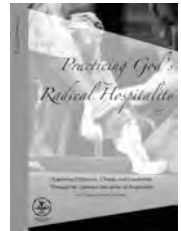


# CCT Summary

## Practicing God’s Radical Hospitality



**Unzu Lee** leads a session for the CCT on the new PW resource *Practicing God’s Radical Hospitality: Exploring Difference, Change and Leadership Through the Spiritual Discipline of Hospitality*, by Teresa Chávez Saucedo. *Radical Hospitality* is a six-lesson Bible study that helps participants explore difference, change and leadership from a biblical perspective. The resource provides practical guidance as well as handouts for use during study sessions.



**Order the resource from Presbyterian Distribution Service, PDS item PWR13060, \$9 plus shipping and handling.**

### Churchwide Coordinating Team Meeting Overview

The CCT met September 19–22, 2013, in Louisville. The Administrative Committee met beforehand and the Communications Coordination Committee met before and after the regular meeting.

On the 20th, the Antiracism Committee provided training on a new PW resource, *God’s Radical Hospitality*, led by PW leadership associate Unzu Lee. PW program coordinator Ann Ferguson led a follow up session on adaptive leadership, a technique introduced by the Leadership Enhancement Committee during the spring 2013 CCT meeting.

After a brief plenary session Friday night, the Funds Development Committee met.

Mission Relationships, Leadership Enhancement and Justice and Peace committees began their meetings, then met all day on Saturday. Finance, Bible Study and Antiracism committees met around the edges and during meals. Synod reps, racial ethnic members at large and young women representatives also met.

During the business meeting on Sunday, the CCT heard committee reports and made decisions by consensus. PW Mission Associate Kathy Reeves and the Mission Relationships Committee led closing worship. An offering of \$500 was received for the Birthday Offering. The \$25 for 25 campaign received \$200.

#### Churchwide Gathering

One Body, One Spirit—The CCT approves the 2015 Gathering theme and votes the registration fee and budget.

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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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Celebrate PW’s 25th anniversary by joining in the campaign. Get your synod involved!

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2 Corinthians

Elizabeth Hinson Hasty

**2015–2016**

Water

Anitra Kitts

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Who Is Jesus?

Judy Siker

**2017–2018**

Hebrews

Author yet to be determined

#### Magazine

**November/December**

Music

**January/February 14**

Reformed Theology

**March/April 14**

Bible 301

**May/June 14**

Young Adult Issue

**July/August 14**

Violence and Terror

**September/October 14**

Law and Power

**November/December 14**

Health and Caregiving

## One Body and One Spirit— The 2015 Churchwide Gathering!

The CCT approved “One Body and One Spirit,” based on 1 Peter 3:8, as the 2015 Churchwide Gathering theme. Shelda Wills, 2015 Gathering chair, proposed the Gathering theme and the budget during the September meeting.

Shelda worked with the moderators, coordinators and treasurer via conference call and in person prior to the CCT meeting to create the proposal.

The budget is based on a \$395 registration fee. The fee covers participation, materials and some meals.

In order to keep costs down, several measures were taken, including reducing

waived registrations, restructuring planning teams, and shortening the Gathering by one day. The triennial business meeting will precede the Gathering.

The Gathering will be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Minneapolis, Minnesota, June 18–21, 2015.

Work groups will meet in Louisville this November to begin planning the program and the logistics.

Details about registration and other Gathering matters are forthcoming. Please watch for information and updates in *Horizons*, the Quarterly Mailing, and other sources.

## God's Radical Hospitality at Big Tent

PW's Antiracism Committee offered a day-long “radical hospitality” workshop during the PC(USA)'s Big Tent event in Louisville this past August. Organized as a post-conference, the workshop focused on culturally proficient leadership and introduced the new PW resource, *Practicing God's Radical Hospitality: Exploring Difference, Change and Leadership Through the Spiritual Discipline of Hospitality*.

Resource author Teresa Chávez Saucedo and PW leadership associate Unzu Lee led the workshop.

Thirty-seven women and two men participated. Seven women affiliated with PW received PW scholarships: Ruth Barnard, Cynthia Joe, Adrienne Knight, Carolyn Peters, Billye Steinnagel, Myung Ja Yue and Ann Hayman.

*Order information for the resource is on page 1.*

## Still Searching . . .

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. [www.presbyterianwomen.org](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org)

# Committee Highlights

## Unto These Hills: The 2013 USAME Experience

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.  
—Psalm 121:1–2



Barbara McLean (center), Western North Carolina PWP moderator, poses with vice moderator Pam Snyder (left), participant Corita Floyd and local PWs Edna Goshorn and Frela Beck in Cherokee, North Carolina.

The **2013 USA Mission Experience** was a success. Women from 15 PC(USA) synods participated in the trip. Participants are available to speak in presbyteries and synods. Invite your representative and promote her availability throughout your synod. Names and contact information are in the 2013 September/October *Horizons*.

Thanks to Kathy Reeves and Yvonne Hileman, staff; Lucretia Meece (Holston Presbytery) and Barbara McLean (Western NC Presbytery), local trip planners and leaders; Shirley Novak, chair, Virginia Hines, Carol Winkler, Ana Vasquez, Judith Lovejoy and Muriel Stephens, planning committee.



Shirley Novak, USAME chair (left), Lucretia Meece, Holston PWP moderator (right), and Kathy Reeves, PW mission associate (back), pause for a photo while making last-minute preparations for the mission experience.



Ellen Smith answers questions from the Mission Relationships Committee.

### Mission Relationships Committee (MRC)

The **Creative Ministries Offering Committee** reported that recipients of the 2014 Birthday Offering have been chosen. They are the Center for Women in Racing in Paris, Kentucky, and the Blue Corn Mothers Alliance in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Both programs work with women suffering from domestic violence and abuse. Each recipient will receive \$200,000.

**Ellen Smith**, PC(USA) regional liaison for Russia and Central Asia, met with the Mission Relationships Committee. She talked about the needs of the people of Russia and about programs that have received Thank Offering grants. One grant made it possible for an authority on autism to travel to Russia to meet with medical personnel and parents and help them identify local sources of help for children and adults with autism. The other grant provided plumbing and furniture for a camp that provides programming for orphans.

Plans are under way for the **2014 Global Exchange**. Countries to be visited are Curaçao, The Dominican Republic, Guyana and Jamaica. Participants will be chosen at the September 23 meeting of the Global Exchange Committee.

### **Administrative Committee UN Economic and Social Council:**

The ECOSOC Task Group will move forward with an application process for PW, Inc., to become an ECOSOC member. The group will bring a recommendation with financial implications to the spring meeting regarding a structure to maintain and sustain the program if the application is approved.

The current **corporate officers** were reelected.

### **Antiracism (ARC)**

See pages 1–2 for committee highlights.

### **Funds Development Training for Celebration Giving representatives**

(CGRs) will be held October 17, November 14 and December 12 via webinar; two sessions will be held each day—at 2 PM 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](mailto:jen.lenard-benson@pcusa.org).

The committee reviewed a draft of the 2012–2015 **PW funds development strategic plan**. It is an update of the previous triennium's strategic plan to continue an increased focus on individual giving. The committee will continue to review and

discuss the plan during the meeting planned for November 1 via conference call.

### **The PW Women Moving Millions**

**Cultivation Team** will expand focus to include donors at all giving levels and change the name of the group to the **PW Donor Cultivation Team (DCT)**. New members have joined the team to expand geographical reach, and an orientation webinar will be held in October with all members; combined in-person training with the PW FDC is planned if funds are available.

A **synod giving report** that compares gifts from 2009–August 2013 was reviewed and distributed at the CCT meeting. Contact Jen Lenard-Benson for additional copies.

### **Justice and Peace (J&P) Domestic Violence**

**Prevention:** October is designated as domestic violence prevention month. Teaching elders should address domestic violence from the pulpit during the month or at least once during the year to ensure that the church is safe place to talk about the issue.

**Food/Environmental Justice:** Staff and hunger programs within the PC(USA) will gather around World Food Day to discuss the Bread for the World

1,000 days campaign. CCT moderator and vice moderators will write a letter of support to Panera Bread, whose CEO/owner who is advocating a “SNAP challenge” in response to \$39 billion in government cuts to SNAP. PW uses Panera as a vendor during gatherings. There is a continued commitment to serving fair trade snacks at CCT meetings and PW gatherings. Please encourage the use of reusable water bottles.

### **Scholarship**

**Opportunities:** The application for scholarships for the UN Commission on Status of Women is on the PW CCT Google page and PW's website. There are three scholarships available; the application deadline is November 1. The application for scholarships for Ecumenical Advocacy Days (up to 10 delegates) is also available on PW CCT Google page. The due date is November 15.

**Human Trafficking:** The PW Together in Action program will focus on human trafficking January 11–18.

**Children's Issues:** J&P invites the Antiracism Committee to connect with J&P regarding intersection of racism and privatization of incarceration, and plans to communicate with Nancy Benson-Nicole (PC(USA) associate for gender and racial justice). J&P

recommends *The New Jim Crow* by Michelle Alexander. Educating parents and children about the systemic effects of institutional racism and its impact on later incarceration is critical.

### Leadership Enhancement (LEC)

With guidance from Mary Elva Smith, LEC developed a **mission statement** for its work: We exist to empower women to lead as effective, faithful followers of Christ in a continually changing world.

LEC compliments and commends *Practicing God's Radical Hospitality* for use in local areas by CCT members. LEC recommends the following venues: presbytery gatherings and local congregations; Presbyterian seminaries; General Assembly (for sale) and the 2014 Association of Presbyterian Christian Educators conference. Principles outlined in the resource should be shared in a plenary at the 2015 Churchwide Gathering.

LEC recommends sending three committee members as representatives to the **UN Commission on Status of Women** March 10–21, 2014, in New York City, and two members to **Ecumenical Advocacy Days** in Washington, DC, beginning on March 21, 2014. An intergenerational dialogue will be held among Presbyterian participants during CSW. Advocacy is an important leadership tool for promoting the components of the PW Purpose.

LEC and the Antiracism Committee will distribute a short, user-friendly **demographics**

**survey** via Survey Monkey by December 31, 2013, to PW presbytery and synod coordinating teams. Compiled data will be evaluated at the March 2014 LEC meeting.

LEC recommends that PW continue its presence at **Presbyterian Youth Trienniums**.

### Communications Coordination (CCC)

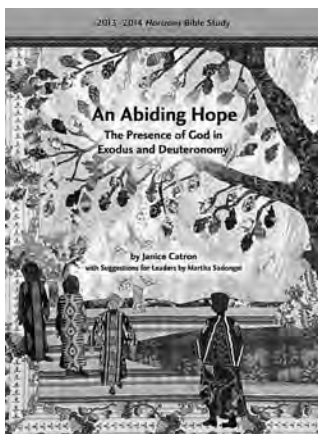
**Website Migration:** The Communications Coordination Committee is progressing with website migration from the PC(USA) web structure. This migration was decided by the CCT (2007). The timeline continues to be year-end 2013 for completion.

**Digital Bible Study:** The communications staff is developing a digital version of the Bible study. The digital study will be sold separately from the online subscription.

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

**CCT Field Testing Group:** Thanks to those who signed up to participate in the CCT field testing group. If you are interested and did not sign up, contact Mary Jorgenson.

**Subscriptions:** CCT members are expected to subscribe to *Horizons*!



## The 2014 PW/*Horizons* Bible Study Committee Prepares for Spring Meeting

The **Bible Study Committee** met briefly to prepare for the annual meeting preceding CCT next spring. The committee will be choosing a theme for 2018–19 study and an author for the 2017 study on Hebrews. Author nominations are needed. Forms are available on the *Horizons* website.

Christiane Hearlson, who was selected to write the 2016–17 study themed “who is Jesus?” has withdrawn. Judy Siker, alternate, will write the study instead. The study will be published on time.

Field testing groups for “Who is Jesus?” are needed. These forms are also available on the *Horizons* website.

## \$25 for 25 Matching Gift Campaign

The **\$25 for 25 fundraising campaign** celebrates PW’s 25th anniversary and benefits the PW Mission Pledge, which supports every PW mission and ministry. You, your family, and your friends still have time to recognize this milestone year and support the \$25 for 25 campaign with a gift of \$25 or more.

You can donate online ([www.presbyterianwomen.org/missionpledge](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/missionpledge)) or send your gift to: PW Remittance Processing, PO Box 643652, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3652. Please include “PW \$25 for 25” in the memo line of your check.

In some synods, donors have agreed to match gifts to the campaign that are received from individuals and groups in their synod during the 2013 calendar year, up to certain amounts (see chart below for synod and matching gift information). If you or someone you know is interested in matching gifts received from individuals and groups in your synod, please contact Jen Lenard-Benson, PW funds development associate, [jen.lenard-benson@pcusa.org](mailto:jen.lenard-benson@pcusa.org) or 502/569-5308. Matching gift donors are still needed from the following synods: Synod of Alaska-Northwest, Synod of the Covenant, Synod of Lakes and Prairies, Synod of the Rocky Mountains, Synod of the Southwest and Synod of the Trinity.

Synod Name	Matching Donor	Match/Challenge Amount
Synod of Boriquen (Puerto Rico)	Marta Rodríguez	\$3000
Lincoln Trails	Betty Mack	\$10,000
Living Waters	PW Staff	\$1,000
Mid-America	Anonymous	\$5,000 if \$1000 is raised
Mid-Atlantic	Ellen Newbold	\$1,250 (if 50 \$25 gifts are received)
Northeast	Lucy Janjigian	\$3,000
Pacific	Cynthia Joe	\$10,000
South Atlantic	Anonymous	\$5,000
Southern California/Hawaii	Gerry Tayler	\$10,000
Sun	Kathy Randall	\$1,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$50,500</b>

### PW and Social Media

PW builds community via **Twitter** and **Facebook**. Participation continues to increase. It’s easy to join in:

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