Indian tribe (PACIT) in Louisiana struggling to rebuild from Hurricane Ida and led a 2-day strategic planning workshop on: building more homes, restoring fishing, gaining access to clean water & health care, and strengthening community resilience.**
- **Granted financial resources to Grail countries supporting Grail projects in Uganda, Tanzania, Philippines, Mexico, and South Africa.**
- **Brought community together at the Bronx Grail House for programs, and created the land community based Bronx Bloom Group.**

Member-led activities online and in person to negate geographic limitations, strengthen community, restore minds, bodies, and souls, and create safe spaces for women to share and be their authentic selves:

  - **Held three Liturgical Ritual Events for spiritual connection: Spring Ritual, All Saints Day/The Grail's Birthday, and Advent Reflection.**
  - **Led public Nature Walks to appreciate the seasonal beauty: Spring Wildflower Walk and Firefly Walk.**
  - **Explored climate solutions that empower women and girls with joint hybrid programs at Grailville and the Bronx.**
  - **Hosted two Mujeres del Grail day-retreats for local Spanish-speaking immigrant women for a day of renewal and community to connect with their roots and discuss how they can contribute to their communities.**
  - **Launched the Women Working Series, with 4 events celebrating the transformative power women have in shaping our communities and the world through music, science, home, and spirituality.**

- **Continued the 2nd year of the Land Justice Futures (LJF) cohort learning to turn land justice for Indigenous and Black communities concepts into action.**

- Assessed the health of the soil at both Grail properties (Loveland, OH and Cornwall-on-Hudson, NY) for potential future uses and best care practices.
- Reviewed energy sources at both Grail properties and researched green ways to operate and manage 8 mostly pre-1900 buildings to the highest environmental standards possible.

In addition, The Grail:

- Held Monthly volunteer Habitat Restoration days to remove invasive plants from Grailville, in Ohio, to be replaced with organically grown native plants propagated in the new greenhouse in a 7-10-year effort to restore 75 acres.
- Piloted two Summer Internship projects: 1. Exploring Grail web-based game for girls grades 5-8, and 2. Mission Frogman 3rd-space activity for young adults. These will be expanded and tested in 2026, with a third Summer Internship project, Composting Across Ohio, developed to introduce the Johnson-Su composting method at county fairs.

In 2025, the CREW—a workforce development and leadership initiative for young women ages 14-22— had 21 participants from 4 counties in Ohio

- Met with local women for weekly sessions on topics like: Invasive Plant Removal, Using Power Tools, Personal Finance, Writing and Poetry, and Using Your Voice.
- Expanded leadership activities with weekly discussions on taking ownership, trying new things, making mistakes, supporting each other, speaking up, being mindful, and embracing difference. Added end-of-day reflections to ask questions, and process their experience.
- Completed one Summer Internship with a final project that created a “third space” activity for young adults.
- Launched the first Grail Girls Leadership Program pilot for grades 9-11 in Spring 2025. 10 girls completed group projects to help their community and virtual education sessions on self-discovery, growth, and civic involvement.

- Aiken New Tech High School created a Hygiene Cart to provide education and hygiene supplies to students.
- Grailville Group created an invasive plant identification resource for volunteers.
- The Fall 2025/Spring 2026 group chose a project to help teens with mental health and drug use problems.

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