



Quarterly News

for Presbyterian Women Leaders

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May–July 2015

Presbyterian Women Churchwide

Spring CCT meeting

At its spring 2015 meeting, February 26–March 1 in Minneapolis, the Churchwide Coordinating Team (CCT) of Presbyterian Women thanked 24 members who are rotating off the board in July—Pat Angle, Wanda Beauman, Katie Blume, Virginia Champlin, Sung Yeon Choi-Morrow, Gloria Chough, Mary Danforth, Amy Frimpong, Jeanette Huie, Lucy Janjigian, Karene Jones, Mary Jorgenson, Alice Koerner, Carole Koi, Sheila Louder, Margaret Marks, Cathryn Piekarski, Elizabeth Potter, Lisiann Rodriguez, Jayne Sneed, Pam Snyder, Carolyn Sprinkle and Dahlia Vela.

Debbie Esselman and Carol Winkler held a light-hearted send-off for them. All 40 CCT members and staff in attendance learned some fun but little-known facts about those leaving. Did you know that Alice Koerner has two pythons in her home? (She also has two sons at home, which explains a lot!) Or that the FBI has a file on Katie Blume, and Mary Jorgenson can curse in Latin? Sheila Louder buys shoes she likes in more than one color (which explains why she ended up wearing one color on one foot and another on the other, once!). Wanda Beauman played Rahab in a church play, and Dahlia Vela was selected from an audience to dance with a Tyrolean performer who threw her over his shoulder to return her to her seat. Karene Jones won a fishing boat in a raffle, sold it and took a trip! There are dancers, swimmers, equestrians, adventurers, gastronomes and more among them. Who knew?

Presbyterian Women thanks all 24 for their generous and faithful service to PW, and urges them to join the alumnae network!

Highlights from the meeting

Administrative Committee

Mary Jorgenson, chair

- A draft budget was approved for the upcoming triennium. Adoption is a decision of the representatives to the 2015 Business Meeting.



CCT members at the spring 2015 meeting in Minneapolis

- The CCT structure task group met and offered considerations for the 2015–2018 CCT to respond to or refer. Considerations include improved orientation and mentoring for CCT members, enhanced communication and networking, and review of the Sisters Stand and Walk Together program. The Racial/Ethnic Dialog task group will meet by conference call.

Antiracism Committee (ARC)

Katie Blume, chair

- ARC proposed that Racial Ethnic Dialog be continued, but in a more cost-effective manner in the upcoming triennium, and that a member of ARC be added to the task group. Because CCT was tasked in 2000 and in each subsequent business meeting with becoming an antiracist organization at all levels, Racial Ethnic Dialog remains important to this effort.
- ARC requests content for its *Manna for the March* blog page. Email items of relevance, including ideas for building inclusive, caring communities, talking about racism, breaking down barriers, and more, plus reflections, inspiration, stories of courage, thoughtful information pieces, and more, to Katie Blume (kdb616@gmail.com), or Yvonne Hileman (yvonne.hileman@pcusa.org). The blog is available at <http://pwpcusa.typepad.com/racialjustice>. Please

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Courageous Conversations, Educate a Child, 1,000 Days: All about PW, PC(USA) working together

1,000 Days and Educate a Child

By Carol Winkler

Aminata Sanogo isn't paid for teaching nutrition in south Mali's villages, but she is happy to do so for the *maaya-juru* (boost to her social life). "I need to visually explain the facts about nutrition to women," she says, referencing the fact that less than a third of adult women are literate in Mali. "I describe proteins like the bricks needed to build a house—without proteins a child won't grow." Her work is part of Bread for the World's Women of Faith for the 1,000 Days initiative. This initiative encourages education and conversation around the importance of nutrition and health for mothers and their children during the first 1,000 days of a child's life, conception to age two. The thought is if you change a life, you change the future.

For several years now PW has been promoting this initiative. Presbyterian Women helped with an overture to the General Assembly last summer to get the PC(USA) involved and to adopt the 1,000 Days Initiative.

Now there is a logical follow-up to the 1,000 Days Initiative—the PC(USA)'S Educate a Child Initiative, which launched April 17 with the Pentecost Offering. Through this initiative, Presbyterians hope to provide quality education to 1 million children in the U.S. and around the world in the next four years, as a way to alleviate poverty, especially for women and children. Frank Dimmock, PC(USA) mission catalyst, says the tie to the Pentecost Offering is a natural one since 40% of this PC(USA) Special Offering is retained by churches to improve the lives of children in local communities.

Again, Presbyterian Women is taking a leadership role in accomplishing this goal. I have been invited to be the PW representative in the group of staff and other Presbyterians helping to create and promote this initiative. The two initial goals set by this group are

- Strengthen early childhood education
- Decrease the drop-out rate

How can your church or PWP tackle these goals? Do you have a dream of an after-school program that will help kids with homework or improve their reading skills? Could you partner with another church to make a community impact for kids? Give me a call and let's talk about the potential! 859.781.7662 or email winksmama@gmail.com.

Courageous Conversations

By Sheila Louder

We are excited to be working with PC(USA) Stated Clerk Gradye Parsons and Shannon Beck, mission catalyst for reconciliation, on the church's Stop Sexual Violence campaign. Gradye is personally inviting churches to hold "Courageous Conversations" in October focused on ending sexual violence. Gradye and Shannon have been thinking about specific congregations that might be willing to hold these conversations. Noting PW's longstanding activism around the issue of violence against women (informed by its mission and advocacy work, including participation in The United Nations Commission on the Status of Women), PW offered to help. We knew we had a network of women who would be eager for their congregations to be involved!

So, we are asking: Do you know clergy who you think would be willing to preach, teach, or have a service of healing this October (Domestic Violence awareness month)? Gradye and Shannon hope to have at 100 churches on the roster—and at least one in every state. Can you suggest clergy/churches you think would respond to this call? If so, please send the following information to Shannon Beck at shannon.beck@pcusa.org.

1. Pastor name and title
2. Physical address
3. Church and presbytery
4. Email

Thank you!

Rachel's Law passes Georgia legislature

Rachel's Law is a Safe Harbor law that extends protection and services to human trafficking victims. It also establishes a Safe Harbor fund that will be used to provide care, rehabilitative services, residential housing, health services, and social services to sexually exploited children. Presbyterian women in Georgia worked for its passage. Sheila Louder, PW Churchwide Vice Moderator for Justice and Peace, pictured third from left in the second row behind the governor, said, "It took six years to get the bill passed." Rachel, for whom the law is named, is standing in the first row behind Governor Deal, second from right. Georgia Senator Rene Unterman and Georgia Representative Andy Welch, sponsors of the bill, are to the governor's immediate right and left. Rachel is a trafficking survivor who has been accompanied on her healing journey by Living Water for Girls, a 2012 Birthday Offering recipient! Learn more about Living Water for Girls at www.cofcl.org. Learn more about the Birthday Offering



Advocates witness Georgia Governor Nathan Deal's signing of Rachel's Law (Senate Bill 8) Tuesday, May 5, 2015 at the Georgia State Capitol.

of Presbyterian Women at www.presbyterianwomen.org/birthday.

read the blog and share with others. And don't forget to check out Racial Justice Allies on Facebook.

- ARC is developing a list of liturgical supplements to PC(USA) resources published by the office of Racial Ethnic/Women's Ministries, and is discussing other areas of collaboration with REWM.
- ARC members Judy Wellington and Tanya Denley are developing a resource that addresses, in a pastoral way, inclusive language needs, and encourages sisters who are developing cultural proficiency to learn language that reflects that proficiency.
- ARC is continuing work on an adult education/Sunday school curriculum, and planning a release of the curriculum to coincide with Racial Justice Sunday and Black History Month next year.

Gathering Activities of ARC

- ARC will hold a silent witness during the upcoming Gathering to bring attention to racial profiling. This one will highlight, in particular, discrimination against Muslims. Other forms of racial profiling may also be represented.

Bible Study Committee

Margaret Marks, chair

- CCT approved a change in the way topics are chosen for future Bible studies. The committee will select authors, then ask the author to propose a topic about which they are knowledgeable and enthused.
- Judy Siker is writing the 2016–2017 study, *Who Is Jesus?*
- Melissa Bane Sevier will write the 2017–2018 study on Hebrews.
- Amy Poling Sutherland was chosen to write the 2018–2019 study on God's promises.

Communications Committee

Carole Koi, chair

Remember, good communication is important for building community; it's a powerful connective tool.

Speaking of communication, be sure to promote, promote, promote—promote PW, its work, its programs, its mission and its giving opportunities! Particularly:



- Promote the Mission Pledge, which underpins the structure of Presbyterian Women at every level and makes possible the combined efforts of all PW.
- Continue to promote the use of PW's new toll-free number—844.PWPCUSA (844.797.2872).

PW's communications strategy

- An updated communications strategy will encompass printed material, online resources, the PW website, and the CCT/PW exhibit at the Churchwide Gathering. The strategy is aligned with the Purpose of Presbyterian Women and organizes PW's work into seven main focus areas:
 1. Nurturing faith
 2. Building community
 3. Working for justice and peace
 4. Developing leaders
 5. Supporting mission
 6. Strengthening the PC(USA)
 7. Sharing gifts
- The areas are symbolized by the seven sawblades in the PW logo, and will be visually represented by seven colors, a collection of high quality images and seven banners used at the Gathering. Those banners feature photos of work in all seven areas, and list the primary programs through which PW accomplishes that work. The banner designs will be carried into updated resources that interpret and promote the work of PW.
- All PW are asked to gather and share stories of effective funds development strategies, leadership tips and strategies, mission stories

and ideas, stories of Offering recipients in their areas, examples of working for justice and peace, building community, dismantling racism, and so forth, all for dissemination in PW communication channels including the magazine, quarterly newsletter, website and PW blogs (see more on page 5).

- As always, access all PW communications through the website, www.presbyterianwomen.org.

Creative Ministries Offering Committee Judith Jerry, chair

- The Creative Ministries Offering Committee reviewed 62 proposals submitted for grants from the 2014 Thank Offering. After careful deliberation, 32 projects were selected for funding. The grants total \$710,000. Of the 32 projects funded, 23 are national, 9 are international (DR Congo, Niger, Sudan, Malawi, Israel, India, Equatorial Guinea, Rwanda). These recipients are announced in the 2015 Offering promotional materials and in the July/August issue of *Horizons* magazine.
- The theme of the 2015 Offering is "For it is God who is at work in you," based on Philippians 2:13. The number and amount of grants issued in 2016 will depend on the amount raised for the offering in 2015.
- A second payment was approved for the 2014 Birthday Offering recipient, Blue Corn Mothers Alliance in Albuquerque.

Funds Development Committee

Jeanette Huie, chair

- Women, individuals, presbyteries and synods were encouraged to give gifts for the silent auction at the Gathering as well as bring \$10 Target gift cards for the offering at the Gathering.
- All PW are asked to gather and share stories of effective funds development strategies to share with the committee and the national office.
- Promote the Mission Pledge, which underpins the structure of Presbyterian Women at every level and makes possible the combined efforts of all PW. New materials will

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be available at the Gathering and will be mailed in July. If your group does not receive the Mission Pledge promotional booklet by August 1, call PDS at 800.524.2612 to request item PWR15011.

Justice and Peace Committee
Sheila Louder, chair

- A March for Justice and Peace will be held on Saturday, June 20 from 5–6 PM in conjunction with the Churchwide Gathering, June 18–21, 2015. This march will benefit CARE and Presbyterian Ministry at the UN. A pledge form may be downloaded at www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering. Gifts will be accepted after the Gathering, as well.
- CCT approved sending a letter to Shoshana Johnson, author of *I'm Still Standing*, in support of her service in Iraq and recognizing her sacrifice as the first African American woman prisoner of war.
- J&P recommends *I'm Still Standing*, as well as the following: *The Michael Erick Dyson Reader* by Michael Erick Dyson, *Teach a Woman to Fish* by Ritu Sharma, *Falling Into Place* by Hattie Kauffman, *Beyond the Beautiful Forever* by Katherine Boo, *A Call to Action* by Jimmy Carter, and *I Am Malala* by Malala Yousafzai.
- The J&P Committee is moving ahead with a PW-sponsored event focused on the issue of violence against women and girls (VAWG) at the Carter Center in Atlanta. Two possible dates have been chosen, contingent upon availability of the center—September 23–25, 2016 and October 7–9, 2016.
- A national event for Native American women was held May 30, 2015, on the Nez Perce Reservation in Idaho. Hattie Kauffman, author of *Falling Into Place: A Memoir of Overcoming*, was the keynote speaker.
- Please continue to support maternal and child nutrition in the first 1,000 days of a child's life through Bread for the World's Women of Faith for the 1,000 Days Movement and through the 2015 Offering of Letters. See www.bread.org for more.
- Committee member Lisiann Rodriguez is working with the athletic director at Baylor University in Waco, Texas, on a program for athletes that addresses issues of violence against

women, particularly in the context of sports culture and campus life.

- The J&P Committee hosted a second J&P Roundtable conference call on January 19, 2015. Presbyterian Men (PM) (moderator and volunteer) joined the call to talk with participants about how men can work as partners with women to end all forms of violence against women, including human trafficking. That work continues. Both PW and PM sit on the PC(USA)'s End Violence Against Women roundtable and are collaborating with the PC(USA) on the Courageous Conversations initiative. See page 2 for details. A third call in early June will focus on forming coalitions to enact principles of CEDAW at the municipal level.

Leadership Enhancement
Jayne Sneed, chair

- The adaptive leadership training undertaken in 2013 and discussions at subsequent CCT meetings continue to identify the need for intergenerational mentoring. It is important for the future of Presbyterian Women to invite women of all ages to be a part of the mission of an inclusive, caring community. The development of the alumnae network should offer new opportunities for leadership development through mentorship.
- LEC will focus on developing easily accessible resources such as webinars for use in congregations at the grassroots level.
- LEC will make the letter that accompanies the PW Manual (stating that the manual is only a guideline for the organization, that groups may be flexible in their structure), available on the PW website.
- LEC members have made final suggestions for changes in the PW Manual. The revision will take place following the 2015 Churchwide Gathering. LEC is looking to make the manual more approachable and a reference guideline. The manual will be available electronically, with print-on-demand capability.
- LEC will continue developing a CCT alumnae leadership network. Members of the network are asked to identify ways they would be willing to share their experience, including as mentors, volunteer speakers,

presenters, and more. This effort will result in a valuable network of talented leaders to call upon.

- LEC now has a blog called *PW Leads the Way*. A link to all PW blogs is on PW's main web page, www.presbyterianwomen.org.

Mission Relationships (MRC)
Pam Snyder, chair

USA Mission Experience (USAME)

- CCT approved holding the next USA Mission Experience September 22–30, 2016. See details, below, and on the enclosed application and bookmark.

Global Exchange

- CCT approved a recommendation that, in the next triennium, there will be a change in the way the Global Exchange works. The CCT will provide an international partnership experience with a PC(USA) partner church. PW participants will spend a week in the host country, then the host country's participants will travel back with the PW group to spend a week in the U.S. This option replaces the traditional Global Exchange, which has been tied to the Churchwide Gathering and costs associated with bringing guests over at PW's expense. Current financial and global realities dictated a change, and this is seen as a fairer exchange. MRC used

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Mission Relationships
USA Mission Experience to Bay Area

Out of the Darkness . . . into the Light

Don't miss your opportunity to join the next USA Mission Experience. The application for USAME 2016 is enclosed in this newsletter. A group of Presbyterian Women will visit the San Francisco Bay Area, September 22–30, 2016. Please begin sharing the application with women in your synod so that the committee has a good slate of candidates to choose from at our USAME planning committee meeting in September. Send completed applications to your PW in the Synod (PWS) moderator by July 15, 2015. PWS moderators should have applications in to the committee, c/o Kathy Reeves, Presbyterian Women in the PC(USA), 100 Witherspoon St., Louisville, KY 40202-1396, by September 1, 2015.

Share your good news and lessons learned! Help other Presbyterian women!

By Debbie Esselman

CCT members are encouraging PW in synods, presbyteries and congregations to gather and share stories of effective funds development strategies, leadership tips and strategies, mission stories and ideas, stories of offering recipients in their areas, ways of working for justice and peace, building community, dismantling racism, and so forth.

These stories will be used for dissemination in all PW communication channels, including *Horizons* magazine, the *Quarterly Newsletter*, PW's website and blogs such as the *Mission Matters* blog, the *Leadership* blog, the *Creative Ministries* blog, etc.

PW always want to hear what others are doing—mission activities, mission trips, mission funding, etc. We all can benefit from lessons learned by others about effective funds development practices, and help one another with fundraising suggestions and tips. Everyone enjoys hearing stories of offering recipients in their areas, and there is always a need for good leadership practices, recruiting tips, training programs, and so forth.

Let us help one another to be better at what we do as we each strive to serve our Lord.

Share your stories and ideas with communications staff in the Louisville office. Send stories and descriptions of best practices to Yvonne Hileman at yvonne.hileman@pcusa.org. She can see that they are utilized in the most effective way. Of course, she can't promise that every piece will be used as is. There will no doubt be some of the same ideas submitted by more than one person. But not a problem! Better that than no one submitting ideas!

Speaking of communication, just in case you don't know who represents you on the Churchwide Coordinating Team, here is a list of synod representatives. To contact them by email, click on their name at www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/pw/20122015-churchwide-coordinating-team-presbyterian/.

Those whose terms expire in 2015 will be leaving their posts in July. Be sure to check the same web page for updates.

Synod representatives

- Alaska-Northwest—Elizabeth Potter (2012–2015)
- Covenant—Jane McGookey (2014–2017)
- Lakes and Prairies—Kay Olson (2014–2017)
- Lincoln Trails—Susan Barlow (2014–2017)
- Living Waters—Sarah Ford (2014–2017)
- Mid-America—Debbie Esselman (2013–2016)
- Mid-Atlantic—Jane Geary Sneed (2012–2015)
- Northeast—Charlotte Hasselbarth (2014–2017)
- Pacific—Cecelia Moran (2014–2017)
- Puerto Rico/Boriquén—Elba Rico (2013–2016)
- Rocky Mountains—Alice Koerner (2012–2015)
- South Atlantic—Alberta Adams (2013–2016)
- Southern California/Hawaii—Sharon Wakamoto (2013–2016)
- Southwest—Mary Danforth (2012–2015)
- Sun—Karene Jones (2014–2015)
- Trinity—Judith Jerry (2013–2016)

Evelyn Chumbow, Jill B. Cohen to receive Peaceseeker Award

The Presbyterian Peace Fellowship has named Evelyn Chumbow and Jill Bolander-Cohen as joint recipients of the 2015 Peaceseeker Award. These two women have made significant contributions to the struggle against human trafficking, a global problem that includes forced or bonded labor, prostitution, sexual exploitation and the recruitment of child soldiers. The International Labor Organization estimates that there are more than 12 million children, women and men in forced labor (including sexual service) at any given time around the world.

As a girl in Cameroon, Evelyn Chumbow (top) dreamed of going to the United States and becoming an attorney. A "recruiter" convinced Evelyn's family to let Evelyn come with her to the U.S. for an education. When Evelyn arrived, she was forced to cook, clean and care for the recruiter's children. She worked as a family slave for seven years with no pay and no free time. She was not allowed to attend school and was often beaten. After her escape, she enrolled in GED classes and went to college. Today she is a powerful and effective speaker against trafficking and an activist with the National Survivor Network (NSN).

Jill Bolander-Cohen is founder and executive director of the Lifeboat Project, Inc. a Central Florida nonprofit that offers a long-term aftercare and residential program for trafficking survivors, and advocates on their behalf. Jill is cofounder and vice president of the Greater Orlando Human Trafficking Task Force and chair of PW's Justice and Peace Committee in the Synod of South Atlantic. She sits on Central Florida Presbytery's Immigration Task Force and has twice been a PC(USA) delegate to the UN Commission on the Status of Women. Lifeboat recently launched a trafficking awareness app for youths.

The award will be presented to Jill and Evelyn at the 2016 General Assembly in Portland, Oregon.



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We don't want to flood your inbox, we just want you to be in the know! Printing and mailing is expensive! And money is tighter than ever. Consequently, more and more communication will happen by email in the future. Be part of the loop and bring others into the loop! You can always opt out of certain groups of emails. To opt in to general PW e-blasts and/or Justice and Peace e-blasts, go to <https://confirmsubscription.com/h/t/EB96D12A501FB8E6>. To receive this newsletter by email, send your email to patricia.longfellow@pcusa.org.

Meanwhile . . .

Visit PW's main web page (www.presbyterianwomen.org) for essential information regarding PW and its work, as well as links to *Horizons* magazine, PW's quarterly newsletter, blogs, giving on line, Facebook and Twitter links, and more! The main links menu is on the left-hand side of the page.

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-

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Do you know women who build community? Tell us, so we can share their stories!

If you know women who find ways to answer needs in their communities, donating their own time and talents to creating networks of care, from volunteering in food pantries to supporting transitional housing and education programs, we'd like to spotlight this work and these women in *Horizons* magazine. Please send your suggestions to Carol Gruber, carolgruber@sbcglobal.net. Please include the woman's name, email address and telephone number.

Bible Study

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

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. (The author of *God's Promises* [2018-2019] will be chosen February 26, 2015. But it's not too early to think about a writer for the 2019-2020 study.)

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 (844.797.2872, ext. 5366, betsy.ensign-george@pcusa.org), or download an application from www.pcusa.org/horizons/bibleupcome.htm.

Would you like to field test?

The results of the field test of *Who Is Jesus*, the 2016-2017 *Horizons* Bible study, are with Judy Siker, the author of the study. Judy is reviewing everything the field testers said about the study and is using it to create the next draft.

What about your group for the next study on Hebrews?

Field testing takes place between August and December every 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. Field testing is the best way for your voice to be heard as new Bible studies are developed.

PW circles, Bible study groups, and coordinating teams have all made excellent field testing groups. Apply today! Contact Betsy Ensign-George (844.797.2872, ext. 5366, betsy.ensign-george@pcusa.org), or download an application from www.pcusa.org/horizons/bibleupcome.htm.



Heartbreak and hope in DR Congo



Rev. Berthe Kalombo Nzeba leads worship during a PW/PC(USA) visit to DR Congo in 2010.

In early May, Christi Boyd and Debbie Bracksma presented a webinar on what they found during a visit last year to eastern Congo. Such good work being done by the Protestant church in Congo (ECC), of which the Congolese Presbyterian denominations are a part! To see the webinar, go to www.pcusa.org/resource/heartbreak-and-hope-stopping-violence-against-wome/.

Berthe Kalombo Nzeba, general secretary of the

Department for Women and Families in the ECC, is featured prominently in the video. If you would like to hear her speak in person, she will be touring this fall as a Presbyterian Peacemaker. Contact Carl.Horton@pcusa.org to schedule her. Visit www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/peacemaking/meet-international-peacemakers for additional information.

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results from a survey designed by CCT member Jane McGookey to help inform their decisions.

- MRC is looking for two more synods to host itinerating Global Exchange partners. MRC asks that CCT members encourage invitations for itinerating Global Exchange 2014 participants, as well.

Other Programs

- MRC discussed a request from Sam Atiemo to PW to write a memorandum of understanding between PW and African immigrant women's groups in order to bring the two organizations into relationship. That memorandum will be formally adopted at the Churchwide Gathering in June. Watch for news here and on the Gathering website.
- *The Mission Yearbook for Prayer and Study* will no longer be in print form but will be available on the PC(USA) website. A suggestion for *Horizons* magazine to include a regular feature similar to the MYB pages will be discussed in the *Horizons* Editorial Committee.
- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance sponsored disaster response training for congregations in April as part of the partnership between PW and PDA. See article by Beth Snyder, this page, for more information on the new training program involving Presbyterian Women.
- All PW members are asked to gather and share stories of mission activities, mission trips, mission funding, etc., for dissemination in all PW communication channels, including the magazine, quarterly newsletter and the Mission Matters blog. Send items to Kathy Reeves at katharine.reeves@pcusa.org, along with photos and captions, if possible. Read the *Mission Matters* blog at <http://pwpcusa.typepad.com/pwmm>. From any of the PW blogs, you can find others by clicking on Profile, then choosing one from the list on the left.

PW disaster preparedness trainers needed

By Beth Snyder

Presbyterian Women in collaboration with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is seeking PW with time and interest in training congregations and working with presbyteries on disaster preparedness. This specialized ministry's focus is the need for every congregation and presbytery to have basic plans and preparations in place in the event of a church emergency or direct hit by disaster—natural, human-caused or industrial-technical.

PW and PDA hope to train a minimum of four PWs in each presbytery. Each PW disaster preparedness trainer will be asked to organize and conduct a minimum of three trainings a year. Trainer requirements include an interest in disaster preparedness, a three-year commitment to conduct three trainings per year in congregations, clusters and/or presbytery(ies), presentation experience, comfort with PowerPoint and email, and completion of an application with three references. Contact Beth Snyder, beth.snyder@pcusa.org, 502.569.5806 for more information and applications.



Morella Larsen, from Palm Springs, California, one of the first disaster preparedness trainees, during the installation service for trainees at PC(USA) headquarters in April.

Bobbi Rubin recognized by Direct Relief Women

Congratulations Bobbi Rubin! Many of you will remember the quarter tubes used to collect funds for mission at the 2012 Churchwide Gathering (thanks to the initiative of Bobbi Rubin and the Presbyterian Women of the Synod of Southern California/Hawaii). The money went to Direct Relief to provide birthing (midwife) kits. It was a great crossover for both a mission and justice education



Bobbi Rubin, left, with Frances Day-Stirk, president of the International Confederation of Midwives; and Mari Mitchel, past chair of Direct Relief Women. Photo: Isaac Hernández for Direct Relief.

banks have been very successful for Direct Relief nationally. Santa Barbara resident and active PW Bobbi Rubin was recently recognized as the 2015 Direct Relief Woman of the Year for her passionate support of maternal and child health around the world. She and other women of Santa Barbara recently raised \$135,000 at their fifth annual Mother's Day event. That's enough to supply birthing kits for 5,400 babies! Read the full story at www.directrelief.org/2015/05/direct-relief-women-raise-funds-for-5400-safe-births.

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

Look for Mission Pledge and Thank Offering materials

In July and August, materials will be mailed for the Mission Pledge and Thank Offering. Every PC(USA) congregation should receive promotional materials addressed to "PW/Women's Group." If your group does not receive a Mission Pledge booklet by August 1 and Thank Offering booklet by September 1, contact PDS for items PWR15011 (Mission Pledge) and PWR15475 (Thank Offering). Email patricia.longfellow@pcusa.org to ensure that the PW database contains up-to-date contact information.

Honorary Life Memberships honor special women

Honorary Life Memberships are a beautiful way to honor the special women in our PW lives—those women who have mothered us, mentored us and/or transformed our circles, congregations, presbyteries and synods through their faithful service. As you can see on the new, easier-to-complete request form tucked inside this newsletter, there are two options: the sterling silver level at \$95 and the gold level at \$250. Funds support PW leadership development and training. See the enclosed form for additional information.

PW treasurers, please take a moment to make sure that you have forwarded requests for Honorary Life Memberships. Jung Ju Winner, who is now working with this program, is super wonderful and competent but hasn't yet figured a way to track orders and payments that remain tucked away on your desk or in a stack of papers on your dining room table! Questions? Concerns? Or simply want to honor someone with an HLM? Contact Jung Ju at jung.winner@pcusa.org or call 844.797.2872, ext. 5389).

2015 Offering of Letters: Feed Our Children

Bread for the World is urging Congress to renew our federal government's major child nutrition programs, including those for school meals, summer feeding, and the WIC nutrition program for pregnant and new mothers along with their small children. Every five years, Congress must reauthorize the law that funds these programs, which have helped millions of

children over the decades. Thanks to the leadership of Bread for the World and its church partners, including the PC(USA) and Presbyterian Women, the 2010 Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act expanded and improved these programs.

Now is the time to renew these national nutrition programs. Be part of Bread's 2015 Offering of Letters by taking a few minutes to write letters to your members of Congress. Learn more at www.bread.org/ol/2015.



On Tuesday evening February 8, 2015, Presbyterian Women of the Miami Valley Presbytery participated in a Celebration Giving webinar led by Carol Winkler and Marilynn Collins. Celebration Giving representatives work closely with moderators, treasurers and other CGRs at all levels of PW; work collaboratively with the PW Funds Development Committee; interpret the giving and service opportunities of PW's giving and funding program; provide interpretive materials at events; develop presentations and displays at gatherings and training events; build and maintain the CGR network. For more information about PW giving and funding, go to www.presbyterianwomen.org/giving. In the photo, left to right: Paula Ewers, Marvella Lambright and Ruth Bragg.

PC(USA) Connections

Mentoring and peacemaking

YAV deadline extended

Do you know a young adult interested in spending a year in service? The Young Adult Volunteer program offers 17 different sites across the country where young adults live in intentional Christian community, deepening and developing their faith while serving in alongside local mission leaders. The YAV program has extended the deadline as long as limited spaces are still available. Make sure young adults in your life don't miss out on this great opportunity! For more information: www.youngadultvolunteers.com.

Peacemakers deadline also extended

There are three women peacemakers touring this fall of special interest to PW—Berthe Kalombo Nzeba, Democratic Republic of Congo; Sushma Ramswami, India; and Tamar Wasolan, Syria. The deadline for applying to host a peacemaker has been extended as long as slots are still available. Go to www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/peacemaking/meet-international-peacemakers to learn about the peacemakers and about hosting them.

Where's Horizons?



Enjoying a stunningly beautiful day in Rocky Mountain National Park, the conversation (of course) turns to what's new in *Horizons!* Pictured are Bligh Jones, Lea Lawrence-Moiso, Rhoda Frasier and Shari Stump!

Make plans for Big Tent, Food Chains, seminar for Latino/a ministers

Ice cream and conversation at Big Tent

Planning on attending Big Tent? If so, consider making room for ice cream (and conversation!) on Friday, August 31, 2015, hosted by Women's Leadership Development and Presbyterian Women! Here you will enjoy a tasty treat while learning about new resources and opportunities provided by Women's Leadership Development and PW. For more information, contact Jewel McRae at jewel.mcrae@pcusa.org or Carissa Herold at Carissa.herold@pcusa.org.

Continuing ed for Latino/a ministers

The next National Continuing Education Seminar for Hispanic/Latino Presbyterian Ministers is August 10–14 in St. Petersburg, Florida. It is being held in partnership with the "Pursued by Grace" new worshipping community. Register at www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/evangelism-church-growth/pursued-grace. For additional information, contact Hector Rodriguez at hector.rodriguez@pcusa.org or 888.728.7228, ext. 5700.

Film exposes abuses in food industry

The Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP) recommends *Food Chains*, a film that exposes the abuses rampant in farm labor in the United States and reveals the forces behind that exploitation through the narrative of an intrepid group of tomato pickers in Florida, the Coalition of Immokalee Workers. The Immokalee workers are battling the four-trillion-dollar global supermarket industry—and winning! Learn more at www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/hunger/foodchainsfilm.



CCT member's paintings on display in Washington office

Paintings by PW's own Churchwide Coordinating Team member Lucy Janjigian are featured in a display in the Office of Public Witness in Washington, D.C. Thank you to Rick Jones of Presbyterian News Service for his excellent article on Lucy and her art! To read Rick's story, see www.pcusa.org/news/2015/5/6/presbyterian-artist-illustrates-plight-homeless-ca/.



Together in Action program on human trafficking gets attention of local media in southern Ohio

By Louise Davidson

Late last year, I had sent information to PW groups in the presbytery about the Trafficking Awareness Day held annually in January at the Ohio Statehouse. Evelyn Baker and the PW at First Presbyterian Church, Waverly, Ohio, were among those who received my notice. Evelyn could not attend, but asked that I send information from the event.

For one of her PW group's Fifth Wednesday programs, Evelyn put together a panel on human trafficking. She asked the police to participate, even though the general perception was that human trafficking would not be going on in a small, rural Ohio town. The police were interested, and the rest is history. Over 70 people attended the presentation. Here are excerpts from the story that was published by the local newspaper, the *News Watchman*, on May 9, 2015. (For the entire article, see www.newswatchman.com/news/article_d4f8e959-d86f-51aa-9caa-b206ea96b5fe.html.)

Modern slavery: Growing problem of human trafficking discussed during recent presentation

By Stephanie Stanley

Recently, locals attended an informational meeting to learn about the dangers and signs of human trafficking, how to report a suspected case, and how to find hope in the midst of the growing issue. The presentation, titled "Human Trafficking Awareness," was held on April 29 at First Presbyterian Church in Waverly. "Over 70 people from area churches, agencies, and the community at large attended the program to learn about human trafficking, an estimated \$32-billion-per-year industry," said Nel Huck, of First Presbyterian Church. "The Presbyterian women from the

Waverly church hosted this program as part of their Fifth Wednesday program series."

Major Timothy Dickerson of the Pike County Sheriff's Office presented information about human trafficking and was joined by a panel which included Brent Currence (coordinator of the Missing Persons Unit, Outreach and Education, Ohio Attorney General's office), Robin Riddle (program coordinator for Pike County Partnership Against Domestic Violence), and Terra Tackett (detective at the Pike County sheriff's office). "We discovered that human trafficking is happening in Pike County and has been for a lot longer than we realized," said Huck.

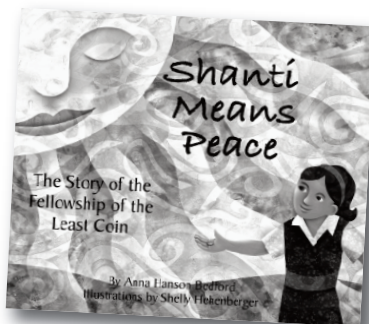
During the presentation, Robin Riddle [said] "Make sure the men in your families understand this problem. Simple ways to make a difference include raising awareness and uplifting children, especially girls, in any way possible," said Riddle. "It is important to understand that up to 92 percent of women involved in prostitution would qualify as victims. Offer a kind gesture, listen and be caring to someone you might suspect is a victim of human trafficking. Asking the simple question 'Are you OK or do you need help' might make a big difference."

Riddle also [said] "Almost all human trafficking can be linked back to drug use. Either the human trafficking victim is addicted to drugs and the pimp will use this to control her, or the victim is a child who is being molested or raped in order to pay for his or her parents' drugs. . . . Many times the pimp is a boyfriend or husband who is selling his significant other in order to maintain substances for drug use."

To report a suspected case of human trafficking, call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center hotline 888.373.7888, and Homeland Security at 866.347.2423.

Shanti Means Peace wins design award from RCC

At their spring conference, Religion Communicators Council (RCC) awarded *Shanti Means Peace: The Story of the Fellowship of the Least Coin* an award of excellence for design. This children's book follows a little girl and the "least coin" she's clutching on a journey around the world. In this paperback, Anna Bedford expertly tells the tale of the Fellowship of the Least Coin and illustrator Shelley Hehenberger brings the gift of bright, captivating illustrations. Order item PWR14470 from PDS, 800.524.2612; \$7.50.

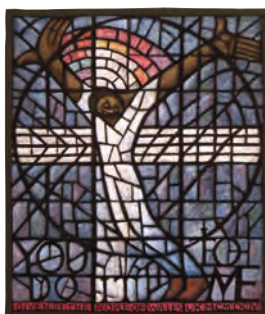


Additional resources available for FLC children's book!

The resource booklet to accompany *Shanti Means Peace* is bursting with activities including prayers, recipes, stories and more. Download at www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/pw/leastcoin.

Reconciling Paul also an award winner!

Reconciling Paul: A Contemporary Study of 2 Corinthians by Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty won Awards of Excellence for both the print and DVD formats from Associated Church Press. Congratulations to author, Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty, CCT Bible study committees, field testing groups, and the staff of Presbyterian Women for creating another award-winning Bible study.



Updated History Exhibit Kit available!



Ever find a need to review PW history or mount a display at a PW or other church event? Order the updated PW History Exhibit Kit, complete with pdf files of amazing women in the history of the church, a timeline of Presbyterian Women's heritage reaching back to early colonial days, the *200 Years of Presbyterian Women* video on DVD, and so much more! Call PDS at 800.524.2612 for item PWR15137; \$20.

Back by popular demand...

... Cents-Ability "Food for Change" collection cups

For a while, Presbyterian Hunger Program's Cents-Ability collection cups were "out of print." Thanks to Presbyterian women collection cup supporters, the collection cups are back in stock, ready to gather "food for change" at all Presbyterian meals! Order item 2543214321 from PDS (800/524-2612; store.pcusa.org); \$5.00 for a set of 10 cups with slotted lids (wide enough to accommodate bills).



And bring your loose change to the Churchwide Gathering. Cents-Ability cups will be in use at the meals!

Horizons Reps' Corner

Dear Horizons Reps,

We hope that you plan to attend the Churchwide Gathering in Minneapolis! If so, please stop by the Presbyterian Women/Horizons area in the Activities Hall (just inside the front doors—you won't be able to miss it!). If you plan to be there, send Carissa an email (carissa.herold@pcusa.org) and she will have a little gift of thanks for you (not too large in size so you will have plenty of room in your luggage to freely shop the Global Marketplace and Presbyterian Bookstore).

New magazine reader promotion

Thanks to you, *Horizons'* very promising promotion for new readers (a one-year subscription to *Horizons* magazine without Bible study) has been quite successful. What a blessing! This promotion continues, but we have to confess to a glitch: due to a technical error, the free-magazine subscribers currently on the list also received a free copy of the *Come to the Waters* Bible study! This was (obviously!) unexpected! We plan to continue the free-to-new-readers promotion, but please continue to tell future readers that the promotion only includes six issues of the magazine and not the Bible study. Bible studies cannot be included in the promotion to future free-to-new-readers subscribers because *Horizons* Bible study sales are a major contributor to the publishing ministry of PW's bottom line.

When you move, move your Horizons subscription, too!

Don't forget your *Horizons* subscription before you move to your second residence! Some *Horizons* subscribers follow the warmer weather (or their favorite baseball team, etc.) and reside in two different residences during the year. If this is you, please don't forget to notify *Horizons* so that your magazine will follow you. The good news is, a simple email or call a few weeks before you switch residences gives ample time to redirect your magazine. At this time you cannot set your subscription to change automatically with the season—you will need to remember to notify *Horizons* just prior to your move each time you move. Call 866.802.3635 or email carissa.herold@pcusa.org.

Former Horizons editor joins cloud of witnesses



Former *Horizons* editor Ann Yeargin passed away on April 17, 2015. In addition to her editorial work for Presbyterian Women, Ann edited national publications for the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, the National Council of Churches and United Presbyterian Women in New York City. She was beloved for her service, but also her kindness and generosity. She gave

generously to numerous charities, especially Habitat for Humanity, the church, students and artists. Anne supported the arts and loved travel and nature. She is survived by her brother William H. Yeargin (Joan), her nephew James A. Yeargin and by cousins Robert Yeargin and Carol Yeargin Ridge (Norm).

**Call 866.802.3635 to subscribe to Horizons magazine.
Call 844.PW.PCUSA (844.797.2872) to reach
the national offices of Presbyterian Women.**

Last-minute Things You Need to Know About the Gathering

Getting to the Gathering

A number of transportation options are available to get you from the airport to your hotel.

- Reserve a ride through Supershuttle of Minnesota, Inc. Options range from a ride-share van to a chauffeured sedan or van. For transportation from the airport, costs range from \$18 per person to \$99 flat fee, depending on type of vehicle selected. Call 800.258.3826 and mention discount code BK7BE.
- Take Light Rail Transit (LRT) trains. To get to the Hyatt from the airport, take an LRT train to the stop for Nicollet Mall (the 11-block area of Nicollet Avenue in which the Hyatt Regency is located). Pick up a bus at the Nicollet Mall stop to take you to the Hyatt Regency. Check www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering for instructions to get to other hotels.
- Arrange a taxi at the airport or at the hotel.
- For those driving to Minneapolis, parking at the Hyatt is \$17/day (\$4/hour, four hours or less). Guests arriving prior to 8 AM and leaving before 8 PM pay \$6.75 for the day.

Planning your time at the Gathering

- Arrive early and check in at registration as early as possible. Registration is open from 11 AM–7 PM on Thursday, June 18. There, you will receive a program book.
- Attend an orientation session (or two) on Thursday, June 18. They will be held in the Lakeshore room—one at 2:30, one at 3:30 and one at 4:30 PM.
- Look through the program book, deciding what your priorities are. Plenary sessions are scheduled at times that do not conflict with any other activities. For other options, there will be overlap.

Workshops update

Full—#25 Friday at 10:30; #28 both sessions; #35 all sessions (Westminster tour; individuals can still go)

Cancelled—#8, #21, #40, #37 (Friday only)

Gathering app

Download the Gathering app for up-to-date schedules, news and information. To download on your smart device (Android or iPhone), visit <http://my.yapp.us/pwggathering>. If you do not have Yapp installed, you will be directed to download it. After downloading, you will be directed to start using it. Select "I've been invited to a Yapp." If you typed in the pwggathering address, Yapp will display the Gathering app as one of your invitations. If you have questions, email pwithelp@pcusa.org or visit the communications office in Grant (Hyatt main floor).

Meals

Breakfasts, Friday lunch and Saturday dinner are on your own. There are a variety of options to choose from, in the hotels and nearby. Watch for restaurant lists to be posted on the Gathering website. Thursday dinner, Friday dinner and Saturday lunch are provided. Provided meals will be served in three locations—the Exhibit Hall, Northstar Ballroom and Great Lakes Ballroom. Meal tickets will be color-coded. Check the meal chart in the program book once you get to the Gathering and receive your meal tickets. Note that the combined dinner and program scheduled for Friday is no longer combined. Friday dinner will be a plated meal (rather than buffet-style, like the other provided meals) and will be served in the three meal locations, with the program following in Plenary Hall at 7:30 PM.

Engage with Presbyterian Women

Be sure to visit Presbyterian Women's exhibit in the Activities Hall. Learn about the ways that PW is involved in leadership development, justice and peacemaking and mission. Celebrate the many ways PW and our partners engage in ministry throughout the U.S. and the world. And put your hands on ways to live out PW's Purpose! While you're there, check on your subscription to *Horizons* (or subscribe!). Look for a daily schedule of events in the PW Speaker's Corner, adjacent to the PW exhibit.

Informational get-togethers

Join one of two informational get-togethers to learn more about what's new with Presbyterian Women and the PC(USA). These will be opportunities for open dialog with PW and PC(USA) leaders. Stop in on your way to dinner! On Friday, from 5–5:45 PM, in Greenway H and I, meet with PW financial leaders and legal advisors to discuss matters related to PW; on Saturday, 5–5:45 PM, in Greenway A and B, meet with guests representing the General Assembly.

Video Room

- Friday, 2-3 PM—*Half the Sky*—discussion on women's empowerment worldwide led by Pam Snyder, CCT
- Friday, 4-5 PM—*Trigger*—discussion on gun violence led by Sheila Louder, CCT vice moderator, justice and peace
- Saturday, 2-3 PM—*My Masculinity Helps*—discussion on preventing sexual assault led by Dr. Tony Jones
- Saturday, 4-5 PM—*Families Held Captive*—discussion led by Laura Polk, Office of Immigration Issues, PC(USA)

Don't miss the Silent Auction!

Location: Activities Hall

Opens: 5 PM on Thursday, June 18

Closes: 5 PM on Friday, June 19 (bidding open just 24 hours!)

Proceeds will benefit PW's Mission Pledge. The names of the highest bidders will be posted in the bidding space. Highest bidders should pay for and pick up items no later than 2 PM on Saturday.

Now accepting donations!

1. Only new items will be accepted with a minimum \$25 value. Smaller items can be grouped together, like a gift basket, to total over \$25.
2. Keep in mind that fragile and large items are not practical for attendees who will be traveling by plane. Handcrafted items are unique and attract many bids.
3. Email the auction coordinator, Katie Blume (kdb616@gmail.com), with a completed donor form and, if possible, a photograph of the item. Download the donor form at www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering.
4. Drop off your donation at the PW booth in the Activities Hall on Thursday, June 18 between 1 and 4 PM.

Step out for justice and peace!

Going to the Churchwide Gathering? Gather your pledges and join us for a March for Justice and Peace Saturday, June 20, 2015; 5–6 PM! Be a witness for gender justice, antiracism, inclusion, nonviolence, mission, eco-justice, peacemaking, and more. Bring your placard or make one in the Activities Hall (at the PW exhibit space). Download ideas at www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering.

Last-minute Things You Need to Know About the Gathering

The march is both a witness and a fundraiser to benefit CARE and Presbyterian Ministry at the UN. Download the pledge form at www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering, find sponsors, gather pledges and bring them with you to the Gathering. Meet in the Westminster Presbyterian Church courtyard a few minutes before 5 (just one block from the Gathering hotel), and step out for justice and peace!

Not able to attend the Gathering? Join the march with your pledges! Proceeds will benefit CARE and Presbyterian Ministry at the UN. Download the pledge form here. Questions? Email Sheila Louder, CCT vice moderator for justice and peace.

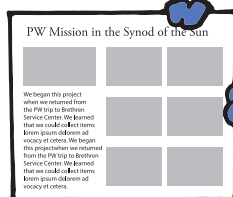
A mile of quarters

You'll remember that at the 2012 Gathering, the Synod of Southern California/Hawaii shared their quarter challenge in the Interactive Area. A quarter at a time, women from the synod save their quarters in banks made from PVC pipe. Slightly over a foot in height, each bank holds \$50 in quarters. Money raised purchases midwife-assisted birthing kits through Direct Relief (headquartered in Santa Barbara). Since the Gathering, Presbyterian Women from around the country (in each synod) have joined in this project and donated over \$20,000—one quarter at a time. At the 2015 Gathering, the quarter banks will be back in the PW resource area. Imagine the amount of money PW can raise in support of the Mission Pledge, and Birthday and Thank Offerings! There are 23,040 rolls of quarters in a mile (921,600 quarters) or \$230,400 in a mile of quarters. Presbyterian Women's legacy of second mile giving can continue—a quarter at a time. Join this activity and lots more in the PW section of the Activities Hall.

Mission scrapbook pages

Bring a 12" x 12" scrapbook page highlighting your mission program(s). Please include pictures and text telling us about your projects. On the back of the page, please include:

- church, presbytery or synod name
- contact person name, email and phone number
- a signed release for individuals in the photos (available at www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering)



We will digitize the pages and share them as an online mission scrapbook. Drop off your scrapbook page at the PW booth in the Activities Hall. Only one page per congregation. Presbyteries and synods may submit up to three pages. Questions? Contact Jane McGookey, mcgookey@gmail.com.

Getting creative with the logo

Looking for inexpensive t-shirts to which you can apply the Churchwide Gathering logo? Look no farther! Order \$5 sweat-free tees from the Presbyterian Hunger Program! Go to www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/enough/sweat-free-t-shirts to order the shirts, go to www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering for artwork you can download. Louise Van Poll



of Huron, South Dakota, made two t-shirts—one for her and one for her roommate (see photo, below left).

For instructions on making a Minnie or nautilus pin, go to www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering.

Tote bags

If you did not place an order for a bag when you registered, you can still get one! Email carissa.herold@pcusa.org. The bags are \$20 if ordered before the Gathering (which starts June 18). We will have some bags available at the Gathering (limited supply) for \$25. The Gathering logo, a beautiful nautilus on orange background, symbolizes the theme of the Gathering, "One Body, One Spirit." These durable bags, made of recycled material, are themselves recyclable. They were made by Scrappy Bags, a woman-owned company in Minneapolis.



Bring with you

- Scrapbook pages, reusable water bottle
- Book (if you plan to attend a book group)*
- Coins for Cents-Ability and the birthing kits fundraiser
- Registration confirmation, travel itinerary/confirmations
- Target gift cards (\$10 increments)
- Auction items (if you are donating)
- Pledge forms and pledges for Justice and Peace March
- Signs for the JP March (if made ahead; ideas on the web)
- Hijab or other symbol of profiling (for Silent Witness)
- A copy of *Daily Horizons 1**
- Walking shoes, sweater, umbrella, camera, medicine, IDs

Supporting the Gathering (even if you can't attend)

- **Donate an item** or a basket of items to the Gathering Silent Auction. See details, this page.
- Buy or collect **\$10 Target gift cards** and send them to the Gathering with a friend or mail to the PW Business Office, 100 Witherspoon St., Louisville, KY 40202-1396.
- Send a scrapbook page to the Gathering. See previous page for additional details.

Volunteer

Contact Shelda Wills, swills@usit.net if you are interested in helping at the Gathering. For the PW activities area, contact Carol Winkler, winksmama@gmail.com.

During and after the Gathering

Watch for complete coverage of the Churchwide Gathering in *Daily Horizons* during the Gathering, on our website (www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering) during and after the Gathering and in *Horizons* (the September/October 2015 issue) after the Gathering. And, yes, you can take the Churchwide Gathering home! Order the *Take the Gathering Home* DVD in the PW area of the Activities Hall or mail the form found in your program book, to receive a DVD brimming with photos, all issues of *Daily Horizons*, the official Churchwide Gathering song, and highlights from plenary! \$15 each. The DVD will mail in late August.

* See *Daily Horizons 1* for book titles (and more items to bring) (www.pcusa.org/resource/2015-daily-horizons-issue-1/).

El inglés

Idioma de privilegio y poder

BY ELBA L. RICO-MORALES



Hablando como un americano

Los Estados Unidos se fundó bajo el principio de que todos los hombres fueron creados iguales. Sin embargo, en el momento de declarar su independencia, eso de “creados iguales” era sólo para los hombres blancos. Las mujeres no podían tener propiedades, votar ni manejar sus ingresos. Los afro-americanos eran tenidos como esclavos sin derecho alguno.

Hoy en día, aunque se legisla para todos sin distinción, la sociedad continúa concediendo privilegios a unos sobre otros. En este caso nos referimos a “privilegio” como las ventajas que tienen algunos en la vida sin haber hecho esfuerzo alguno, sino simplemente por la familia o la clase social en que nacieron.

Los privilegios más vistos en los EE.UU. son los referentes a raza, clase social y económica, escolaridad y orientación sexual. Existe otro privilegio del cual no se habla mucho aunque está muy difundido, el de privilegiar al que hable “como un americano”. O sea, en un inglés correcto y sin acento de otro idioma. Por motivo de este “privilegio” se pasa juicio sobre la persona, consciente o inconscientemente, y se le valora de acuerdo a cuanto se acerque al hablar, al inglés “standard”.

Desafortunadamente la existencia de ese privilegio puede tener un impacto muy significativo en si una persona pueda lograr sus sueños y aspiraciones en la nación norteamericana. El tener fluidez en el inglés, por ejemplo, pone al alcance los estudios universitarios pues

el SAT y los otros exámenes de ingreso a institutos de educación superior son en ese idioma. Así mismo, propicia el obtener empleo y tener acceso a los de mayor remuneración.

Mientras tanto, las personas que gozan de este privilegio no tienen que esforzarse para obtener sus múltiples beneficios. Bastó que nacieran en una familia constituida dentro de la lengua y cultura dominante. Muy al contrario, los que aprenden inglés como segundo idioma tienen que dedicar tiempo, esfuerzo y hasta dinero, muchas veces, para aprenderlo.

El inglés es también el idioma del Poder. Así es reconocido por todos. Es la “lingua franca” del mundo; el idioma usado para la comunicación en las ciencias, las artes, el comercio y la política. Ya que saber inglés es importante para beneficiarse de oportunidades educativas y de trabajo, los padres en muchos países matriculan a sus hijos en clases para que lo aprendan. Gobiernos lo promueven y muchos subsidian los cursos. Reconocen los beneficios de tener una población bilingüe o inclusive multilingüe.

En los EE.UU. por otro lado, muchas personas no están conscientes de los beneficios de saber más de un idioma. La mayoría simplemente porque nunca han tenido la necesidad. Otros temen que si en el país se permite el uso de otro idioma en los lugares de empleo y en documentos públicos, se pondría en peligro el predominio del inglés.



Cada vez que tienes que pensar un instante para saber cómo vas a expresar tu pensamiento en el otro idioma, estás ejercitando tu mente. El hablar un segundo idioma ayuda a retrasar el inicio de la demencia, quizás con motivo de la actividad entre las distintas áreas del cerebro.

Sea por la razón que sea, sólo un 20% de los estadounidenses hablan más de un idioma.

El ser bilingüe o multilingüe tiene muchos beneficios. La persona bilingüe tiende a ser más flexible, puede ver los asuntos desde más de un punto de vista. Para aprender bien otro idioma tienes que aprender sobre la cultura, la historia y la geografía del país o países en que se habla. Te das cuenta que existen otros modos de ver y hacer las cosas. Que todas están correctas porque serán desde la perspectiva de cada cultura. Que el gallo en inglés dirá “Cock-a-doddle-do” y en español cantará Qui-qui-ri-quí y en ambos su canto es igualmente hermoso.

Además, al cerebro le encanta. Cada vez que tienes que pensar un instante para saber cómo vas a expresar tu pensamiento en el otro idioma, estás ejercitando tu mente. El hablar un segundo idioma ayuda a retrasar el inicio de la demencia, quizás con motivo de la actividad entre las distintas áreas del cerebro.

Se te hará más fácil comunicarte con personas que hablan ese idioma. Se demuestra aprecio a las personas y su cultura al invertir tiempo y esfuerzo en aprender su lengua.

Además, conocer otro idioma te abre a un mundo maravilloso con nuevas experiencias en música, literatura y cultura en general. Lo sé porque esa ha sido mi experiencia.

Viajo en las alas de la inspiración cuando leo de Robert Frost, “The Road Not Taken” u oigo la música de Adele. También me encuentro con Dios tanto cuando leo la Biblia en “The King James Version” o en la versión Reina Valera.

El libro de Hechos 2:1-8 nos presenta una hermosa visión. Allí, en el día de Pentecostés todos oyeren como los apóstoles, llenos del Espíritu Santo, les hablaban en sus propias lenguas. Dios a través del Espíritu Santo les dio esa capacidad, para de ese modo llevar las Buenas Nuevas a todas partes. Nosotros también podemos aprender nuevos idiomas para llevar el Evangelio al mundo, conocer y comprender mejor a nuestro prójimo ya sea que viva cerca o distante, y disfrutar de la rica diversidad que Nuestro Creador ha puesto en la Tierra para nosotros. Porque todo lo que Dios creó es bueno.

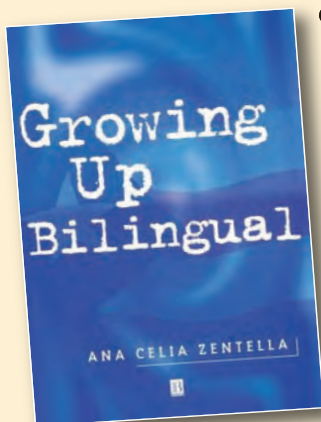
Recursos adicionales

Nic Subtirelu, “Linguistic inequality: Spanish on the job market,” *LinguisticPulse.com*, February 28, 2015; <http://linguisticpulse.com/2015/02/28/linguistic-inequality-spanish-on-the-job-market>.

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Resources



Growing Up Bilingual: Puerto Rican Children in New York
By Ana Celia Zentella
Malden, MA: Blackwell,
1997

Lauded as a reference for linguists, this book is also for lay readers (parents, teachers or anyone curious about language) who want to learn more about bilingualism and children or diversity in language.

Life as a Bilingual

www.psychologytoday.com/blog/life-bilingual

In this *Psychology Today* blog, two linguists, Francois Grosjean and Aneta Pavlenko, address various dimensions of living and speaking more than one language.

Nic Subtirelu, “Language privilege: What it is and why it matters,” *Linguistic Pulse*, June 26, 2013; www.linguisticsociety.org/resource/multilingualism.

Jenny Marshall, “Linguistic Privilege and my Native Tongue,” www.athingforwords.com/words/linguistic-privilege-native.

Step out for justice and peace!



International Women's Day March, 2015, New York City.
Photo courtesy Mark Koenig/PC(USA).



Presbyterian Women March for Justice and Peace **Saturday, June 20, 2015, 5–6 PM**

**begins at Westminster Presbyterian Church Courtyard
1200 Marquette Ave., Minneapolis, Minnesota
during the Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women**

Pledge your support!

Download the pledge form at www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering.

March benefits CARE and the PC(USA)'s Presbyterian Ministry at the UN.

Make signs at the Gathering in the PW booth, or make ahead. Ideas on the Gathering web page.

“Step out” for justice and peace at the Churchwide Gathering of PW!



**Will you be at the Churchwide Gathering?
Gather pledges and join us for a march for justice and peace!
Saturday, June 20, 2015 • 5–6 PM!**

**Not able to attend the Gathering?
Join the march with your pledges!**

The PW March for Justice and Peace will benefit CARE and the PC(USA)'s Presbyterian Ministry at the UN.

Download additional pledge forms at www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering, collect pledges from everyone you know, including businesses, then bring your donations and form to the Gathering.

Can't attend the Gathering? Send your pledge form and donations to Presbyterian Women in the PC(USA), Inc., Attn: Business Office, 100 Witherspoon St., Louisville, KY 40202-1396.

CARE works in 87 countries around the world to support programs that empower women and girls, end poverty, fight world hunger, improve health,

respond to barriers that hinder education and respond to emergencies. For more information, see www.care.org.

The Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations is a ministry of presence and witness in the UN community. The office works with Presbyterian Women and Racial Ethnic & Women's Ministries to represent the PC(USA) each year at the UN Commission on the Status of Women, where women and men from around the world advocate for gender equality and the empowerment of women.

Your pledges will support economic and gender justice through the work of both CARE and Presbyterian Ministry at the UN.

My pledge is sponsoring (marcher name) _____

My name _____ **Email** _____

Address _____ **City** _____

Phone _____ **Zip** _____

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$ _____ (See mailing info, third paragraph above.)

Please charge to my credit card: Visa MasterCard Discover American Express

Card no. _____ **Exp. date** _____

Name on card _____ **Security code** _____

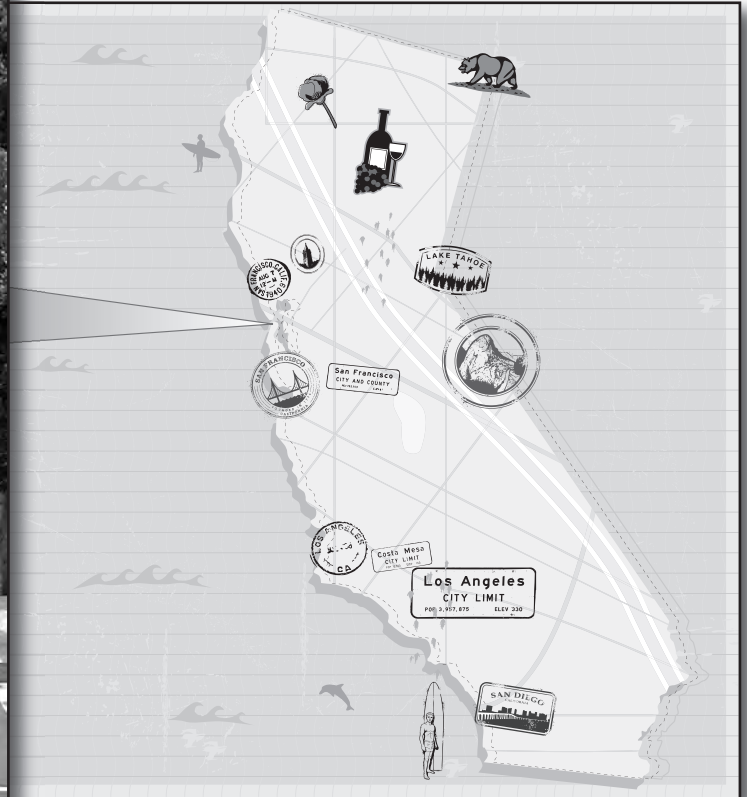
Marchers: By being a part of this event, you release Presbyterian Women in the PC(USA), Inc., its affiliated institutions, related entities and ecumenical partners from any liability related to your participation in this march.

Out of the Darkness . . . into the Light (Jn.1:5)

2016 USA Mission Experience • San Francisco Bay Area



September 22–30, 2016



- learn about human trafficking, domestic violence and immigration issues;
- develop skills to advocate for immigrants and survivors of human trafficking;
- identify resources women can use to help eliminate slavery and domestic violence;
- examine the myths and realities of immigration; and
- explore personal immigration stories.

Those interested in this experience will find reading about the region and these issues helpful. Book recommendations appear on the back of the USAME bookmark (call 800/524-2612 for item PWRI5230).

To learn more about PW's USA Mission Experience, visit www.presbyterianwomen.org/missionmatters, or call the PW associate for mission at 502/569-5402. Return this application to your PWS moderator by July 15, 2015. Send a copy to your PWP moderator and keep a copy for yourself. Additional applications are available at www.presbyterianwomen.org/missionmatters.

A group of Presbyterian women will travel to the San Francisco Bay Area in California in September 2016 for PW's fourth USA Mission Experience. They will connect concerns raised by past USA Mission Experiences and Global Exchanges with similar issues in the Bay Area. Participants will encounter challenges to God's promise of a beloved community and witness to the faithful work being done by our sisters in the San Francisco and San Jose presbyteries.

The USA Mission Experience equips women with an understanding of the region's history and culture, the existing ministry of the church and the challenges faced by local women and children. Participants will serve as ambassadors for the region during two years of itineration following the experience. On this trip, participants will

2016 USA Mission Experience • San Francisco Bay Area September 22–30, 2016 • Application for participation

Deadline: Send completed application to your PW in the Synod (PWS) moderator by July 15, 2015, with a copy to your PW in the Presbytery (PWP) moderator. Keep a copy for yourself. Your PWS moderator will submit to the USAME committee by September 1, 2015.

Contact/demographic Information

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____

Telephone (h) _____ Telephone (c) _____ FAX _____

Date of birth, including year _____

Racial ethnic background _____

Synod _____ Presbytery _____

Health Information (If space provided is not sufficient, please provide additional typed attachments.)
If selected, you must provide a physician's statement of health. Please note that you must be able to carry your own luggage, you must be able to travel on mountain roads and walk up steep inclines. Expect long days.

1. General health excellent good fair
2. Allergies? yes no
If yes, please explain.
3. Dietary restrictions? yes no
If yes, please explain.
4. Physical challenges? yes no
If yes, please explain.
5. Emotional challenges? yes no
If yes, please explain.
6. Would it be a danger to your health if you had to miss a meal? yes no
7. Does your medical insurance cover travel? yes no
8. Are you currently under a physician's care and/or taking prescribed medications of which we should be aware?
 yes no If yes, please explain.
9. Are there any other conditions we should know about in considering your application (e.g., sleep disorders, diabetes, high blood pressure)?
 yes no If yes, please explain.

Personal Information (If space provided is not sufficient, please provide additional typed attachments.)

10. Why do you wish to participate in the USA Mission Experience?

11. What is/has been your involvement in Presbyterian Women, your church and your community?

12. Keeping in mind the purpose stated on page 1, what are your expectations for this experience?

13. Describe an uncomfortable, unexpected situation you have experienced, and your response to it.

14. Give an example of how you manage conflict.

15. Describe an experience you have had with a culture other than your own and what you learned about yourself.

16. Accommodations

I can travel with a large group of people. yes no

I can adapt to simple living arrangements. yes no

I can adapt to different accommodations each day. yes no

17. Stamina

I can walk three miles unassisted. yes no

I can carry my own luggage, and carry it up stairs. yes no

I am comfortable with a demanding schedule. yes no

18. I consider myself ...

able to adhere to a schedule. yes no

adaptable. yes no

a team member. yes no

a listener. yes no

an effective public speaker. yes no

open to different viewpoints and new ideas. yes no

19. If selected, I will ...

share my photographs and notes after the trip for the benefit of all participants. yes no

do a pre-trip study of materials provided or recommended by organizers. yes no

commit to two years' post-trip presentation of my experience to educate Presbyterian women about U.S. mission issues. yes no

References

Name two references who can speak to the qualities described on the previous page. Send each of them one of the enclosed reference forms. They will fill out the form and send it to your PW in the Synod moderator by **July 15, 2015**.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ FAX _____ Email _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ FAX _____ Email _____

The cost of the trip is \$2,000, and does not include travel to and from the San Francisco Bay Area. Participants are responsible for their own expenses. It is hoped that your synod, presbytery and congregation will help cover the expenses.

Applicant, send the original application by July 15, 2015, to your PW in the Synod moderator. Send a copy to your PW in the Presbytery moderator. Keep a copy for yourself.

Applicant, please read and sign this agreement:

If selected, I agree to all the conditions relevant to the USA Mission Experience of Presbyterian Women. I will complete the required study in advance, take part fully in all aspects of the trips, including orientation and debriefing, and will give two years following the experience for interpretation. I will fulfill all my financial obligations related to this trip.

Signed _____ Date _____

Synod endorsement and signature (required)

Presbyterian Women in the Synod of _____

endorses _____ and agrees to

- assist the participant(s) in raising funds for the cost of participation in the Mission Experience,
- provide opportunities for participant(s) to share experiences throughout the synod for two years following the USA Mission Experience.

Signed _____ Date _____

PW moderator in the Synod of _____

Synod moderator, send three copies of this completed application by **September 1, 2015** (including both reference letters), to PW USA Mission Experience Committee, c/o Kathy Reeves, 100 Witherspoon St., Louisville, KY 40202-1396, or fax to 502/569-8026. Keep a copy of this application for your records.

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Personal reference

Applicant, send a copy of this sheet to each of your references, asking them to return it to your PWS moderator by **July 15, 2015**.

Reference, thank you for serving as a reference for _____.
Please respond to the following questions. Attach additional pages, if necessary. Send the completed form to your PW in the Synod moderator by **July 15, 2015**.

Questions

- Will this person be able to effectively share/interpret her experience in a variety of ways and settings?
 yes no
- From your experience of this person, does she have the physical stamina to effectively participate?
 yes no

3. Do you consider this candidate to be ...	Very	Somewhat	Not at all
able to adhere to a schedule	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
adaptable	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
a team member	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
a listener	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
a communicator	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
an effective public speaker	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
open to different viewpoints and new ideas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

4. What is your knowledge of her involvement in PW, her church, community and any crosscultural experiences?

5. What else would you like us to know?

Reference's contact information

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____ FAX _____ Email _____
Signature _____ Date _____

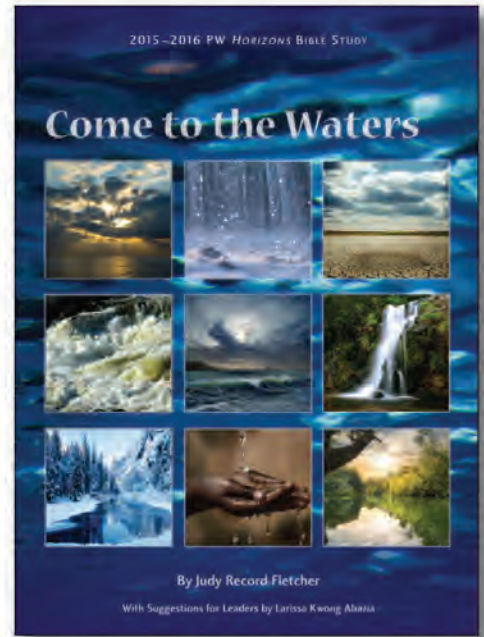
Introducing the 2015–2016 PW/*Horizons* Bible study

Come to the Waters

By **Judy Record Fletcher**

With Suggestions for Leaders by **Larissa Kwong Abazia**

Welcome to the 2015–2016 PW/*Horizons* Bible study, *Come to the Waters*. Water plays a central role in the stories of scripture, from the chaotic waters of creation to the River of Life in Revelation, where chaos is no more. Sometimes there is too much water (think Noah); sometimes there is too little water (think drought in the desert). In this study, we will explore some of the Bible's more than 800 references to water, including the delivery of God's people through the parting of the Red Sea and the crossing of the Jordan River, judgment of a people weak in faith, and the adoption of the people of God through baptism. The rich imagery of water throughout the Bible helps us understand and articulate our faith. Just as water nourishes our bodies, so the scriptures on water nourish our souls.



Each of the study's nine lessons includes one or more Bible passages and a primary theological theme or issue. The titles and themes are:

1. Birthing Waters—Creation
2. Life-giving Water—Baptism
3. Absence of Water—Thirst and Longing
4. Dangerous Waters—God's Deliverance
5. Stormy Water—Faith
6. Waters of Justice and Righteousness—Justice
7. Streams of Mercy—Forgiveness
8. The Hospitality of Living Water—Compassion
9. River of Life—Hope

About the Authors



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Larissa Kwong Abazia is a teaching elder in the PC(USA), a journey that has taken her from the East Coast to the Midwest and back again. Larissa is passionate about racial justice work and seeks God's call to beloved community in everything that she does. She currently serves as the vice moderator of the 221st General Assembly. When Larissa isn't doing "church-y" things, she loves reading, writing, and exploring new places with her family.

Subscribe to *Horizons* by April 1, 2015, to receive a copy of *Come to the Waters* as part of your subscription (after April 1, you will receive next year's study)! Subscribers also receive additional Bible study resources in five consecutive issues of the magazine, beginning with the July/August 2015 issue, and have digital access to the magazine (including select back issues). To subscribe, call toll-free 866/802-3635 or visit www.pcusa.org/horizons.



Order Form

Come to the Waters Bible study, supplementary materials, and other helps

To order the 2015–2016 PW/*Horizons* Bible study and supplemental materials, complete and mail in the order form below or call **Presbyterian Distribution Service—800/524-2612** (9 AM to 6 PM, EST, Monday–Thursday, 9 AM to 5:30 PM, EST, Friday). You may also go **online to order (www.pcusa.org/store)**. Use the PDS number for the items you would like to order. Please be advised that prices and availability may change without notice.

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God **who is**
at work in you

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—Philippians 2:13, NRSV*



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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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PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Honorary Life Membership Order Form

The Honorary Life Membership (HLM) program was established early last century in the Presbyterian Church to honor faithful service to the women's organization and to the church. Recipients become a part of a large group of women (and a few men) who have been recognized in this way. More than a thousand are awarded each year, many on Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday.

The Honorary Life Membership is represented by a silver or gold membership pin that is presented along with a personalized certificate. The Honorary Life Membership pin symbolizes values held dear by Presbyterian Women.

Funds derived from Honorary Life Memberships support the PW Leadership Development Grant Program. Grants from this program enable individuals to engage in leadership development opportunities such as the Churchwide Gathering, Ecumenical Advocacy Days and the UN Commission on the Status of Women.

Individuals and church groups conferring the honor should send this form, along with a check for the appropriate amount, to the treasurer of Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery (PWP). Contact PW's marketing assistant/HLM at 844/797-2827, ext. 5389, or pw_pcusa@pcusa.org, for the name and contact information of the PWP treasurer. Make checks payable to *Treasurer of Presbyterian Women*.

If you are not affiliated with a Presbyterian Women's group, you may still confer this honor. Fill out the form below and send it, along with a check for the appropriate amount, directly to

Presbyterian Women Remittance Processing
PO Box 643652
Pittsburgh, PA 15264

noting *Honorary Life Memberships* and the honoree's name in the memo line.



About the Pins

The caring, supportive **hands** represent women who seek to build an inclusive community of Presbyterian Women. The **leaf** represents growth of our personal and corporate response to Jesus Christ as we nurture our faith. The **dove** indicates our work for peace in our own lives and throughout the world, shown in the globe. At the center of the design is the **cross**, by which our sins are forgiven and we are freed to live in Christ who is at the center of our lives. The overall design is of a **butterfly**, a symbol of newness in Christ.

Please check: 10K gold HLM pin (\$250.00) Sterling silver HLM pin (\$95.00)

An Honorary Life pin and personalized certificate are mailed to the person indicated on the form, for later presentation to the honoree. **Please mail the form and check at least six weeks prior to the presentation date.**

IN HONOR OF: Please **print** or type the name as you want it to appear on the certificate.

Honoree's address: _____ City: _____

State/Zip: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

(Be assured we will not communicate with the honoree before the presentation date.)

PRESENTED BY: Name of church group to appear on certificate.

City/State/Zip: _____

Presbytery: _____ Presentation date for certificate: _____

SEND PIN AND CERTIFICATE TO (Name): _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State/Zip: _____ Daytime phone: _____



Presbyterian Women in the PC(USA)

Memorial/Recognition Gifts Form

Memorial or recognition gifts may be given to honor a person for her/his contributions to the work of PW and/or the church. The amount is at the discretion of the donor.

Funds from memorial and recognition gifts allow Presbyterian women (individuals and groups at all levels of the church) to receive critical leadership training and attend important leadership development events.

Please complete this form and send it with your check, made payable to Presbyterian Women, to your PWP

treasurer. PWP treasurers, please send the completed forms and checks to

Presbyterian Women/Remittance Processing
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Upon receipt of this form/gift, PW national staff will send an acknowledgement letter and certificate to the appropriate person as indicated on the form.

Questions? Call 844/797-2872, ext. 5389, or email jung.winner@pcusa.org.

Honoree/Memorial information

Please check one: In recognition of In memory of

Please check one: I would like local leaders to sign the certificate. Please leave signature line blank.

I would like national leaders to sign the certificate. Please return certificate signed.

Name (as you would like it to appear on the certificate) _____

Church/presbytery/synod _____

Address _____

City/state/zip _____

Phone/email _____

Please mail certificate to this address.

Presented by

Name (individual or group) _____

Church/presbytery/synod _____

Address _____

City/state/zip _____

Phone/email _____

Please mail certificate to this address.

Please send gift/tax receipt to

Name _____

Church/presbytery/synod _____

Address _____

City/state/zip _____

Phone/email _____

Please mail certificate to this address.

Yes, I will need separate receipts for a gift made by a group. (This is only possible if each person donates and more than one check/cash is received. If each person contributes to the group gift and only one check is written, only one receipt can be sent.)

Names/addresses/amounts _____

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 Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary,
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homiletics and speech communication
 San Francisco Theological Seminary

Bible Study Leader



Kang-Yup Na, *associate*
professor in religion, history,
philosophy, and classics
 Westminster College, New
 Wilmington, Pennsylvania

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 and Renewal**



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 North Avenue Presbyterian
 Church, Atlanta

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executive director
 NETWORK, Washington, DC
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