

Feed my sheep...

Presbyterian Women, responding to Christ's call



a message

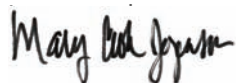
from Presbyterian Women moderator Mary Cook Jorgenson

Dear Presbyterian Women,

During the early days after the resurrection, Jesus' disciples were understandably tired and aggrieved and adrift. That may be why some of them trudged to their boat to do what they'd always done—fish. Hungry and frustrated that they couldn't even manage to do that right, they did not recognize that the stranger standing before them on the beach was Jesus. "Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it because there were so many fish" (Jn. 21:5–6). Jesus' followers recognized Jesus in the abundance that he provided for them, an abundance of fish from the sea. Jesus fed the disciples (literally and figuratively!) and gave them clear instructions to express their love for him by doing the same for others—feeding and "tending my sheep" (Jn. 21:16).

As Presbyterian Women, we make it our business to feed and tend Jesus' sheep. In fact, even before we had the right to vote or could aspire to leadership in the church, Presbyterian women found ways to work together to make a positive difference in the world. We taught reading and job skills to people who were impoverished and marginalized, founded and funded hospitals, and widely shared Christ's abundance in countless ways. And we continue to tend and feed Jesus' sheep; during this triennium (and in future triennia!) we do this in spite of having "to do a new thing" (Isa. 43:19) in response to changes in our homes, denomination and PW organization. Who among us hasn't experienced a twinge of nostalgia for bygone days that seemed more manageable from a backward glance? But as women of faith, we trust that God is at work in the world and we trust that God's abundance is always available to the faithful who follow Christ by tending the sheep.

This report highlights some of PW's work in the world (tending Christ's sheep!) during the 2012–2015 triennium. But this report just hints at the abundance PW has shared during these 1,095 days. As we look forward to the new triennium, we can trust that in just about every region of this beautiful planet, Presbyterian Women is praying, teaching, feeding, tending, caring and sharing.



Mary Cook Jorgenson, moderator
2012–2015 PW Churchwide Coordinating Team



Moderator Mary Cook Jorgenson makes a new friend at the Asian Christian Women's Conference—where *Shanti Means Peace*, a children's book that tells the story of the Fellowship of the Least Coin (FLC) was launched—in Tagatay, Philippines, October 2014. FLC is one of the international ecumenical organizations in partnership with Presbyterian Women in the PC(USA).

For more information about *Shanti Means Peace*, see page 2.



who are Presbyterian Women?



At the close of the 2014 Global Exchange to the Caribbean, a commissioning service on the shores of Jamaica charged participants to share their growth with others. During the Exchange, 21 women from the U.S. traveled with four women from Caribbean countries to visit Curaçao, Dominican Republic, Jamaica, and Guyana, to learn about the region, its history and its people. Isaiah 11:11, “visions of hope in the islands of the sea,” guided the women on their journeys of new understanding, transformation and prayer.

❖ **Presbyterian Women, Inc.**

Presbyterian Women in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Inc., is the women’s organization of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A). It is also known as Presbyterian Women or PW. There have been women’s organizations in the Presbyterian Church for more than 200 years.

❖ **Presbyterian Women**

Through PW, Presbyterian women engage in Christ’s mission in the United States and around the world. Guided by a shared Purpose, the programming and resource options for PW offer a variety of ways to live faithfully in an inclusive, caring community.

❖ **PW Circles**

PW is a national organization with international reach, but its foundation consists of PW circles in congregations. Circles take various forms—squares, triangles, rhomboids—depending on the needs and choices of women in the congregations. PW is flexible! Groups meet in fellowship halls, over coffee, in homes and restaurants. All Presbyterians are welcome, there are even men in some groups.

❖ **PW Presence**

The work and life of Presbyterian Women cannot easily be quantified, even in a three-year period. The reach of the organization is often intangible. This report provides a glimpse—these pages lift up the work of PW, but cannot capture the full depth and breadth of PW’s work and witness, mission and ministry. Like a faithful shepherd, Presbyterian Women “tends Jesus’ sheep” with passion, dedication and unbounded energy. PW is here for the community, the church, the world and for you.

❖ **PW Celebration Giving: Celebrating Generosity**

Celebration Giving is the giving and funding program of Presbyterian Women. The five components are woven throughout all PW initiatives.

1. **Celebration of Mission Through Women’s Pledges (Mission Pledge)**

The Mission Pledge is PW’s annual fund, which undergirds the work of the organization.

2. **Celebration of Creative Ministries**

The Birthday and Thank Offerings are received each year to fund mission projects.

3. **Celebration of Believers**

Several programs honor commitments to PW and/or the PC(USA), including Honorary Life Memberships, memorial and recognition gifts, the PW leadership endowment fund and Widening the Circle. Funds support leadership development.

4. **Celebration of Christian Community**

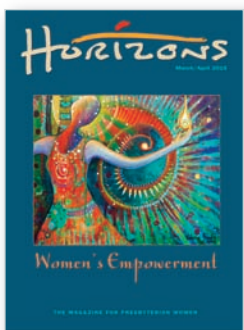
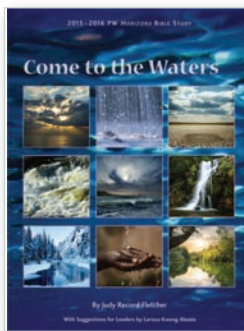
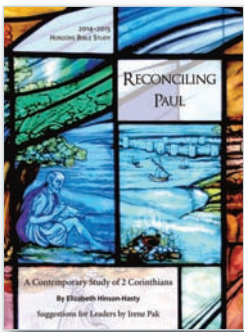
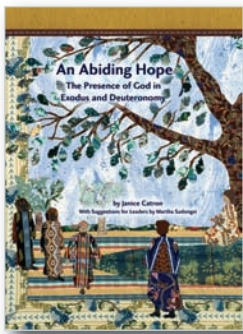
Presbyterian Women builds community through ecumenical partnerships, including World Day of Prayer and Fellowship of the Least Coin.

5. **Together in Service**

In addition to monetary gifts and prayer, PW’s Together in Service program encourages women to use their many talents to respond to the needs of the world through hands-on mission service.



nurturing our faith



As Presbyterian Women, we live our Purpose every day by nurturing our faith through prayer and Bible study. We produce resources and publications, participate in circles that do Bible study, participate in ecumenical prayer movements, and produce resources that enrich the lives of Presbyterian Women and our sisters in faith around the world.

❖ Publishing Mission

As an organization, Presbyterian Women has supported a publishing mission that started in 1871 and continues today. **Highlights of this triennium include**

Annual PW/*Horizons* Bible studies

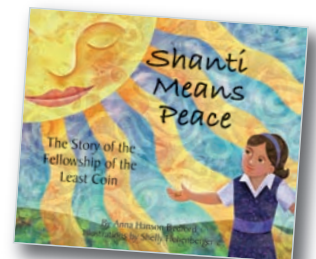
- 2012–2013, *An Abiding Hope: The Presence of God in Exodus and Deuteronomy*, by Janice Catron with Suggestions for Leaders by Martha Sadongei
- 2013–2014, *Reconciling Paul: A Contemporary Study of 2 Corinthians*, by Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty with Suggestions for Leaders by Irene Pak
- 2015–2016, *Come to the Waters*, by Judy Record Fletcher with Suggestions for Leaders by Larissa Kwong Abazia

Horizons magazine

- A digital edition of the magazine was made available for *Horizons* subscribers in 2012
- Eighteen issues were published in this triennium, dealing with topics from spirituality and health to caregiving and ending violence against women. Back issues of the magazine are available; visit the *Horizons* website, www.presbyterianwomen.org/horizons, for a complete list of themes and for ordering information. See page 13 of this report for *Horizons* subscription information.

❖ Celebration Giving: Christian Community

In addition to supporting affiliations and ecumenical partnerships of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Presbyterian Women works in partnership with various secular and faith-based organizations on issues of faith and social justice. PW's partnerships include World Day of Prayer, Fellowship of the Least Coin, Bread for the World and Heifer International. During this triennium, in partnership with the International Committee of the Fellowship of the Least Coin (ICFLC), Anna Bedford wrote, and PW produced and published, an award-winning children's book, *Shanti Means Peace: The Story of the Fellowship of the Least Coin*. This beautifully illustrated book, launched at the 2014 Asian Christian Women's Conference in Tagatay, Philippines, is now available throughout the world! See page 13 for ordering information.





supporting mission

Mission is at the heart of Presbyterian Women. From the earliest days of the church to this very day, PW has transformed lives and given hope to the world's most vulnerable, often women and children. Hospitals, hospices, schools and recreation centers are serving communities today because of the care of Presbyterian Women. And because of the generous hearts of Presbyterian Women, even more life-transforming work is possible. **During this triennium, PW supported mission through:**

❖ Celebration Giving: Together in Service

Together in Service (TIS) is the hands-on mission program of Presbyterian Women. Through TIS, Presbyterian women share ideas for a whole range of projects—from sewing for children in Africa and selling fair-trade coffee at church events to putting together health and hygiene kits for flood victims. For figures on giving to TIS, see page 7.

❖ Mission Matters Blog

During this triennium, the Mission Matters blog was born! Visit <http://pwpcusa.typepad.com/pwmm/> for insights and updates on PW Mission Matters!

❖ One Heart, One Love, One Community: The Global Exchange

During the Exchange, 21 women from the U.S. traveled with four women from Caribbean countries to visit Curaçao, Dominican Republic, Jamaica and Guyana to learn about the region. The group's focus, "visions of hope in the islands of the sea," was based on Isaiah 11:11. For a full report of the Global Exchange, see the January/February 2015 issue of *Horizons* magazine.

❖ Unto These Hills: The USA Mission Experience (USAME)

Women from 15 of the 16 synods journeyed to Appalachian regions in western North Carolina and eastern Tennessee for the USA Mission Experience. The group was guided by the scripture, "I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth" (Ps. 121:1–2, RSV). For a full report of the USAME, see the September/October 2013 issue of *Horizons* magazine. See page 7 for a list of mission initiatives.

❖ Brethren Service Center

In 2014, seven women participated in the first Brethren Service Center mission experience. The Brethren Service Center, owned and operated by the Church of the Brethren, houses organizations that work in areas of relief and development, disaster response, social justice, peace education and hospitality, including Church World Service. During this experience, participants assisted Serrv and learned about the work of the Center.

❖ Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Partnerships

Twenty-two women participated in the PW/Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) mission trip in August 2014 to Jamaica, New York, to assist with community rebuilding after Hurricane Sandy. Acknowledging PW's steady presence in disaster recover work, PDA invited PW to become trainers for disaster preparedness (see p. 9).



The Global Exchange to the Caribbean "gave me the ability and knowledge to explore serious matters in the everyday life of the countries we visited and build a connection with the victims of and people who work to prevent human trafficking and violence against women and children."

—Bevin Snyder, Global Exchange participant,
Synod of Lincoln Trails



supporting mission



Photo courtesy of Times Record News, Wichita Falls, TX

Mary Ferris, PC(USA) mission co-worker in Tulcea, Romania, gives a baby much-needed human interaction in a Romanian orphanage.

“PC(USA) partner NOROC (New Opportunities for Romanian Orphaned Children) in Tulcea, Romania, is planning to break ground on a new recreation center, funded by a PW Birthday Offering. Thanks to PW, even before the rec center opens its doors, the purchase of the property has served as a fresh-air getaway for more than 400 orphaned, abandoned, abused or otherwise at-risk children living in the state institutions of Tulcea County, Romania. Thank you to all who made the Birthday Offering gift possible!”

—Elizabeth Searles, Tulcea, Romania, partnered with NOROC, Inc., PC(USA) mission co-worker and Global Ministries mission associate (UCC and DOC)

❖ South Sudan

PW national representatives visited church partners, mission projects and Offering recipients in South Sudan twice during this triennium, learning about the great hopes of the church for healing and reconciliation in that war-torn nation, not even a year old at the beginning of this triennium.

❖ Collaboration

PW partners with other PC(USA) entities and ecumenical groups on national and international projects. **In 2012–2015 triennium, initiatives included:**

Healthy Women Healthy Families

Presbyterian Women supports the PC(USA)’s Healthy Women Healthy Families program through gifts and by collecting donations for Mothers’ Day cards. Healthy Women Healthy Families supports initiatives of PC(USA) partner churches in other parts of the world that promote the health, education and development of women and children.

Bread for the World’s Women of Faith for the 1,000 Days Campaign

Did you know that the 1,000 days between a woman’s pregnancy and a child’s second birthday greatly impact the child’s future? Proper nutrition for pregnant women and children during that period significantly improves a child’s mental capacity and physical development. To raise awareness of this crucial 1,000-day period, women of faith are pledging to hold 1,000 conversations about maternal and child nutrition. Presbyterian Women’s Churchwide Coordinating Team has voted to support this Bread for the World-sponsored campaign. Visit www.bread.org/hunger/maternal-child-nutrition/women-of-faith-for-the-1000.html.

Living Waters for the World

In 2013 and 2014, PW collaborated with Living Waters for the World (LWW), a 2007 Birthday Offering recipient, to raise funds through the creation and distribution of Christmas music CDs. LWW, a mission resource of the Synod of Living Waters, teaches volunteers to empower local leaders to build and operate clean water systems and provide health education to their communities. Proceeds from the sale of the CDs were split between LWW’s mission and PW’s Birthday Offering.

Celebration Giving: Creative Ministries Offerings

Two special offerings—the Birthday and Thank Offerings—fund projects that improve the lives of marginalized people. For information on gifts to these two offerings in this triennium, see page 7.

“The 2015 Thank Offering grant awarded to Ruth’s Blessings will allow us to continue to be a blessing by serving the unmet needs of individuals and families in our community over the next three years through the distribution of cleaning supplies and personal hygiene items that cannot be purchased with food stamps or any other assistance program. The grant will also enable us to build on this foundation through fundraisers, personal contributions and donations in honor or memory of a loved one.”

—Presbyterian Women, First Presbyterian Church, Greeneville, Tennessee



working for justice and peace

Presbyterian Women takes seriously the call to ensure that all can thrive in God's abundance. PW confronts obstacles to wholeness for all and issues of justice and peace that disproportionately impact people who are poor and vulnerable. In 2012–2015 PW addressed issues such as fair wages for farmworkers, violence against women and children, human trafficking, hunger, maternal and child health, racial and gender justice and gun violence.

❖ Together in Action Days

During this triennium, Together in Action Days (an annual PW initiative) focused on Human Trafficking Awareness Day, January 11. This one-day observance expanded to a week-long observance beginning in 2015.

❖ CEDAW

PW continues to promote U.S. ratification of the Convention for the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) with a postcard campaign and information shared through PW communication tools and events. (See page 13 for postcard information.) It also encourages women to join the Cities for CEDAW movement, starting or joining coalitions in their respective cities.

❖ Gun Violence Workshop

During the PC(USA)'s 2013 Big Tent event, PW sponsored a workshop on gun violence in partnership with Heeding God's Call, a faith-based movement to end gun violence.

❖ Human Trafficking Roundtable (with PC(USA) partners)

PW sits on the PC(USA)'s roundtable and developed resources for joint use.

❖ UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)

Presbyterian Women continues to participate annually in the UN Commission on the Status of Women in partnership with the PC(USA)'s UN Office. In 2015, 27 Presbyterian women attended. Also in 2015, PW applied for consultative status with the **Economic and Social Council of the UN**. This status will allow PW access to the Council and other UN entities. PW participates in **UNite to End Violence Against Women**, a UN program that has designated the 25th of every month as Orange Day, a day to wear orange to raise awareness of and work for an end to violence against women and girls. See page 13 for information on PW orange polos.

❖ Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW)

PW joined the Coalition of Immokalee Workers for their Now Is the Time tour to put pressure on Wendy's and Publix Supermarkets to join CIW's Fair Food Program.



Advocates witness Georgia Governor Nathan Deal's signing of Rachel's Law (Senate Bill 8) Tuesday, May 5, 2015 at the Georgia State Capitol. Rachel's Law is a Safe Harbor law that extends protection and services to human trafficking victims. Sheila Louder, PW Churchwide vice moderator for justice and peace, pictured third from left in the second row behind the governor, said, "It took six years to get this bill passed." Rachel, for whom the law is named, is a trafficking survivor who has been accompanied on her healing journey by Living Water for Girls, a 2012 Birthday Offering recipient. She is standing in the first row behind the governor, far right.

The 2015 PW Justice and Peace calendar is available on the PW website, www.presbyterianwomen.org/justice.



Mark Koenig

"Attending CSW has been overwhelming and inspiring. Overwhelming: Violence against women and girls globally is difficult and painful to hear and grasp; gender equality is STILL an issue even in the United States. Inspiring: There are so many strong women doing extraordinary things to bring the issues to the forefront and who are striving to turn our words into actions! Also, recognizing that everyone can do something to make a difference. We just can't stop advocating for women's rights, which are also human rights!"

—Pam Snyder, vice moderator for mission relationships



building community



A lovely batik dress was inspected by Nadine Hill (left) and Marvella Lambright on behalf of Serrv during the Brethren Service Center trip.

Community is central to Jesus' teachings and to Presbyterian Women. "We are baptized into one body" (1 Cor. 12:13). **New efforts during this triennium include:**

❖ Antiracism Initiative

Among ongoing efforts, the national Antiracism Committee pursued new avenues:

Social Media and Antiracism Resources

Manna for the March (blog), Twitter hashtags and a closed and monitored Facebook group, Racial Justice Allies, were all launched in this triennium. The Antiracism Committee also began work on adult education/Sunday school and pastoral and liturgical resources on race, privilege and the church.

God's Radical Hospitality

In 2013, PW published *Practicing God's Radical Hospitality: Exploring Difference, Change and Leadership Through the Spiritual Discipline of Hospitality* by Teresa Chávez Saucedo. This resource helps leaders and small groups develop skills for promoting transformative change by welcoming and honoring difference. See page 13 for more information.

❖ Celebration Giving: Christian Community

Presbyterian Women remains in partnership with racial ethnic women's organizations: National Asian Presbyterian Women, National Black Presbyterian Women, National Hispanic/Latin Presbyterian Women, National Korean Presbyterian Women, Middle Eastern American Presbyterian Women and Native American Presbyterian Women. PW also partners with PC(USA) young women's groups and the women's organization of the Church of North India. In this triennium, PW signed memorandums of understanding with three immigrant Presbyterian women's groups: Kenyan, Cameroonian and Ghanain.

❖ 2012 Churchwide Gathering

The triennium launched with River of Hope, the 2012 Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women in Orlando, Florida! More than 2,000 women of faith came together to celebrate God's saving presence among us.

❖ Women of the Reformation Tours

PW participated in two Women of the Reformation Tours; participants visited historical sites related to the Reformation, with particular emphasis on women of the Reformation in Geneva, Switzerland, and Sommieres, France.



"Mary Jorgenson and I led three groups of Presbyterian Women on a tour of southern France and Geneva, Switzerland, in the footsteps of French-speaking Protestants who transformed the persecution they experienced because of their faith into a variety of social justice activities. We toured John Calvin's church, attended an outdoor worship service commemorating the years French Protestants practiced in secret, explored the French countryside, and visited the World Council of Churches."

—Hillary Mohaupt



sharing our gifts

❖ Celebration Giving: Creative Ministries

Birthday Offering

From August 1, 2012, through the 2015 PW Triennial Business Meeting, Birthday Offering grants were awarded to five recipients (four national, one international); the total amount granted was \$1,039,000 (2015 Birthday Offering gifts—that will fund one national and one international project—are currently being received at the time of this writing).

Thank Offering

From August 1, 2012, through the 2015 PW Triennial Business Meeting, 124 Thank Offering grants were awarded to 80 national and 44 international recipients; the total amount granted during this triennium was \$2,738,542.

❖ Celebration Giving: Celebration of Believers

Honorary Life and Memorial Gifts

From August 1, 2012, to December 31, 2014, \$297,862 was received to celebrate faithful women and men with Honorary Life Memberships and Memorial and Recognition gifts. These programs provide funding for Leadership Development Grants.

Leadership Development Grants and Scholarship Funding

During the 2012–2015 triennium, the Leadership Development Grant Committee awarded funding for 42 applicants amounting to \$86,725.

❖ Celebration Giving: Together In Service

- Congo Development Project: \$21,242
- International Medical Ministry: \$18,665
- Undesignated: \$13,901
- Roma Development Project: \$250

❖ Mission Initiatives from USAME and Global Exchange

- Sunset Gap, Tennessee: \$2,020
- On Eagle's Wings, North Carolina: \$4,721
- Arunima AIDS Clinic, Kolkata, India: \$8,872
- Women's Development Fund, Presbyterian Church of India, Shillong, India: \$53,059

❖ Celebration Giving Webinars

In this triennium, the PW Board of Directors began hosting Celebration Giving webinars. The webinars support the work of Celebration Giving representatives at the presbytery and synod level and provide information for those interested in learning more about PW's programs.

For information on PW's Creative Ministries Offering program, visit www.presbyterianwomen.org/giving.



"The USAME trip to Appalachia meant so much to me. Everything about me changed during and following the experience. I met people who needed our services. I found out that 100 years ago, women who were Presbyterians made a difference in the lives of needy families in Appalachia. My interest in human trafficking was piqued, so I became active on that issue in my local community. My presentation skills were improved during itineration. I stay in touch with the phenomenal Presbyterian women whom I met from all over the country. This is a great spiritual, leadership and relationship building experience."

—Marvella Lambright, USAME 2013

"Providing respectful, safe, meaningful services to our underserved population is the core of our mission. As a result of the Birthday Offering, Blue Corn Alliance is able to serve an increasing number of people who are victims of violence in real and tangible ways."

—Beverly J. Wilkins, Executive Director, Blue Corn Mother's Alliance, Albuquerque, New Mexico



developing leaders



Members of PW moderatorial teams from numerous triennia celebrated PW's witness at the 2012 Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women in Orlando, Florida.

“Women who have served at the churchwide level have a wealth of knowledge and experience to share with other Presbyterian Women throughout our denomination. It is hoped that the PW Alumnae Network will be a way for Churchwide Coordinating Team, Global Exchange and USA Mission Experience veterans to continue to serve by helping others who need help, particularly when starting in new PW leadership positions. By contacting the national PW office, the network will be a starting point where local PW groups can reach out for resource assistance such as for speakers, workshop leaders, or telephone or email support from women who are experienced in all levels of PW mission opportunities and programs.”

—Jayne Sneed, chair,
Leadership Enhancement Committee,
Churchwide Coordinating Team

For Presbyterian women, developing leaders is fundamental to having the skills necessary to serve Christ in the world. **During the 2012–2015 triennium:**

❖ **Presbyterian Women Lead the Way**

The Leadership Enhancement Committee (LEC), in response to many voices requesting practical help to carry out the Purpose of PW in their local congregations, developed a new “go to” place on the web for women looking for best practices in leadership, mission opportunities and more. This blog, *Presbyterian Women Lead the Way*, debuts at the 2015 Churchwide Gathering. It features stories about women’s leadership, mission programs started by PW, and more.

❖ **Demographic Study of Presbyterian Women**

During this triennium, LEC, in cooperation with PW’s Antiracism Committee, completed the triennial Demographic Study of Presbyterian Women.

❖ **Intergenerational Dialogues**

LEC organized and hosted several intergenerational dialogues during this triennium, including at the UN Commission on the Status of Women in 2013 and 2014 and at the PC(USA) Big Tent in 2013.

❖ **Alumnae Network**

The 2015 Gathering also marks the beginning of the Churchwide Alumnae Network of PW for women who have served in prior leadership roles on the Churchwide Coordinating Team (CCT) or as part of a Global Exchange or USA Mission Experience. The vision is for women who make up this network to serve as resources, mentors and speakers. Are you an alum interested in joining? Contact the PW office in Louisville, 844/797-2872, extension 8015.

❖ **PW Manual Revisions**

The *PW Manual*, the organization’s structural and operational guide, is under revision and will be available in late summer 2015. The revised manual will provide updated PC(USA) and PW information, and will reflect the current needs of this flexible and dynamic organization. See page 13 for more information.

❖ **Bible Study Leaders**

To deepen women’s engagement with the *PW Horizons* Bible studies made available during this triennium, Bible study helps—companion DVDs with video introduction to each lesson of the study, workshops, supplemental information in *Horizons* magazines, coloring pages, blogs and more—were made available.

❖ **Task Group on PW Leadership**

During the 2012 PW Triennial Business Meeting, voting representatives asked that a task group be formed to make recommendations concerning PW groups in churches seeking dismissal from the PC(USA). The task group determined that PW leaders must be members of PC(USA) churches, except in the case of congregations, where two-thirds of the leaders must be PC(USA) members. See the PW website for a full report.



strengthening the PC(USA)

PW supports the mission and ministry of the PC(USA) in many ways—supporting mission co-workers, serving on committees in congregations, participating in the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, serving on General Assembly committees, serving on interoffice program teams, participating in churchwide programs like “Courageous Conversations,” and much, much more—at every level. PW and the Presbyterian Mission Agency are bound together in a covenantal agreement, as PW and PMA have “a long-standing partnership based upon shared beliefs, and complementary visions and commitments, common history and a relationship of mutual respect and cooperation.” **During this triennium, PW partnered with the PC(USA) in new and ongoing ministries.**

- A new partnership between **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** and Presbyterian Women provides training for women in the congregation so they can serve their congregations and churches with disaster assistance readiness and information.
- The PW national moderator serves on the **Presbyterian Mission Agency Board**. In this triennium, she served on the Executive Committee.
- PW sits on the Ending Violence Against Women roundtable and is helping launch the “Courageous Conversations” initiative to end sexual violence in our communities.
- The PW vice moderator for justice and peace serves on the **Advocacy Committee for Women’s Concerns (ACWC)**.
- PW partnered with Presbyterian Health Education and Welfare Association (PHEWA) and Presbyterians Against Domestic Violence Network (PADVN) to produce *Men in the Mirror: Orienting Our Lives to a Christ-Centered Masculinity*, a free resource available on the PC(USA) website for men to explore healthy relationships. See page 13 for more information.
- A **joint publishing mission** by *Horizons* magazine, *Presbyterians Today* and *Unbound: An Interactive Journal of Christian Social Justice*, gave voice to the millennial generation and the justice issues that they face. All three periodicals were developed, written and edited by mostly young adults. Read their articles in the May/June 2014 issue of *Horizons*.
- Presbyterian Women partnered with **Presbyterian Men** around justice and peace issues, including human trafficking.
- Presbyterian Women and Presbyterian World Mission created free prayer and study guides in commemoration of the **International Day of the Roma** (April).
- A historical sharing of priorities can be seen in the publication, *The Mission Yearbook for Prayer & Study*, which was first published as a simple calendar of prayer in 1892 by the Women’s Executive Committee for Home Mission. The *Mission Yearbook for Prayer & Study* has been published continually since these early days, and enjoys the longest history of any denominational book of its kind in the United States.

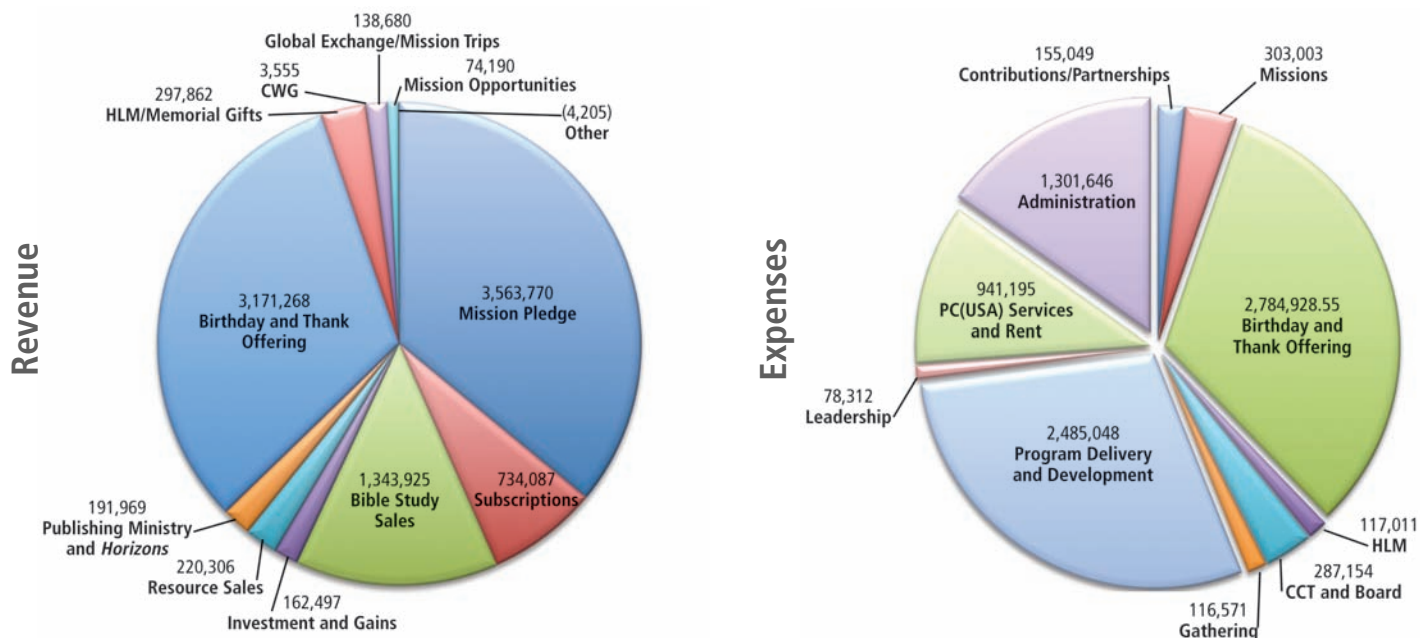


“After years and years of committee work (which has its own appeal!), I loved the hands-on aspect of working with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. My husband and I took our trailer to the PDA camp at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Gulfport, Mississippi for extended periods for several winters. We worked with a group of college students on a spring vacation mission trip. Together, we mudded, sanded and finally began to paint a new house. I was always impressed at how eager every PDA volunteer was to help. They paid their way to get to Mississippi, paid for food and other expenses, then had a great time helping build houses for those who lost their homes to Katrina.”

Carol Hylkema, 1997–2000 PW vice moderator for mission relationships and chair of the Churchwide Gathering in 2000

Making Your Money Work for Mission and Ministry

The stories and testimonials in the previous pages emerged because of the generosity of Presbyterian Women. The financial information reported below and on the next page demonstrates in another way that PW's ministry to "tend Christ's sheep" remains steady and strong. As the dawn of the new triennium approaches, Presbyterian Women will undoubtedly engage in mission and ministry the PW way. We will be in community, tending Christ's sheep. We will be found in circles, bringing relief to women and children in crisis, leading Bible study and food banks, spearheading justice campaigns and funding wells in parched lands.



Statement of Activities for August 1, 2012 to December 31, 2014

Revenue, Gains and Other Support	Unrestricted Undesignated	Unrestricted Designated	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
	Program				
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual
Mission Pledges	3,563,770				3,563,770
Subscriptions	734,087				734,087
Bible Study Sales	1,343,925				1,343,925
Investment Interest Income	25,815		3,100		28,915
Gains (Loss) on Investments				133,582	133,582
Resource Sales	64,323	155,983			220,306
Publishing Ministry	72,174				72,174
Horizon Donations	119,795				119,795
Birthday Offering			1,453,557		1,453,557
Thank Offering			1,717,711		1,717,711
Honorary Life Membership		286,944			286,944
Memorial Recognition		10,918			10,918
Churchwide Gathering	3,555				3,555
Global Exchange		134,180			134,180
Mission Work Trips		4,500			4,500
Mission Opportunities		74,190			74,190
Other	(4,657)	452			(4,205)
TOTAL	5,922,787	667,168	3,174,368	133,582	9,897,905

Statement of Activities for August 1, 2012 to December 31, 2014

Expenses	Unrestricted Undesignated	Unrestricted Designated	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual
Contributions					
PCUSA Mission Unrestricted	145,000				145,000
PCUSA Services and Rent	849,472				849,472
PCUSA Insurance	7,633				7,633
PCUSA Mission Partnership	9,946				9,946
Ecumenical Ministry	103				103
Sub-total Contributions	1,012,154				1,012,154
Program					
Leadership Training	36,677				36,677
Resource Production	34,008				34,008
Advocacy and Mission	5,165				5,165
Global Exchange		139,738			139,738
US Mission	195				195
Conference participation	2,462				2,462
Elected Leaders Travel	28,459				28,459
Rep Supplement Travel	964				964
PW Presence	28,705				28,705
Search Committee	16,955				16,955
Voting Representatives	3,784				3,784
Churchwide Gathering	116,571				116,571
Thank Offering Grants			1,406,589		1,406,589
Thank Offering Grant (rescinded projects)			(47,780)		(47,780)
Birthday Offering Grants			830,000		830,000
Honorary Life Membership (Cel Believe Gnt)		47,210			47,210
Mission Work Trips		4,269			4,269
Mission Opportunities		131,380			131,380
Other (Desig) opglx, racethdia, sem grnt	27,616				27,616
Sub-total Program	301,561	322,597	2,188,809		2,812,967
Administration and Other					
C C T	208,287				208,287
Personnel	2,865,929	68,969	238,525		3,173,423
General Administration	150,790	(7,438)	193,012		336,364
PW CD expenses		81,438			81,438
Travel	122,332	832	19,037		142,202
Distribution	313,832		1,707		315,540
Public Relations & Marketing	88,643				88,643
Magazine	244,111				244,111
Bible Study	70,700				70,700
Insurance - Directors & Officers	53,449				53,449
Audit & Legal	30,641				30,641
Sub-total Admin & Other	4,148,714	143,801	452,282		4,744,798
Total Expenses	5,462,429	466,398	2,641,090		8,569,918
Change in Net Assets	460,358	200,769	533,278	133,582	1,327,987
Net Assets Beginning of Year	1,012,242	821,316	1,270,092	945,030	4,048,680
Net Assets End of Year	1,472,600	1,022,085	1,803,370	1,078,612	5,376,667



connect with PW



“The Birthday Offering has been a real blessing for Westminster Neighborhood Ministries. With the grant, we have been able to build an adult education center and computer lab in our new Family and Adult Services Center. This new space has enabled us to offer cooking classes that provide a gathering place and community building among our neighbors. We have high school equivalency programming starting next week. The computer lab has provided opportunity for neighbors to seek employment and develop resumé’s. The Birthday Offering grant has enabled Westminster to take great strides toward our vision of transformation in our neighborhood.”

—Paula Ziegler, Chief Advancement Officer,
Westminster Neighborhood Ministries

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resources

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❖ PW Resources Mentioned in This Report

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- *Practicing God's Radical Hospitality*, PWR13060, \$9.
- PW/CEDAW Postcards (10 pkg), PWR11227, free
- *PW Manual*, PWR13116, \$6 (revised edition available late summer 2015).
- *Shanti Means Peace: The Story of the Fellowship of the Least Coin*, PWR14470, \$7.50.
- "Wear Orange" Polo Shirts, PWR13431 (in sizes small through 6x), item number PWR13439, \$28.

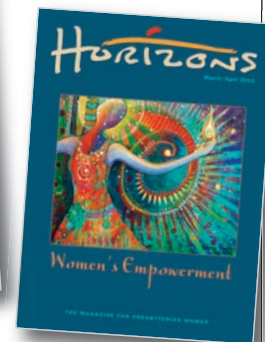
❖ Other Resources Mentioned

Men in the Mirror: Orienting Our Lives Toward a Christ-Centered Masculinity, free download from the Presbyterian Health Education and Welfare Association webpages, www.pcusa.org/phewa.

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- ❖ to work for justice and peace, and
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