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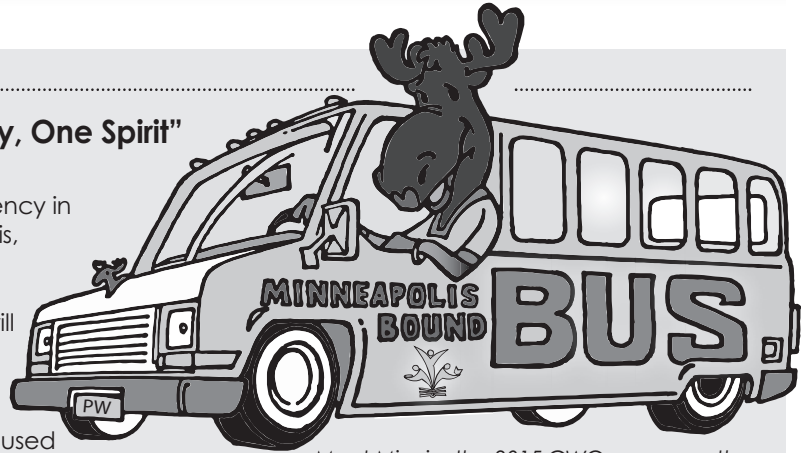
Minneapolis in 2015: Gathering in “One Body, One Spirit”

Churchwide Gathering FAQs

- Q** What is the theme of the 2015 Churchwide Gathering?
- A** The theme is “One Body, One Spirit,” based on 1 Corinthians 12:12–27 (NRSV). While the Gathering experience will explore the entire passage, particular attention will be paid to verses 12–13: “For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.”
- Q** When is the 2015 Churchwide Gathering?
- A** The Gathering begins on Thursday, June 18, 2015, and concludes on Sunday, June 21, 2015.
- Q** Where will this Gathering be held?
- A** The Gathering will be held at the

Hyatt Regency in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Optional field trips will visit local Presbyterian, mission-focused and cultural sites.

- Q** Who attends the Gathering?
- A** Christian women (and a few men and children!) from across the country and around the world come together for this triennial event. Past Gatherings have included people of all ages and from more than 20 countries.
- Q** What happens at the Gathering?
- A** Lots! Join in worship—enjoying uplifting music and gifted preachers—with sisters in faith from



Meet Minnie, the 2015 CWG moose-cot!

As PW ambooseador to the Gathering, she is ready to help you promote the Gathering far and wide. For Minnie clip art and ideas, download the Gathering promo pack at www.presbyterian-women.org/gathering. As Minnie says, “See you in Minneapolis!”

around the country and the world. Find inspiration in the plenary (large group) sessions, which highlight everything from Bible study to mission projects. Learn about your areas of passion and key issues in the world today through forums and workshops led by inspiring speakers. Get excited about the future of Presbyterian Women at

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Thank you from the Leadership Enhancement Committee (LEC) as staff and members transition out

By **Jayne Sneed**

Leadership Enhancement Committee

July and August mark turning points for LEC. Doreen Der-McLeod and Gloria Moorman completed their service July 1. Both have always been enthusiastic and energetic in their work for Presbyterian Women (PW) and the PC(USA), as well as mentors and major “go to” people because of their years of work in their local areas and the larger denomination. Their lives and work exemplify building an inclusive, caring community of women.

LEC’s greatest adjustment, however, will come on August 1 as Unzu Lee completes her years of service as PW staff support for both LEC and the Antiracism Committee (ARC). Unzu truly has been a “walking encyclopedia” of historical knowledge and resource information for our committee, the CCT and PW, in general,



Unzu Lee

thanks to her loyal denominational and organizational tenure. Besides helping everyone with her programmatic knowledge and her eagerness to help the committee start new projects, she was a great mentor to all of us as “newbies” in our early days on the CCT. Her gifts and talents will be greatly missed. Her guidance in getting issues and projects forward to larger groups of women (for example, culturally proficient leadership training at Big Tent and intergenerational dialogues held at the UN Commission on the Status of Women) has been invaluable. LEC member Liz Potter summed it up best when she said, “How blessed we have all

been to have Unzu in our lives.” We wish Doreen, Gloria and Unzu well in their next chapters and pray that they will continue to share their gifts in new ventures for PW.

Don't miss what's inside! • Minnie the Moose • Men in the Mirror • Gathering Q and A • Two extra pages of news • Fun skit Justice and Peace calendar • Thank Offering in South Sudan • new Mission Pledge promo • and lots more!

Thank Offering supports healing in war-torn South Sudan

If you have seen recent issues of *Horizons* magazine, or you follow international news, you know that South Sudan, the newest nation in the world and one of the poorest, is in the midst of crisis. Our church partners, who have received support from PW and the PC(USA), are suffering not only from poverty but from civil war, and tens of thousands are facing disease and starvation. Yet, despite the extremely difficult context, women of the church are looking ahead and planning activities to address the acute need for trauma healing as the prerequisite to any further community transformation and nation-building.

The Women's Work Department of the Presbyterian Church of South Sudan (PCOSS) was selected for a Thank Offering grant in 2013. Those funds were intended for women's empowerment materials. Elizabeth Nyawok, national secretary of the women's department, wrote to PW:

The Women's Department has received the notification of the Thank Offering. Thank you very much for that offering of love.

Copies of our new manual were destroyed in the Malakal office. Thus, I have recopied a few files for our present trauma healing training which started on the third of this month and will end on the sixth. The money used for this workshop is from PC Scotland.

We are happy to have been able to provide this needed workshop in Juba with 60 participants from all areas of the country who have been affected by this tragedy. Now we want to make more trauma healing workshops in the areas where our women now find themselves (Khartoum, Gambella, Kakuma, etc.) and seek your permission to use some of the Thank Offering grant in this endeavor, as trauma healing is an integral part of our leadership training.

Thanking you for your attention to this matter and for your continuing support of the PCOSS Women Department work.

*Elizabeth Nyawok Ajak,
National Secretary, WWD/PCOSS/Juba*

Once this was approved by the Creative Ministries Offering Committee, Elizabeth wrote:

Thank you very much for your concern for the women of the South Sudan. We really want to heal the broken hearts of PW in South Sudan.



We have done one workshop in Juba [and we are] going to do the workshop in Khartoum soon. I will invite [members of South Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church (SSPEC)], too.

Most of the South Sudanese ran to the North and we want them to have the trauma healing workshop in Khartoum. You know we are scattered and there is a lot of fear in the hearts of women because they lost their beloved husbands, children, sisters, brothers and others.

Continue praying for South Sudan because fighting is still going on and most of the people are in the forests where there are a lot of rains.

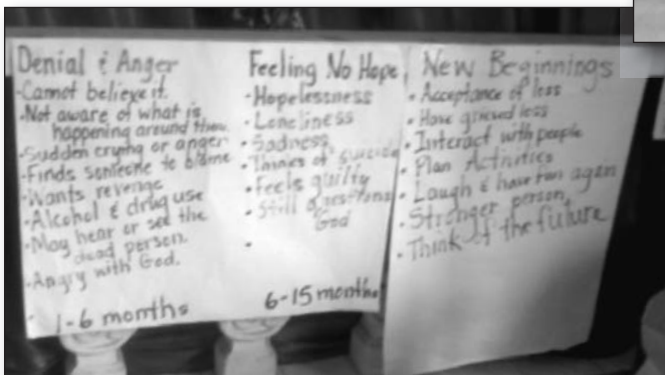
*Elizabeth Nyawok Ajak,
National Secretary, PCOSS/Khartoum*

Christi Boyd, mission coworker in Central Africa, replied:

As I read your message, my heart is aching. You are faced with so much hurt and so many challenges! May God bring healing to the nation of South Sudan, its people groups, communities, families and individuals as the PCOSS women are reaching out to their sisters in Christ! May you soon, but at God's time, find each other back again in South Sudan as a peaceful and reconciled country.

Amen!

Photos on this page are from the trauma healing workshop held in Juba. Women came not only from the Juba area but from many other areas where the conflict has touched. Some of them reside in UN camps.



Notice

Shannon Beck, reconciliation catalyst with PC(USA) World Mission, invites you and your PW group, worshiping community, presbytery and synod to engage more deeply in God's work of reconciliation. Invite her to speak at your event. Contact Shannon at shannon.beck@pcusa.org to learn more.

PW in Presbytery of The James celebrate 25 years

By Jayne Sneed

CCT representative, Synod of the Mid-Atlantic

As you probably know, Presbytery of The James was one of the last PW groups to organize on May 6, 1989, so its festive 25th birthday celebration took place just recently.

At the Spring Gathering on May 3, 2014, at Bethlehem Presbyterian Church in Old Church, Virginia, 25 years of Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of The James was celebrated. This included recognition of the present and past PWP moderators and the widowers of two deceased moderators; recognition of each past coordinating team member present; sharing of photographs of PW events through the years; a communion anthem sung by the PCT choir; most women attending wearing blue and gold, and birthday cake! The gathering opened with the singing of the PW purpose hymn, "Forgiven by God's Grace," written by former PWP moderator Marian Thompson.

The former moderators installed the new PWP officers for 2014–2016 using the "Choose Life" service featured in *Horizons* last year. Notice in the photo Rebecca Ford's tote bag, which features buttons collected from churchwide, synod and



Former moderators of Presbyterian Women of The James. Left to right: Evalyn Page (2009–2013); Rebecca Ford (1997–2001); Phil Coltrain (widower of Beth Coltrain, 2005–2009); Betty Appich (1993–1995) and Marion Thompson (1995–1997). Not pictured: Margaret Carter (1989–1993); Al Parsons, widower of Annie Lee Parsons (2001–2005) and Sherry Scudder (2013 to present).

presbytery gatherings of Presbyterian Women over the past 25 years. Happy birthday, PW in The James!

Women in Synod of the Northeast take mission exchange trip to Amatola, South Africa, this summer

By Magdalene Lewis

Janet Fuhrmeister, along with other women from the presbytery of Northern New England (PNNE) and the Presbytery of Boston are traveling to Amatola Presbytery in South Africa this summer. This trip is a continuation of a partnership with Amatola, of the Uniting Presbyterian Church in Southern Africa. During this trip, women from New England will be working in schools, AIDS clinics, gardens and nutrition centers.

PW in the Synod of the Northeast was able to support this group of women with a donation to help with travel expenses.

The first week is being spent in East London, South Africa, attending worship and visiting community projects, ending with a visit to the Masimanyane Women's Support Centre. A few days will be spent at a seminar with women from Amatola



PW of PNNE visited Haven Wellness Centre, South Africa, in 2012.

Presbytery. The trip will end with a visit to Port Elizabeth for the United Presbyterian Women Fellowship's (UPWF) celebration of South African National Women's Day.

The women representing PNNE and Boston presbyteries represent a broad range of ages, skills, interest, faith journeys and life experiences. They are the new face of Presbyterian Women. This trip is a good example of women from different presbyteries working together to support the mission of Presbyterian Women and the PC(USA).

Ubunye Partnership Task Force is responsible for developing and implementing programs and relationships with Northern New England's sister presbytery in South Africa. The partnership was established in 1998 and since then the group has sponsored many trips both ways.

Why are you Presbyterian? Presbyterians Today wants to know!

In the December issue of *Presbyterians Today*, you have a chance to show and tell why you chose to belong to our Presbyterian family.

Email one or two sentences that sum up for you why you're Presbyterian. You might tell about a specific experience—such as a pastor who supported your family when someone was ill or the care you received from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance volunteers after a disaster. Or you might focus on a particular church value that's important to you—like women's leadership in the church, the priority of scripture, or the church's commitment to stand up for livable wages for farmworkers. Choose anything at all, but please be as specific as you can. The magazine will print as many as room allows.

The magazine requests that you also send a hi-res photo of an object, event or people that goes along with your quote. Please include a description of the image and its significance.

Send your email to editor@pcusa.org by September 4, 2014. We hope to see you in the December issue!



Supporting the publishing mission of Presbyterian Women, one *Horizons* reader at a time!

Tucked into the new *Horizons* subscription card and renewal letter is an opportunity to add extra \$\$ over and above the subscription price to lend support to the publishing mission of Presbyterian Women. The ongoing response just confirms what everyone in the church already knows: Presbyterian women—and *Horizons* readers, in particular—never miss an opportunity to care much and give generously!

You may donate each time you renew, subscribe or give a gift subscription. You also may send a separate tax-deductible gift at any time, "Donation to publishing mission" in the memo line, to Publishing Mission, Presbyterian Women, Inc., PO Box 643652, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3652.

This summer, Presbyterian women have had yet another opportunity to support the publishing mission of PW. Those who make a special gift of \$50 or more receive a free copy of *Paul for Everyone: 2 Corinthians* by N.T. Wright. (To take advantage of this opportunity, send a note with your \$50 (or more) donation to *Horizons*, PO Box 421, Congers, NY 10920-0421, asking to receive Wright's book.)

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Men in the Mirror: A new 13-session curriculum for use in addressing violence against women and girls

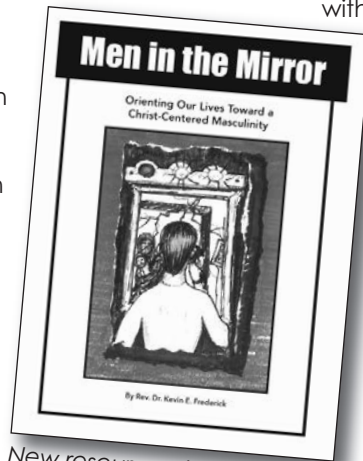
What does it mean to be a mature healthy man? In every society, males of all ages hear and internalize a variety of messages about the definition of, and "appropriate" expression of, their masculinity. Some of these messages have positive impacts on the development and sense of identity of males. Other internalized messages have destructive implications for a man's well-being and those with whom he shares relationships.

Internalized messages of identity, left unexamined, often create deeply ingrained patterns of relationship problems that men struggle with throughout their lives. The lack of a strong forum within the Christian church designed to encourage men to explore together those qualities, values and practices that make for positive male relationship skills actually contributes in its absence to the breakdown of healthy dynamics within families.

By studying the dynamics exhibited in Jesus' relationships with others in his lifetime, this new 13-session curriculum, *Men in the Mirror; Constructing and Applying a Christ-centered Masculinity to Interpersonal Relationships* sets out to explore and address the values that impact men's relationships, giving them the opportunity to critique their own relationship skills and grow in their discipleship to Jesus Christ.

This resource was developed by Kevin E. Frederick, moderator of Presbyterians against Domestic Violence Network (PADVN), a ministry network of the Presbyterian Health, Education & Welfare Association (PHEWA). Kevin serves as pastor to the Waldensian Presbyterian Church of Valdese, North Carolina.

Download this new resource free from www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/phewa/presbyterians-against-domestic-violence.



New resource aids men in orienting their lives "toward a Christ-centered masculinity."

Prepare now for PW's third annual Together in Action Days in January

Plan around Human Trafficking Awareness Day, Sunday, January 11

PW urges groups throughout the church to plan events around Human Trafficking Awareness Day.

Actions to end human trafficking

- Use the PC(USA)'s *Toolkit for Action: Modern Slavery*, prepared by the Human Trafficking Roundtable; www.pcusa.org/browse/resources-resource/ministries/human-trafficking.
- Teach others to recognize signs of human trafficking and to report instances through local police and the national hotline, 888.373.7888. Learn more at www.polarisproject.org.
- Work with ECPAT-USA (End Child Prostitution and Trafficking) to encourage companies in the travel and tourism industry to prevent sexual exploitation of children. Learn more at www.thecode.org and www.ecpatusa.org.
- Estimate your slavery footprint at <http://slaveryfootprint.org>.
- Join the Red Hands campaign to work for an end to conscription of child soldiers—www.redhandday.org.
- Join the #igivehope social media campaign—www.unodc.org/endht.
- Start a S.O.A.P. campaign. See www.traffickfree.com.
- Don't forget the Nigerian girls taken by Boko Haram in April. Hold vigils.
- Support On Eagle's Wings, a PW mission partner in North Carolina ministering to young women who have been trafficked: www.oewm.net.

- Share information from the *Trafficking in Persons Report 2013*, www.state.gov/documents/organization/210737.pdf.
- Visit www.endslaveryandtrafficking.org.
- Host a film screening (polarisproject.org).

Actions to end all forms of VAWG

Make this action week part of your overall campaign to end violence against women and girls.

- Start with PW's observance of Orange Days. Wear orange on the 25th of each month (order orange PW shirts from www.pcusa.org/store). Learn more at www.un.org/en/women/endviolence.
- Ask U.S. lawmakers to ratify the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW). Order postcards from www.pcusa.org/store.
- Join Cities for CEDAW; attend webinars on starting a coalition in your city. <http://citiesforcedaw.wordpress.com>
- Join www.congoswim.org.
- Download *Men in the Mirror* and start a study of men's role in changing attitudes and behaviors.
- Contact your local women's shelter and respond to their needs.
- Pledge at www.wewillspeakout.org.
- See www.onebillionrising.org.
- Access and use Presbyterians Against Domestic Violence Network (PADVN).
- Organize a discussion in your community on the issue of sexual harassment and other forms of violence against women and girls.

Justice and Peace Calendar

August

- 6 Hiroshima Day
- 25 Orange Day
- 31 Labor in the Pulpit Weekend

September

- 1 Labor Day
- 21 International Day of Peace
- 25 Orange Day

October

- 5 World Communion Sunday
- 11 National Coming Out Day
- 11 International Day of the Girl Child
- 12 Domestic Violence Awareness Sunday
- 13 Indigenous People's Day
- 16 World Food Day
- 23 Native American Day
- 23 Global Week of Action Against Gun Violence begins
- 24 United Nations Day
- 25 Orange Day

November

- Native American Heritage Month
- 20 Universal Children's Day
- 25 Orange Day/International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women
- 25–Dec. 10 Sixteen Days of Activism against Gender Violence
- 27 Thanksgiving, a day to consider the native perspective

December

- 5 International Volunteer Day
- 10 International Human Rights Day
- 18 International Migrants Day
- 25 Orange Day

January

- 11 Human Trafficking Awareness Day
- 19 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 25 Orange Day

Many opportunities to changes lives, support mission through Presbyterian Women!

2014 Thank Offering packets are in the mail!

Presbyterian Women's Creative Ministries Offering Committee was able to fund 30 of 62 proposals received for grants in 2014. Projects receiving grants range from afterschool programs and transitional housing for those in emergency shelters to a program that assesses the impact of the criminal justice system on a community. Health ministries receiving grants range from hospice care in Virginia to drinking water in India. PW support of these projects is made possible by your generous gifts to the Thank Offering in 2013.

Now it's time to ensure that PW will be able to fund even more projects in 2015! Thank Offering materials have been mailed to every PC(USA) congregation's women's group. If your PW group does not receive Thank Offering materials by the middle of August, please email patricia.longfellow@pcusa.org to be sure your leaders are in our database, and order a booklet from PDS (800.524.2612; item PWR14475).

PW Honorary Life Memberships

Honorary Life Memberships are a beautiful way to honor the special women in our PW lives, women who have mentored us and/or transformed our circles, congregations, presbyteries and synods through their faithful service. If you would like to

present someone with a PW Honorary Life Membership, there are two options: the sterling silver level at \$95 and the gold level at \$250. Contact Nancy McWhorter at 888.728.7228, ext. 8014, or nancy.mcwhorter@pcusa.org, for more information. Funds support leadership development and training.



2015 Mission Pledge promo also in the mail!

Why should I encourage giving to the PW Mission Pledge? The simple answer: Because gifts to the Mission Pledge support mission and ministry work for each program area of PW: mission partnerships and projects, leadership enhancement, publishing, justice and peace—nothing is excluded. Mission Pledge gifts also support the mission of the PC(USA) worldwide and PW's common operating expenses. As with all gifts given to PW, each gift is stewarded prayerfully and faithfully. For information, email patricia.longfellow@pcusa.org. Thank you for promoting giving to PW mission and ministry!

\$25 for 25 matching campaign ended June 30

Our campaign to commemorate PW's 25th anniversary, "\$25 for 25," received matching gifts totalling \$58,000 from women in 13 different synods. Thank you to all the women from across the country who sent in donations before June 30 to qualify for a match. All gifts benefit the Mission Pledge, which supports every PW mission and ministry. The final total will be reported at a later date.

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the business meeting, where PW's 2015–2018 leaders will be elected, a budget will be finalized and programmatic emphases will be chosen. Witness the installation of the newly elected leaders of PW's 2015–2018 Churchwide Coordinating Team. Visit the many exhibits. Shop in the marketplace and bookstore. Enjoy Minneapolis's hot spots.

- Q** How much will the Gathering cost?
A Full registration is \$395. This is less than in 2012! Hotel, travel and some meals are additional.
- Q** Is there a discount if I only attend part of the Gathering?
A Daily registration is \$125 per day.
- Q** What hotel accommodations are available?
A Housing and programming are all under one roof at the Hyatt Regency. Room rates are \$169 per room, per night, for one to four persons per room, plus tax.
- Q** Are transportation services available?
A For full-service air travel assistance, contact Roger Roy, Global Travel Alliance, at 505.892.2820.
- Q** Are scholarships available?
A Churchwide scholarships are not offered for this Gathering. Apply for (or give!) scholarships through your PW in the Congregation, Presbytery or Synod. You also may apply for a leadership enhancement grant (go to www.presbyterianwomen.org, "Tools for Leaders," for info on grants).
- Q** I'm a voting representative. When should I be available for the business meeting?
A The business meeting will begin Wednesday, June 17 at 7 PM and will continue Thursday, June 18, 8:30 AM–5 PM.

Partnership with PC(USA)

Gifts to CentsAbility/Hunger Program feed students

In 2013 your gifts to the Presbyterian Hunger Program and CentsAbility totaled nearly \$300,000 and provided grants to 29 partners in 14 countries. We want to do a shout-out for the top three PW presbyteries: 1) Grace Presbytery PW; 2) Tampa Bay Presbytery PW; and 3) Southeastern Illinois PW!



Thanks to all of your support, this year PHP was able to work with 800 students (and their family members) at two primary schools in poverty stricken Migori District in western Kenya through Development in Gardening (DIG)'s Sustainable Agriculture School program. Evance (in photo) is one of the students who has benefited from the production of nutritious food on school property. Students like Evance show improved academic performance and the school is able to generate income to support early childhood feeding programs and student scholarships. The school and community work together so that sustainable agriculture techniques are shared in home gardens.

This November PHP will be sending funds for next year's work, and we hope to be able to continue our work with groups like DIG. Many thanks for sending in those lovingly collected CentsAbility and hunger contributions!

- Q** What else can you tell me about the theme?
A "One Body, One Spirit" invites us to consider that, for all our varied gifts, we share an identity in Christ.
- Q** Where can I get more information?
A www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering, www.facebook.com/presbyterianwomenpcusa) and *Horizons* magazine!
- Q** When can I register?
A Registration opens on January 15, 2015. Look for a registration booklet in the November/December 2014 issue of *Horizons* magazine. After November 1, 2014, order registration booklets by calling 800.524.2612 or visiting www.pcusa.org/store.
- Q** What materials are available to promote the Gathering?
A The promo packet of ideas (www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering); registration booklets (PDS item CWG15001); and save-the-date magnets (CWG15029). PDS: 800.524.2612.

Antiracism

Extending hospitality through several outlets

The Antiracism Committee (ARC) of the CCT has been hard at work getting out information about cultural proficiency, issues of racial-ethnic justice, and the committee's social media campaign.

Several ARC, LEC and other CCT members have continued to speak at presbytery and synod gatherings to promote *Practicing God's Radical Hospitality*. Reactions from participants at gatherings have been very positive, and many leaders are looking to use the resource in their home churches to confront issues that can be road blocks to the PW purpose of "building inclusive, caring communities."

Along with the ongoing social media campaign of our Racial Justice Allies Facebook group and PW's antiracism blog *Manna for the March*, the ARC social media task group is also hosting conversations on Twitter, using #pwantiracism to connect participants. Keep posted on issues and discussion topics through social media any time! Not a member of Racial Justice Allies? Just ask to join the Facebook group and one of our friendly administrators will be happy to approve your request! Don't forget to follow @PWPCUSA on Twitter for other news and information about racial-ethnic justice issues!

The ARC continues to work with other committees of the CCT, and would like to remind our PW sisters that we have a network of trained antiracism facilitators who can serve as resources when needed. Working with the LEC, ARC is working on comparing 2010 and 2013 demographic survey information. It is the hope of ARC to be able to determine from the comparison how much work PW, on multiple organizational levels, has been able to accomplish and still needs to achieve.

P.S.: Need a good book to read on a summer vacation? Check out *Better Together: The Future of Presbyterian Mission*, by Sherron Kay George, or *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*, by Michelle Alexander.

Reconciling Paul resources available

Paul's writings are some of the most influential in Christianity. In the nine lessons of *Reconciling Paul: A Contemporary Study of 2 Corinthians*, author Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty invites us to read Paul's second letter to the Corinthians afresh in light of the issues we face in our time. Like us, Paul wrestled with and questioned his faith as he tried to live as authentically as possible in a world that was in the midst of great change. Discover fresh and timeless insights for all communities of faith. Order your study today! (Next year's study is free with a *Horizons* subscription! Call 866.802.3635.)

This study is available in several editions—English, ecumenical, Spanish, large-print, video and audio. All editions and supplements, as well as other related materials (promotional poster, pendant/charm and workshop for leaders), are available from Presbyterian Distribution Service. Call 800.524.2612 or type "Reconciling Paul" into the search box on Church Store (www.pcusa.org/store) to bring up the entire list. You may also go to www.pcusa.org/horizons and click on "Bible study" to bring up a list. Additional resources are published in *Horizons* magazine beginning with the July/August issue. To subscribe, call 866/802-8635.

Planning a trip this year?

Wherever you are this year, whether it's Moscow or Minnesota, let's play "Where's *Horizons*?" Inspired by the *Where's Waldo?* series of books, we invite you to send in a photo of yourself or someone else reading *Horizons* magazine. Email carissa.herold@pcusa.org with "Where's *Horizons*?" in the subject line. Please include your name and location. We will publish on Facebook, Pinterest and more.

Planning a trip next year to the Gathering?

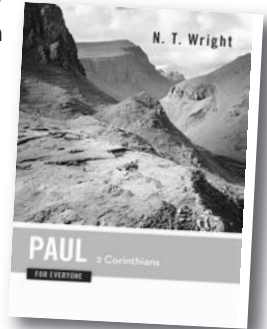
Coming soon: "Where's Minnie the Moose?" Why, she's in Minneapolis! Or she will be next June! She's helping women field test Bible studies this year! ;-)



Supporting the publishing ministry of PW

For generations, even before women had voice or vote in the church, Presbyterian women have understood that staying connected through communication makes all mission and ministry

possible. That is why publishing has been central to the women's organization of the church. Presbyterian women are connected through a shared Bible study and magazine that speak to issues of concern for women of faith. Presbyterian women even choose the Bible study's theme and author, and connect with the author through field-testing as they help develop the study.



Thanks to you, our *Horizons* reps, Presbyterian women continue to be connected through *Horizons* magazine and Bible study, both in print and digital formats, even during times of challenge and transition.

Now we need your help to ensure that Presbyterian Women's publishing legacy continues for another generation. We need your help to spread the word of an exciting offer for all Presbyterian women (and men).

With a donation of \$50 or more to the publishing mission of PW, anyone can receive a free copy of *Paul for Everyone: 2 Corinthians* by N.T. Wright to supplement this year's *Horizons* Bible study, *Reconciling Paul: A Contemporary Study of 2 Corinthians* by Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty.

To take advantage of this opportunity, those interested need only send a note with their gift of \$50 (or more) to *Horizons*, PO Box 421, Congers, NY 10920-0421, asking to receive Wright's book.

OR they may give online at <https://www.cambeywest.com/subscribe2/?p=hzn&f=11407BKDN&s=11407BKDN> and request their copy of Wright's book.

Bible Study

Help wanted! Nominate an author or offer to field test a study!

News flash!

Sixteen groups will field test *Who Is Jesus?* the 2016–2017 *Horizons* Bible study this fall. Spectacular response leads to wonderful opportunity. What about your group for the study on Hebrews next fall?

Field testing of an upcoming study takes place between August and December each year. Groups receive a draft of the study along with evaluation forms to complete as they make their way through each lesson. All evaluation forms are sent to the Bible study author, who uses feedback to edit and rewrite her work.

PW circles, Bible study groups, and coordinating teams have all made excellent field testing groups. What about your group? Apply today! Contact Betsy Ensign-George (502.569.5366, betsy.ensign-george@pcusa.org), or download an application form from www.pcusa.org/horizons/bibleupcome.htm.



Author nominations welcome!

We need your help. Do you know someone you think would make an excellent Bible study author or a writer of Suggestions for Leaders? Pastors, educators and professors have all created studies and leader suggestions that are beloved by Presbyterian women. You might know the author of the next one.

Strong candidates will have these qualities (and more!):

- Knowledge of the Bible and related writings
- Knowledge of, and commitment to, Reformed theology
- Experience teaching Bible study
- Experience writing, especially for lay people
- Commitment to women's issues
- Commitment to using inclusive language in all communications
- Hold active membership in the PC(USA)

Send in a nomination today! Contact Betsy Ensign-George (502.569.5366, betsy.ensign-george@pcusa.org), or download an application from www.pcusa.org/horizons/bibleupcome.htm.

Additional news from Presbyterian Women Churchwide

Amazon Smile

Here's another reason to smile! Support your favorite organization—Presbyterian Women, of course!—when you purchase books, music and lots of other items from Amazon.com. Simply visit smile.amazon.com and select Presbyterian Women as your favorite charitable organization. Shop as you normally would through “regular” Amazon but (even better!) when you shop through AmazonSmile, a portion of the purchase price for eligible products is donated to Presbyterian Women. And don't fret—tens of millions of products are eligible (each product's detail pages indicate eligibility). You'll have access to the same wide selection of products at the exact price as you do through “regular” Amazon! Giving to PW in this way costs nothing extra. Once you set up your AmazonSmile account, PW receives a donation for each eligible purchase you make—in other words, you shop, Amazon gives, PW receives.



Idea for Together in Service Days: Run for Justice

Last May, Justice Ventures International (JVI) and other organizations came together to raise awareness on human trafficking by participating in the Hilton Garden Inn Hotels' TrafficStop 5K—“Racing to Stop Human Trafficking” in McLean, Virginia. Several churches organized large teams of runners including Open Door Presbyterian Church of Herndon, Virginia. You could do something like this as part of your action around Human Trafficking Day, January 11. Proceeds from the event could go to JVI and other anti-human trafficking organizations.

Peacemakers available for speaking engagements

The PC(USA)'s Peacemaking offices tells us that International Peacemaker Irma Balaba from the Philippines is available this fall and able to speak to issues of human trafficking from the perspective of our partners in the National Council of Churches in the Philippines. She is available September 19–October 12. Read her bio at www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/peacemaking/meet-international-peacemakers. An application to host a peacemaker is also on the Peacemaking website: www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/peacemaking/host-peacemaker. Other peacemakers are also available.

Want input at the UN? Ecumenical Women invites you to complete a questionnaire (enclosed)

As in previous years, Ecumenical Women will be advocating at UNCSW 59 as the Commission undertakes a review of progress made in the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, 20 years after its adoption at the Fourth World Conference on Women in 1995. Each year, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and Presbyterian Women join Ecumenical Women in joint advocacy at the UN. We work together to submit a joint statement focused around issue area priorities. It is important that we are able to provide input during the drafting phase. Ecumenical Women invites you to take part in this review process by filling out the questionnaire enclosed in this mailing. Please return it to ryan.smith@pcusa.org no later than September 12, 2014.

New Legacy

Christmas CD for 2014

Legacy Christmas, the CD of treasured carols offered in 2013 in support of the Birthday Offering and Living Waters for the World, was an overwhelming success—\$100,000 was raised for mission! We deeply appreciate the 440 circles and presbytery teams who offered the CD on consignment this past fall. Your positive feedback to the music and the cause has been inspiring.

In 2014, the second *Legacy Christmas* CD, titled *Legacy Christmas: Nativity Carols and Hymns*, is now in production! The same musicians, and vocalist Alyth McCormack of The Chieftains, are returning, along with the exciting addition of acclaimed vocalist and songwriter Julie Lee. (Julie has written songs for Alison Krauss and was a featured artist on NPR's *All Songs Considered* this past fall.) Like the first CD, this CD will feature classic songs of the church passed down through the ages, including “Silent Night,” “While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks,” and “What Child is This?”

Both CDs will be available for consignment this fall, and may be offered separately or together. We hope to see all of our former consigners return and hope many more of you elect to join us in this wonderful example of partnership to support God's work among women, children and their families.

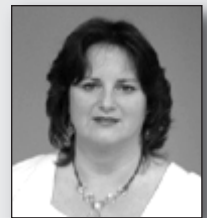
USA Mission Experience 2016

The Churchwide Coordinating Team of Presbyterian Women has accepted the invitation of the Presbyterian Women of San Francisco and San Jose Presbyteries for the 2016 USA Mission Experience. The diversity of cultures, economies and lifestyles that make up the Bay Area will enrich this experience and provide a variety of resources to create an exceptional USA Mission Experience for PW.

Stay tuned for more information about the 2016 USA Mission Experience, available early 2015.

PW adds accountant to staff team

Presbyterian Women in the PC(USA), Inc., welcomes Rhonda Martin to the staff as part of an administrative reorganization for PW, Inc. She will be PW's new finance manager, bringing accounting in house. Rhonda has served the PC(USA) for 16 years, her first eight years with Central Receiving, her last eight years with Financial Services/Forecasting and Budgets, where she worked on PW's account. Rhonda “loves working for the church and is over the top with PW.” She transferred from Presbyterian Mission Agency to the PW staff team on August 1, 2014.



Please welcome new synod representatives to the Churchwide Coordinating Team

- Sarah Ford (Synod of Living Waters)
- Charlotte Hasselbarth (Synod of the Northeast)
- Susan Barlow (Synod of Lincoln Trails)
- Kay Olson (Synod of Lakes and Prairies)
- Cecilia Moran (Synod of the Pacific)
- Jane McGookey (Synod of the Covenant)
- Karene Jones (Synod of the Sun)

Additional news from Presbyterian Women Churchwide

2015 *Horizons* and Churchwide Gathering Promo Skit

Churchwide Gathering on the Horizon

Adapted from a skit performed at PW Synod of the Covenant by Cora and Dana
[lines in brackets should be adapted for locality]

Characters

A—rabid fan of local university; wears lots of spirit-wear
B—passenger carrying binoculars

Props

Binoculars, steering wheel, two stools or chairs

A and B are seated on stools or chairs facing the audience. A has a "steering wheel" prop and wears lots of spirit-wear from her favored university. B is seated beside her with a pair of binoculars around her neck.

B: Well, A, here we are in [Michigan] on [1-75] on our way to the [Synod] Gathering at last!

A: That we are!

B: (*looking through her binoculars*) I just love the scenery up here! Lakes, woods, wildflowers—it's quite an experience driving up here, isn't it?

Both react to A hitting the brakes, swerve.

A: Yeah, if you're talking about a near-death experience.

B: How fast was that idiot driving?

A: I'm doing 70 and that obviously wasn't fast enough for him.

B: You mean the speed limit in [Michigan] runs into three digits?

A: Very possible. (*Looks behind her.*) Do you think that's why the lady behind us now is yelling out her window and waving one single finger around?

B: (*Looks back*) I hadn't noticed, but you're right. Though I really can't believe you aren't driving fast enough. Do you think it might have something to do with all those [Ohio State] decals and that big bumper sticker that says ["Go Bucks, Michigan ____!"]?

A: (*interrupting*) B!

B: Okay. Just sayin'.

A: Well, you remember the [Ohio-Michigan] border wars and all that. Maybe they're still a little sore at us.

B: Interesting though. I'll take it under advisement. Just ignore them and go back to your sightseeing (*eyes straight ahead all the time*).

A: (*with binoculars*) B, look! There's a herd of [elk or deer or moose] or something (*pointing to the right*) over here.

Both bounce up in their seats simultaneously, as if going over a big bump.

B: Oh! Did we just hit something?

A: I'm not sure, but there's no way I can stop to see right now. Just forget about it and enjoy the view. You're SO into that.

B: I know I am. I just feel like I need to take it all in especially after the note I got from that nice lady in our [Presbytery].

A: Tell me, what did that note from that nice lady say?

B: I have it right here in my bag. Okay, it says, "Be sure that you don't miss your new *Horizons*. So wonderful!" And she even capitalized the word *Horizons*, probably for emphasis. I've been gazing as far as the eye can see in all directions.

A: See the *Horizons*, huh? **B**, was that note, by any chance, from [Alyce Ann]?

B: How did you know that? But, yes, that's what I said: the nice lady from our [Presbytery].

A: This explains a lot. I'm sure [Alyce Ann] wants you to enjoy all the beauty of the [Wolverine State], but I'm pretty certain that the "horizons" she wants you to look at refers to the *Horizons* magazine.

B: That never occurred to me, but, of course, that does make sense. She was writing about our wonderful Presbyterian Women's publication, the one she always encourages us to subscribe to and read.

A: *Horizons*! That's the one. I have a subscription and I know you do, too.

B: Absolutely. It's such a great resource for learning what Presbyterian Women are doing all around the world—our mission study trips, ideas for local groups, the missions we support financially, humorous articles, special materials that are available to us . . .

A: Yes, and especially the annual *Horizons* Bible study. It's about Paul this year, you know.

B: I do. All of our circles at [First Pres] will be using it. And you know *Horizons* will include supplementary materials for the Bible study in each issue throughout the program year.

A: Our group learned so much from last year's study on Exodus and Deuteronomy by Janice Catron and now we have the opportunity to hear from [Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty] about the new study.

B: She's giving us an introduction this weekend at the [synod] gathering.

A: That's really neat. And speaking of gatherings, right there in your *Horizons* Bible study, there's a "save the date" card with exciting information about the 2015 Churchwide Gathering. It's going to be in Minneapolis, June 18–21, and the theme is "One Body, One Spirit" from 1 Corinthians 12:12–27.

B: I see! This sounds wonderful! I remember the awesome experiences of the previous Churchwide Gatherings we attended together.

A: So do I.

B: You know, I'll bet there is magnificent scenery along the Minnesota horizons.

A: Undoubtedly.

B: Omigosh! We're in [city] already!

A: (*sarcastically*) Really?

B: I'm so looking forward to the drive to Minneapolis next summer. You are going to drive, right?

A: Actually, I'm thinking about flying—alone!

B: (*disappointed*) Oh? Well, anyway, here we are today and we're going to have a fantastic time.

A: We are! And while we're here, what is it again that we want to tell all the other ladies about?

B: That would be . . .

A and B: . . . subscribe to *Horizons* magazine, and see you next summer in Minneapolis!

A: (*parked*) Grab your bags and let's get signed in. I call first dibs on the bathroom!

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**Mailed to PW moderators in the presbytery and synod, PW leadership coordinators, members of PW's Churchwide Coordinating Team, presbytery and synod resource centers, Celebration Giving representatives, PW treasurers and members of the Creative Ministries Offering Committee.

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Ecumenical Women

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United Nations Commission on the Status of Women 59th session

Questionnaire

As it has for several years, Ecumenical Women will participate in the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW-59) in 2015. We will join in advocacy on this year's priority theme, a review of progress made in the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, 20 years after its adoption at the Fourth World Conference on Women in 1995. See more at www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/beijing/pdf/BDPfA%20E.pdf.

Ecumenical advocacy at the UN depends on feedback from women and men of all ages from diverse faith-based global organizations. We would like to seek your input which will inform the CSW-59 advocacy priorities and the statement for Ecumenical Women. CSW-59 in Beijing+20 will review the progress or lack of it made in the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action. The Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action was launched during the 4th World Conference on Women in Beijing in 1995, and the Declaration identified 12 critical areas (please see the list below).

We would like you to consider these 12 Critical Areas of Concern identified twenty years ago and pick up 2-3 relevant for your region/country/work issues in order of priority, and provide feedback on advancement or setbacks in the implementation of these issues. Please feel free to add other critical areas of concern in your area.

Fill out this questionnaire and return it to your EW member organization's representative. We look forward to hearing from you.

Name of your Ecumenical Women member organization _____

Geographical area in which you live _____

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- I. What is the most critical issue in your geographic area?
 - II. What is the most critical issue as defined by the Beijing Declaration in your geographic area?
 - III. Are there any emerging issues or subject areas which you feel that the Beijing Platform does not include?

Member Organizations: Anglican Communion; Association of Presbyterian Women Aotearoa New Zealand; Church Women United; The Episcopal Church; Lutheran World Federation; National Council of Churches of Christ (USA); Presbyterian Church (USA); The Salvation Army; United Methodist Church; Women's Missionary Society of the African Methodist Episcopal Church; World Council of Churches; World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women; World Student Christian Federation; World YWCA



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- IV.** What progress has been made? What are some of the major obstacles to implementation?
- V.** What do you see as the role of faith-based organizations in the discussions about Beijing +20 and the proposals to update it?
- VI.** Did you attend the Beijing Conference in 1995, or do you know someone who did? If so, would you please provide their contact information or ask them about their experience at Beijing, and whether we might include this with our responses?

**VII. Please respond to your top three areas of concern only. BEIJING DECLARATION - 12
CRITICAL AREAS OF CONCERN**
(with guiding questions to consider in your response)

1. Women and poverty

What is the extent of poverty among women in your country?

What obstacles prevent the situation from improving?

What should be done to improve the situation?

2. Education and training of women

What is the current status of access to quality education and training for women in your country?

Do most girls finish high school or college/university?

3. Women and health

What access do women and girls have to health and medical services in your country, including maternal and child health programs?

Are sexual, reproductive and maternal health programs available?

4. Violence against women

What is the extent of violence against women and girls in your country?

What action has been taken to end violence against women and girls?

How does your judicial system deal with violence against women and girls?

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Does trafficking of women and girls occur in your country, and if so, in what forms?

5. Women and armed conflict

What is the impact of armed conflict upon civilians, women and children in your country?

What have been the most alarming trends?

How are women, especially civilian women, treated during and after an armed altercation?

How does your government react to such violence?

6. Women and the economy

What is women's access to full employment and decent work in your country?

Are women and girls vulnerable to exploitation in your country? If so, how?

7. Women in power and decision-making positions

To what extent do women have access to power and participation in decision-making at local and national levels?

What are barriers to their full and equal participation?

8. Institutional mechanisms for the advancement of women

What national gender policies, strategies and enforcements to improve gender equality and equal opportunity for women and men exist in your country?

For more information, please see www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/beijing/platform.institu.htm#diagnosis.

9. Human rights of women

What are the key gender issues in your country?

Is there any human rights education in the schools?

Is there any commitment to advancing women's human rights?

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10. Women and the media

What part has media played in improving or diminishing the status, role and image of women in your country?

Are women employed in the media?

11. Women and the environment

Women are disproportionately affected by climate change and environmental degradation. How have women been actively involved in environmental decision-making?

What are the major effects of climate change in your country?

How are women impacted differently from men?

12. The Girl Child

Are "girls" treated any differently as compared to 20 years ago?

How can we improve this situation further?

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.

Your feedback is important.

It will be included in Ecumenical Women's grassroots input into its joint written statement to the UN and its advocacy on Beijing+20 at UNCSW 59 in 2015.

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