

# 25 Programming Ideas to Celebrate 25 Years of Presbyterian Women

- 1 Go wild with blue and yellow! Decorate your meeting space with blue and yellow streamers, blue and yellow balloons, blue and yellow crepe paper flowers. Use yards of royal blue fabric to create a giant-sized version of the 25th anniversary ribbon logo.
- 2 Tell your own story of your church's involvement with PW. Share it with your circle, congregation, PWP and PWS historians, and the national office ([yvonne.hileman@pcusa.org](mailto:yvonne.hileman@pcusa.org)).
- 3 Find a photo (or photos) of your group's mission work, an event or a service and share it on PW's Facebook page. Share with the national office for the PW 25th anniversary Pinterest board.
- 4 Compile your own 25 best memories of PW. Create a journal, scrapbook or poster.
- 5 At a gathering or meeting, hand out yellow construction paper circles or stars and have everyone write their own memories of PW on their shapes. If each person adds her name, the shapes become name tags and can be worn on blue yarn around necks.
- 6 Decorate yourself to celebrate. Color your hair in blue and yellow highlights. Paint your fingernails in blue and yellow sparkly polish.
- 7 Write an essay about how PW has transformed you and/or your community, and send it to PW's national office ([yvonne.hileman@pcusa.org](mailto:yvonne.hileman@pcusa.org)) to post on PW's 25th anniversary blog (<http://pwp-cusa.typepad.com/pw25>).
- 8 Have fun with blue and yellow pipe cleaners. Thread big yellow buttons on blue pipe cleaners, wind up the pipe cleaners so that they're springy, and attach them to rigid headbands. Wear in your hair for a fun and silly look.
- 9 25th anniversaries are silver anniversaries! What can you do with silver gel or paint markers and blue and yellow paper? Calligraphy anyone?
- 10 Don't forget silver bells! Thread silver jingle bells on blue and yellow pipe cleaners and twist the ends together to make jingly bracelets.
- 11 Hold a PW birthday party. Bake a sheet cake (or cupcakes) and decorate it (or them) to celebrate the anniversary. Bring your festive jewelry and accompany yourselves when you sing "Happy Birthday!" Better than tambourines!
- 12 Get out silver tea sets and have tea parties.
- 13 Make a PW friend who is 25 years older or younger than you are.
- 14 Knit or crochet prayer shawls or scarves in your favorite yarn in blues and yellows. Pray together about who you know that could use a handmade hug, and give away your shawls and scarves.
- 15 If possible, take your celebrations to a friend who hasn't been able to come to you.
- 16 Send 25 postcards to 25 different PW friends. Fast to write and less expensive than letters to send!
- 17 Multiply 25 by 10, by 100, by 1,000, by . . . and collect that many coins to donate to the \$25-for-25 efforts.
- 18 Hold a prayer-a-thon. With your church, your presbytery, your synod PW groups, pray together for 25 straight hours or 25 straight days. You can pray all at once or each pray for an hour, relay-style. (If you have enough people praying, you won't have to wake up in the middle of the night every time your turn comes around.)
- 19 Create a time capsule for the next 25 years of PW. What do you want women in 2038 to know about PW in 2013?
- 20 Order and wear the PW 25th anniversary participation pin—(item PWR13405; \$4 each, or in a pack of five, item PWR13407 for \$15).\*
- 21 Order and display the PW 25th anniversary poster featuring the work of Presbyterian Women and a 25-year PW timeline (item PWR13410; free). An electronic copy of the timeline is available at [www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/pw/about-25years](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/pw/about-25years).\*
- 22 Order the updated *Amazing Heritage of Presbyterian Women* history exhibit kit (item PWR13137; \$20). Includes the *200 Years of Presbyterian Women* video on DVD!\*
- 23 Order the 25th anniversary magnetic bookmark with an abbreviated 25-year timeline (item PWR13411; \$.50 each).\*
- 24 Go to [www.presbyterianwomen.org](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org) to download the anniversary logo for your fliers, bulletin boards, banners and other anniversary items.
- 25 Tell us how you're celebrating 25 years of Presbyterian Women; call or email Yvonne Hileman with your ideas, 888/728-7228, ext. 5897, or [yvonne.hileman@pcusa.org](mailto:yvonne.hileman@pcusa.org).

\*Order through Presbyterian Distribution Service, 800/524-2612. Prices do not include shipping and handling.