



Churchwide Coordinating Team

Meeting Summary

September 2011

Louisville, Kentucky

General News

- The CCT met September 27–29, 2011, in Louisville, Kentucky. Along with the board and committee meetings, Melanie Hardison, General Assembly Mission Council (GAMC) Enough for Everyone associate, provided a module on faithful living. Office of the General Assembly Director of Operations Tom Hay provided information on the Fellowship movement within the church. Courtney Hoekstra, GAMC advocacy support associate, provided the sermon for closing worship.
- An offering was received during worship for the Community Study Center for the Children of Sex Workers in Delhi, India.

Committee Information

Note: Task groups and committees, written in bold italic, report to the CCT through the CCT committee under which they are listed. Only committees and groups who provided information for the current summary are listed.

Administrative Committee

Marta Rodríguez, chair

- Administrative continued working on strategic planning (from our June 2011 meeting) using the VOD method—Vision, Obstacle(s), Direction. Three visions were explored:
 - The CCT becomes an entity that awakens, inspires, and educates women spiritually and practically.
 - The CCT continues leading women and the PC(USA) in social justice issues.
 - PW becomes more diverse in terms of demographics (age, race, etc.).
- The committee recommended and CCT approved an advance of \$6,000 for the Racial Ethnic Dialog facilitator of their November 2011 meeting. This will be recouped in 2012 from the Racial Ethnic Congregational and Immigrant Support offices.

Antiracism Committee (ARC)

Ruth Mason Lowe, chair

- ARC is actively considering the idea of producing a resource on cultural proficiency. The committee has posted some questions on the PW Facebook page hoping to elicit anecdotes that may tell us where we are on the continuum of cultural proficiency. Go to www.facebook.com/presbyterianwomenpcusa, then click on Discussion. Please encourage women in your presbyteries to participate in this discussion.

Creative Ministries Offering Committee

Karene Jones, chair

- The Creative Ministries Offering Committee (CMOC) met August 2011, in Louisville, Kentucky.
- Three Birthday Offering projects were selected for funding.
 1. New Opportunities for Romanian Orphaned Children is a Presbyterian-based organization that deals directly with abandoned and orphaned children from birth to adulthood in Tulcea, Romania.
 2. Solar Under The Sun is a project of Synod of the Sun. The project trains laypeople to lead teams that install solar-powered energy systems. These systems provide clean, inexpensive, and long-lasting electrical power that meets critical needs in low-income communities.
 3. Living Water for Girls. This grant will provide an infrastructure for program delivery to young American girls who are victims of human trafficking and exploitation.
- The January/February issue of *Horizons* will spotlight the Birthday Offering recipients.
- The offering packet will contain a DVD with offering information and interpretation.

Communications Committee

Mary Martin, chair

- CCT members are *Horizons* subscribers! If your subscription has lapsed, please contact Carissa Herold, Carissa.herold@pcusa.org.
- The committee presented a draft social media policy to the CCT for input and later approval at the February CCT meeting. The draft is now in legal review.
- The PW virtual circle is up to 370 members. Bible study and mission circles have been formed. If you or someone you know are interested:
 1. Go to the search box on the top of your Facebook page and type in “Presbyterian Women Interest Group.”
 2. Click on the link to it and go to the Description page.
 3. In the top right corner of the Description page, there is a button that says “Ask to Join Group.” Click on that, and then wait to hear (through email) that you are accepted.
- A buy-one-get-one-free *Horizons* subscription will be offered again this holiday season. Be sure to consider this gift that keeps on giving!
- A \$15 online subscription to *Horizons* will be available with the Jan/Feb 2012 issue. The Bible study is not included. Print subscribers will receive access to the online edition.
- Beatitudes study resources are still available!

Churchwide Gathering (CWG) Planning Team

Kathy Randall, chair

- The Gathering Planning Team (GPT) met September 26, 2011, in Louisville. This one-day meeting of the leadership organizing the 2012 Gathering allowed the GPT to report the progress of each aspect of the effort, and report to the CCT immediately following.
- Plenary and Business Meeting highlights and education pieces for the workshops and forums were presented. While keeping a close watch on the finances, plans were made to bring 12 Global Exchange guests to the United States from India, and an additional 12 global partners from around the world. Hospitality is of importance to all guests, so everything from accessibility needs to chaplains proved to be part of the plan.

- New to this gathering will be PW LIVE, an interactive area where hands-on activities and justice and peace issues will be addressed. Plenary worship and presentations will be inspiring. Gathering promotion efforts have been attractive in print and meaningful. The Gathering fan was especially popular this summer. The Presbyterian Bookstore will headline the resources area and include CWG, PW, and *Horizons* materials as well as recently published books and breakfast.
- Enthusiasm for the Kids Night Out™ (KNO) program was heightened with the announcement that a generous donation will allow child care through KNO at just \$2.50 per hour to those who make arrangements in advance.
- The mission behind the Gathering shirts has generated increased advanced sales. Your purchase of the figure-flattering tee enables women in India to earn a living wage, and helps them leave prostitution. The tote bags received at registration also will support this effort.
- Meeting in Louisville provided cost savings because staff did not need to travel.
- For information about the Gathering and Gathering planning, contact Kathy Randall, 504/866-7435 or kathyrandall@bellsouth.net.

Finance Committee

Joyce Smith, chair

The CCT approved the charter for an Investment Subcommittee of the Finance Committee.

Audit Committee

Ana Camilla, chair

Auditing firm Crowe Horwath has been secured, and the audit will be completed by December 1.

Funds Development

Nydia Murphy-Leger, chair

- 2012 Mission Pledge packets were mailed in August—one for congregational groups and one for presbytery/synods. If you did not receive a packet, please contact jen.lenard-benson@pcusa.org, or 502/569-5308. As of August 31, 2011, unaudited financials indicate

that we have increased Mission Pledge giving \$17,747 in 2011 compared to 2010. In 2011, so far we have raised a total of \$1,058,305 for Mission Pledge. Overall giving to PW has increased \$71,976 in 2011 compared to 2010.

- The Women Moving Millions in Faith Communities Implementation Team met at Wooded Glen on August 15–16, 2011. Focus areas included tasks necessary to build the proper infrastructure to implement a campaign, and the creation of three task groups: Capacity Building, Accountability and Transparency, and Gift Acceptance Policies. The team met again by conference call on September 19, and task groups will continue to meet to achieve goals set in the August meeting.
- The Funds Development Committee will be reviewing a draft funds development budget on October 3, 2011. The budget will be annual and a portion of the triennial budget. Items under consideration include funding for cultivation, which could include travel and meals when meeting with donors, and materials to support campaigns (appeal letters, brochures, etc.). The proposed budget will be submitted to the Finance Committee for review and consideration during their November meeting.
- The committee continues to discuss the silent auction that will be held at the Gathering. Criteria for items and participation will be reviewed by the Gathering Planning Team and the Funds Development Committee, and submitted to the CCT after approval is received.
- Celebration Giving Representative (CGR) training will be held on November 10 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. (EST). Please forward this training opportunity to those who might be interested in learning more about the Celebration Giving program or the CGR position.

Justice and Peace Committee (J&P)

Janice Takeda, chair

- The Justice and Peace and Mission Relations committees are planning jointly, “October Together,” a day/week/month that will focus on one issue. The focus will change annually. The idea for the initial focus is human trafficking. Resources and education will be provided with an eye toward concrete actions that can be taken to end human trafficking.

- Bread for the World: “1000 Days” Campaign to support mother and child nutrition. J&P and MRC are joining to support this project. Members of J&P and MRC will join a steering group that includes representatives from other denominational women’s organizations. PW also will sign on to the Campaign’s Civil Society Statement. To download the letter, go to <http://www.bread.org/event/gathering-2011/international-meeting/pdf/civil-society-statement-with-organizations.pdf>. Presbyterian women will be encouraged to join in activities like the Offering of Letters and conversations about the issues. Find out more at www.thousanddays.org or www.bread.org.
- Three opportunities to advocate for justice and peace with women of other denominations are coming!
 1. The **UN Commission on the Status of Women**, February 24–March 9, 2012, in NYC will focus on women in rural areas this year. Applications are still being accepted!
 2. **Ecumenical Advocacy Days (EAD)**, March 24-26, 2012, in Washington, D.C., will focus on Economy, Livelihood and Our National Priorities. EAD scholarships from PW are available! Visit <http://advocacydays.org>.
 3. **Words Matter** is working on a new media project to help broaden the conversation about expansive language, and looking for field test groups! Contact Meagan.Manas@pcusa.org for more information.
- Sign up for *Justice & Peace Links* if you aren't already a subscriber! It is a great way to stay informed about justice and peace issues. Each issue includes a Bible study and action ideas. Spread the word in your synods! Contact Meagan at meagan.manas@pcusa.org to join the list! Upcoming issues will include topics like immigration and the DREAM Act, words and racism, and water.

Leadership Enhancement Committee (LEC)

Heather Sigler, chair

- Mary Elva Smith, former associate director of the PC(USA) Women’s Ministries Program Area, led a discernment process for the committee. The committee reflected on three

concepts—leadership, spirituality and nurture and how they apply to LEC’s purpose. Phyllis Tickle’s book, *The Great Emergence*, was a resource for the discussion. Mary Elva shared thoughts about concepts of “notice,” “attention,” and “wonder,” which she considers integral to spiritual discernment.

- LEC recommended to CCT that they authorize the LEC to plan a training session led by Jill Hudson, coordinator of governing body relations for the PC(USA), on adaptive leadership. If approved, training would be for the entire CCT and held in conjunction with the September 2012 meeting.
- LEC has decided that PW should no longer distribute the Planning with a Purpose booklet because the information is dated.
- Committee members are reviewing feedback from the 2010 training participants on their experiences with rolling out “Taking it to the Congregations.” Several synods have adapted the LEC training for use at the congregation level, and LEC is determining how to make these valuable resources available more widely.

Mission Relationships Committee (MRC)

Marilynn Collins, chair

- Together in Service updates
 - MRC approved the final document for the Together in Service (TIS) Guide, and an updated flier (to be available at the 2012 Churchwide Gathering). The guide will be available in print form at the Gathering for \$7, and downloadable for \$5.
 - MRC approved changes in the TIS program to include removal of sheets and twin-bed blankets, and the addition of bar soap and washcloths.
 - Also, the committee approved an agreement with the Brethren Service Center to help them dispose of unwanted torn bandages. Individuals can order bandages directly from the Center.
- MRC will have a presence at the Gathering to promote programs and projects, including the PW-sponsored trips, Roma baskets, and PW racial ethnic gatherings.
- A disaster response network is being formed. The task group has met by conference call and is setting priorities and direction.

- The committee met with the Justice and Peace Committee to formulate an annual national PW day of action for justice, tentatively called “October Together.” The 2012 emphasis will be human trafficking. Materials are being developed jointly with the PC(USA) Human Trafficking Roundtable.
- The two committees recommended that the CCT adopt the Civil Society Statement on Scaling Up Nutrition, calling on governments to support and commit to using resources to combat childhood malnutrition. The committees also recommended that PW partner with Bread for the World in the “1000 Days” Campaign. The campaign will be promoted through *Horizons* and synod representatives.

Global Exchange Committee

Jenny Lee, chair

- The Global Exchange will take place from October 9 through October 26, 2011.
- The committee met via conference call August 1, 2011, to discuss the Global Exchange orientation, which will take place October 9–10 in Newark, NJ.
- Participants will be divided into three groups once we are in Delhi. The divided groups will be visiting Agra, Durgapur and Kolkata. The combines group also will visit Shillong in the eastern part of India.

Search Committee

Esperanza Guajardo, chair

Esperanza reported the 2012–15 slate of leaders that will be presented to the 2012 Business Meeting during the Churchwide Gathering. The slate will be announced to the public in the November/December 2011 issue of *Horizons*.

Got More Information? Sent it to Yvonne!

Quarterly Mailing Schedule (evergreen)			
Mailing	Text Due	To Printer	Mail Date
10/15	9/10	10/6	10/20
1/15	11/30	12/18	1/15
4/15	3/8	3/26	4/14
7/15	6/9	6/29	7/15