

CCT Summary

Presbyterian Women in the PC(USA), Inc.



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How Did You Get Here?

Susan Skoglund, outgoing synod representative from Southern California/Hawaii, receives Communion from Gloria Chough, Korean American member at large, and Unzu Lee, PW staff, during closing worship. Kate Blume, young women's representative at large, and others wait. The CCT bid farewell and godspeed to Young Women representatives **Ruth-Aimee Belonni-Rosario**, REWYT, and **Virginia Hines**, NNPCW, as well as synod representatives **Mary Martin**, South Atlantic, **Heather Sigler**, Trinity, **Muriel Stephens**, Mid-America, and **Ana Camila Vazquez**, Puerto Rico. Newly elected CCT members will attend the fall meeting.

The CCT Prayerfully Plans for the Future

The CCT met March 15–17, 2013, in Louisville. The Creative Ministries Offering Committee, Bible Study and Communications Coordination committees met beforehand.

On the 16th, the Leadership Enhancement Committee provided a session on adaptive leadership facilitated by Mary Elva Smith.

After a brief plenary session, the Mission Relationships, Leadership Enhancement, and Justice and Peace committees met all day on March 16. Finance, Funds Development, Audit and Antiracism committees met around the

edges and during meals. Synod reps, racial ethnic members at large, and young women reps met the morning of the 17th.

During the business meeting March 17, the CCT heard committee reports and decided by consensus. Making the Case, a program evaluation tool, was presented. Gloria Chough led closing worship. An offering of \$3,828 was received for the PW Mission Pledge. In addition, CCT members and staff pledged \$4045 for 2013. CCT members have reached 84 percent participation in giving/pledging!

Adaptive Leadership

LEC sponsored a day of Adaptive Leadership Training during the meeting. Resources are available on the CCT Google site.

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Committee Highlights

CCT committees met before, during and after the meeting to discuss ongoing and future work. Find highlights inside.

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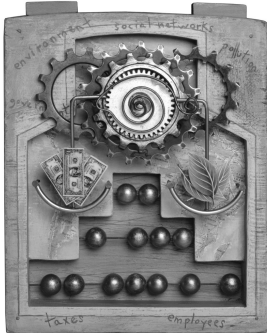
Giving Report

The Funds Development Committee provided current giving information.

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What's Coming Up?

Bible Study

2014–2015

2 Corinthians

Elizabeth Hinson Hasty

2015–2016

Water

Anitra Kitts

2016–2017

Who Is Jesus?

Christiane Hearlson

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Author to be determined

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Reformed Theology

March/April 14

Bible 301

Adaptive Leadership Training and Intergenerational Dialogue

The Leadership Enhancement Committee (LEC) sponsored a full-day **Adaptive Leadership** training for the CCT facilitated by Mary Elva Smith. Data gathered from the meeting will be shared with the CCT. Participants are encouraged to apply the skills and knowledge gained in their PW work and other leadership roles.

Participants engaged actively in conversation and appreciated the opportunity to interact outside their regular meetings and to think about leadership in new ways.

In conjunction with the **57th Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)** (see

p. 5) held at the UN in March, LEC sponsored an intergenerational dialogue, with 49 women participating. The group was divided into three generational cohort groupings. The discussion was linked to the theme of CSW, the elimination and prevention of all forms of violence against women and girls, providing the opportunity early in the week for participants to get to know each other and share their personal experiences. It was interesting and surprising to see the number of shared themes across all groups. See page 5 for more information on LEC.

Search Committee Seeks Nominations

Please check the PW website for CCT nomination forms and do your part for the leadership recruitment effort! The deadline for nominations is November 1, 2013.

The CCT voted to elect Gail Heimbeck, Synod of

Rocky Mountains, to fill the vacant Search Committee Western Region representative position, effective March 18, 2013. This vacancy was created when Rebecca Harrison moved out of the region.

36 Thank Offering Projects Funded

The Creative Ministries Offering Committee met March 14–15 in Louisville to review **57 Thank Offering** proposals of which 36 will be funded (27 in the U.S. and 9 international). Half of the projects are for health ministries. Projects focused on a range of basic needs—providing food or housing for the homeless, meeting food needs of families, providing legal services to immigrants or people seeking asylum, providing shelter/housing to veterans and victims of domestic violence. Total project funding from the 2012 Thank Offering is \$705,000. More funding information is available on p. 6.

Committee Highlights

One Heart, One Love—PW Global Exchange to the Caribbean

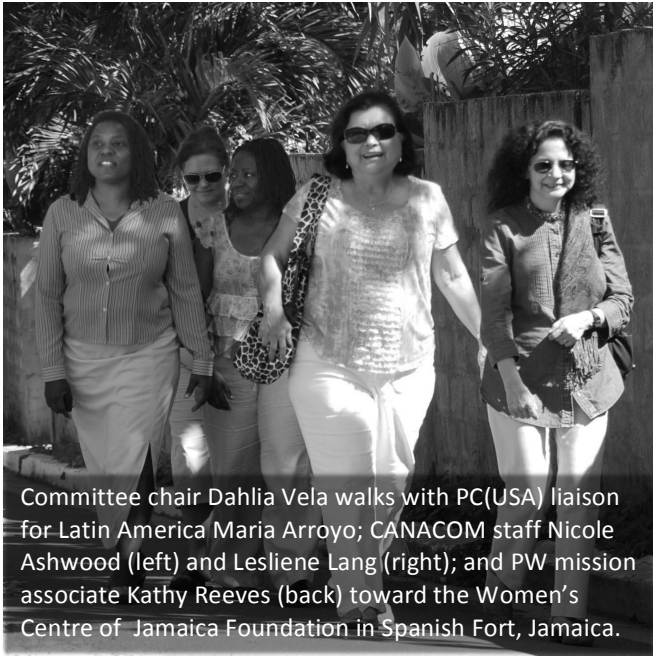


Photo by Susan Jackson Dowd

Committee chair Dahlia Vela walks with PC(USA) liaison for Latin America Maria Arroyo; CANACOM staff Nicole Ashwood (left) and Lesliene Lang (right); and PW mission associate Kathy Reeves (back) toward the Women's Centre of Jamaica Foundation in Spanish Fort, Jamaica.

One Love, One Heart, One Community—Visions of Hope in the Islands of the Sea (Isaiah 11:11)

Dahlia Vela, Maria Arroyo, Kathy Reeves and Susan Jackson Dowd met with partners from the Caribbean and North America Council for Mission (CANACOM) in Kingston, Jamaica, January 2013 to begin planning the 2014 Global Exchange to the Caribbean scheduled for November 4–18, 2014. The trip will focus on violence and reconciliation, witness and evangelism, and leadership development.

The planning group met at Shirley Retreat Hotel, which is owned by the United Church of Jamaica and the Cayman Islands (UCJCI). UCJCI is a denomination formed from three Reformed denominations: Congregational, Disciples of Christ and Presbyterian. The group, which included CANACOM staff and

representatives from Jamaica, Cuba and Trinidad, spent a day getting to know one another in terms of organizations, missions and priorities.

CANACOM partners provided visits to the CANACOM and UCJCI offices and to three projects focused on women's and children's issues. The group enjoyed worship at the Hellshire UCJCI church and a trip to the beach. UCJCI members provided a cultural night featuring regional food and a celebration of folk music. Application forms will be available on the PW web page later this spring.

Mission Relationships

Sung Yeon Choi-Morrow reported on the trip that she, Kathy Reeves and Carissa Harold took to Ukraine to meet with Roma women about the **Roma Development Project**. The CCT affirmed MRC's recommendation to bring the project to an end because PW's three-year commitment has been made. There are 400 baskets in inventory. PW will partner with organizations working with Roma women on the ground, continue to receive gifts for the school, consider any Thank or Birthday Offering grant submitted to CMOC from ministries that support the Roma in Europe, and actively promote *Ten Days of Prayer and Thanksgiving for the Roma* for use by PW across the US.

The **Global Exchange Committee** brought a recommendation from CANACOM concerning the Caribbean islands to be visited by the 2014 Global Exchange. The MRC recommended that the islands to be visited be Trinidad (and possibly Guyana), Curacao and Dominican Republic. Orientation will be in Jamaica, debriefing in Miami (see above).

MRC endorsed a **study seminar** planned by PC(USA) mission coworkers in Central America November 26–December 7, 2013. PW's involvement will be publicizing the event in existing publications.

Antiracism

ARC's **membership** consists of three anti-racism facilitators and three CCT members—Barbara Allen, Synod of Mid-Atlantic; Ann Hinz, Synod of Alaska Northwest; Jacqueline Bryant Caleb, Synod of Trinity; Magdalene Lewis, CCT Synod of the Northeast rep serving on the J&P; Alice Koerner, CCT Synod of Rocky Mountains rep serving on MRC; and Susan Skoglund, CCT Synod of Southern CA/HI rep serving on LEC. All three programmatic committees of CCT are represented on ARC. This representation is intentional. ARC wants to work in partnership with all committees so that racial justice work can be mainstreamed in all that we do as Presbyterian Women.

ARC spent a day exploring the committee's **directional priority and mission emphasis** through the lens of race, paying particular attention to the relationship between the giver and receiver, at its 2012 annual meeting, with the help of Tom Priest who served as guest consultant. Alice Koerner reviewed three PW mission projects: USA Mission Experience, Roma Development Project and Baby Caps for Africa. Since the meeting, conversation has continued through conference call meetings. ARC is seeking ways to

partner with MRC to work on this jointly.

PW provides a racial justice video-lending library. Unzu Lee has the list of video resources and a request form. Send your requests to Unzu at unzu.lee@pcusa.org

ARC stays in touch with Presbyterians committed to justice relations by sending updates quarterly on ARC activities.

ARC will introduce a resource on **culturally proficient leadership** at Big Tent in Louisville August 1–3, 2013. This daylong workshop (9–5) will be offered the day after Big Tent in partnership with two PC(USA) offices: Gender and Racial Justice and Multicultural Congregational Support. ARC will promote it locally, too, because people can register just for this event. Copies of the resource will be available at Big Tent and through PDS.

ARC will send two members to the 14th **White Privilege Conference** in Seattle April 10–13, 2013.

Communications

Coordination

CCC recommended that **Korean Bible study** production be put on hiatus this year while need for the study is determined. Sales have fallen significantly over the years and PW translation policies state that translation requires a demonstrated need in the language constituency.

PW has translated the study into Spanish and Korean since 1988 and into Arabic as requested. The women's organization of the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan is currently licensing several past Bible study manuscripts for translation into Mandarin Chinese and sales in Taiwan. The studies are in use by several thousand Presbyterians in Taiwan and some in the US.

Presbyterian Women/*Horizons* is partnering with *Presbyterians Today* and *Unbound* to publish a **joint issue on young people** edited and written by young women (18–35). The publications will be published separately and will share some content. Some content will be particular to each audience. This will be the May/June 2014 issue of *Horizons*.

Social media! Join the conversation (see p. 7).

Field testers for the Bible study are needed.

Please consider groups in your congregation or presbytery who may be candidates for field-testing. For information, talk to Betsy Ensign-George or Susan Jackson Dowd. Application forms and information are available on the *Horizons* website.

CCT members are expected to promote and to subscribe to *Horizons*! Check with Carissa Herold to subscribe and for promo materials and information.

Leadership Enhancement

Applications for **Leadership Development**

Grants go directly to Veronica Green, veronica.green@pcusa.org, not to LEC.

LEC continues to work on expanding the **Sisters Stand and Walk Together** program and is assessing whether there are groups in which there is interest, energy and need for racial-ethnic and immigrant leader development.

Justice and Peace

The 57th **United Nations Commission on the Status of Women** concluded on Friday, March 15 in NYC. Over 70 Presbyterians from PW, Young Women's Leadership Development and others attended. Agreed conclusions were reached on the 15th by the 49 member states seated on the council; the draft includes language from talking points that Presbyterians and Ecumenical Women advocated for during the two weeks of the commission: cultural and structural violence against women, access to education including knowledge about reproductive health and rights, and special considerations for minority women and those living in rural areas. J&P is following up on new things learned at the commission, including disturbing stories of items used as feminine products in rural Africa. To follow up on the commission's theme of the elimination and prevention of violence against women and girls, J&P makes these recommendations:

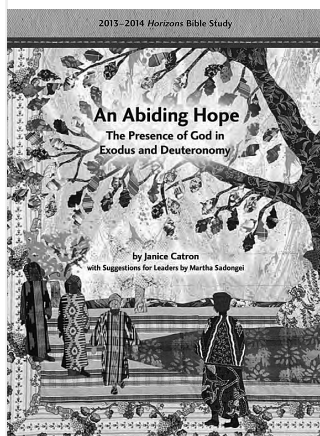
Orange Days: The United Nation's Secretary-General's UNiTE to End Violence

against Women campaign proclaims every 25th of the month as Orange Day! The first in a series of Orange Days was launched on 25 July last year. Initiated and led by the UNiTE campaign's Global Youth Network, the action strives to highlight the issue of violence against women and girls, not just on 25 November (International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women), but every month. Orange Day aims to spark worldwide interest and conversation, highlight violence against women and girls as a violation of human rights, and call for its eradication without reservation, equivocation or delay. Find out more about what you can do at www.pcusa.org/blogs/swords-plowshares/2013/2/21/orange-your-day-today-october-25/

ECPAT Cards: End Child Prostitution and Trafficking, in partnership with the PC (USA), has produced postcards that can be brought to hotels you visit, urging the hotels to sign on to ECPAT's code to prevent human trafficking. Obtain postcards from Mark Koenig, director of the Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations, mark.koenig@pcusa.org. Cards are free plus shipping.

Read more about this year's CSW in *Justice & Peace Links* (coming this week—see page 6 for subscription information) and in the May/June issue of *Horizons*!

Someone in your presbytery or synod has attended the UN CSW! Contact Meagan to find out whom you can ask to make a presentation: 718/839-3782 or meagan.manas@pcusa.org.



New Bible Study, *Abiding Hope*, Now Available 2013 Bible Study Committee Chooses Author and Theme

Abiding Hope: God's Presence in Exodus and Deuteronomy by Janice Catron is available. Additional resources are listed on the *Horizons* website and in the study.

The annual **Bible Study Committee** meeting produced the needed results—a 2017–18 theme and an

author for the theme selected last year. The author for the 2016–17 Bible study themed “who is Jesus?” is Christiane Hearlson. The theme for 2017 will be Hebrews. Author nominations are needed. Forms are available on the *Horizons* website. See the committee minutes for author guidelines (posted on the CCT Google page).

Together in Action 2014! J&P met with MRC to evaluate participation in this year's Together in Action day addressing human trafficking. The two committees decided to repeat this for the next two years of the triennium. The day will continue to focus on human trafficking, as people are just beginning to get on board and learn about the issue through this year's day. There will be a few changes for 2014: Instead of one day, PWs will be invited to join in a week of advocacy addressing human trafficking, either beginning or ending with use of human trafficking awareness worship resources in Sunday worship. The week should center on

January 11, International Human Trafficking Awareness Day. This time, we will give more specific examples of actions groups can take, drawing on ideas that were used this year, as well.

Trigger, a documentary produced by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, is available! The film focuses on the ripple effects of gun violence in families, communities, hospitals and churches. Order at <http://store.pcusa.org/254121200> six for \$19.99. Get your copy and plan a screening today!

Ecumenical Advocacy Days and Presbyterian Compassion, Peace and Justice Day, April 5-8, 2013: J&P has awarded 10 scholarships of \$180 each (cost of registration). Applications are still being accepted. Visit

www.advocacydays.org for more information. Lucy Janjigian, through her role with Presbyterian Hunger Program, will attend, as will Ruth-Aimée Belonni-Rosario, Pat Angle, Sheila Louder and Meagan Manas.

Sign up for *Justice and Peace Links* if you aren't a subscriber yet! It's a great way to stay informed about justice and peace issues. Each issue includes a Bible study and action ideas to get involved. Spread the word in your synods! Contact Meagan at meagan.manas@pcusa.org to join the list, or click here: <http://gamc.pcusa.org/subscriptions/lists/justice-and-peace-links/>

Funds Development and the PW Giving Report

Funds Development

The PW **Mission Pledge packet** will be produced in the spring and available in the summer. Please contact Patricia Longfellow at patricia.longfellow@pcusa.org if you have updates for the database to ensure the correct representatives receive the materials.

Training for Celebration Giving

Representatives (CGRs) will be held March 21, April 18, and May 16 via webinar; two sessions held each day—at 2 PM EST and 7 PM EST. The same material is covered in each session. This is a great way to learn about PW Celebration Giving programs. To register, contact Jen Lenard-Benson, jen.lenard-benson@pcusa.org.

Carol Winkler has been appointed **chair of the PW Women Moving Millions** (WMM) in Faith Communities task group. Three donor visits have taken place, six donor meetings are scheduled in the next six months, and 20 prospect profiles have been researched and discussed. If you know of someone who should be added to the prospective donor list, contact Carol Winkler at

winksmama@insightbbb.com or Jen Lenard-Benson at jen.lenard-benson@pcusa.org.

The **Donor Recognition Task Group** met and made recommendations to the Funds Development Committee. Donor recognition will continue in the Quarterly Mailing for *Horizons* gifts, and individual Mission Pledge gifts from 2012 will be recognized in the May/June issue of *Horizons*. Group gifts by presbytery and synod will continue to be recognized in the triennial report.

Conference Participation: Jeanette Huie, Carolyn Sprinkle and Jen Lenard-Benson attended Stewardship Kaleidoscope in St. Louis early in March. Materials from the conference will be available for anyone to access via <http://stewardshipkaleidoscope.org/about-the-conference/conference-resources/2013-conference-resources/>. Carol Winkler, Kris Gerling and Jen Lenard-Benson will attend the Women's Funding Network conference in Detroit in April.

Presbyterian Women Giving Report

Year-End Comparison

Prepared 2/25/13

Figures as of 2/4/13

Dollars have been rounded

	2011	2012	Variance
Mission Pledge	\$1,669,840	\$1,485,866	\$(183,974)
Thank Offering	\$698,316	\$719,532	\$21,216
Birthday Offering	\$647,168	\$647,943	\$775
Honorary Life Membership (HLM)	\$114,786	\$140,858	\$26,072
Memorial/Recognition Gifts	\$5,969	\$2,764	\$(3,205)
Together In Service (TIS)	\$46,148	\$27,886	\$(18,262)
Total	\$3,182,227	\$3,024,850	\$(157,378)

Year-to-Date Comparison

Prepared 3/17/13

Figures as of 3/7/13

Dollars have been rounded

	2012	2013	Variance
Mission Pledge	\$135,421	\$143,971	\$8,550
Thank Offering	\$164,878	\$141,851	\$(23,027)
Birthday Offering	\$23,617	\$21,639	\$(1,978)
Honorary Life Membership (HLM)	\$26,372	\$23,085	\$(3,287)
Memorial/Recognition Gifts	\$315	\$645	\$330
Together In Service (TIS)	\$2,615	\$2,696	\$81
Total	\$353,217	\$333,887	\$(19,331)

Alphabet Soup!

ARC	Antiracism Committee
CGR	Celebration Giving Representative
CCT	Churchwide Coordinating Team
CSW	Commission on the Status of Women
CCC	Communication Coordination Committee
CMOC	Creative Ministries Offering Committee
FDC	Funds Development Committee
HEC	<i>Horizons</i> Editorial Committee
J&P	Justice & Peace Committee
LEC	Leadership Enhancement Committee
MRC	Mission Relationships Committee
WMM	Women Moving Millions

PW and Social Media—Get Connected!

PW builds community via **Twitter** and **Facebook**. We reached our highest numbers yet on March 14—10,827 people! On an average day, anywhere from 200 to 400 people interact with our page. Participation increased by 500 members in the last year. It's easy to join in:

1. Go to www.facebook.com. Sign up for an account (your own Facebook page) using your email address, a username and a password.
2. Connect with friends and "like" pages, including Presbyterian Women in the PC(USA).
3. Once you "like" a page, you will see posts on your newsfeed (your "home" page).
4. Use the search box on your page to find others.
5. Create posts or like and comment on others' posts.
6. Go to <https://twitter.com/> and sign up for a Twitter account. Be sure to "Follow" @PWPCUSA.