



Quarterly Newsletter

for Presbyterian Women Leaders

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Presbyterian Women Churchwide

PW's unique role recognized at 222nd General Assembly in June

By Susan Jackson Dowd

Strengthening the PC(USA)

During the 222nd PC(USA) General Assembly in Portland, Oregon, commissioners unanimously agreed that, true to its Purpose, Presbyterian Women strengthens the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Through the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board and the Committee on the General Assembly, PW brought two pieces of business to the 2016 GA. The first was a recommendation to add PW to the PC(USA) Organization for Mission as a related corporation. This action formally acknowledges PW's unique role within the church: "The Organization for Mission is incomplete without referencing this important point of mission coordination for Presbyterians."

The second recommendation asked that the national moderator of Presbyterian Women, Inc., become a corresponding member to the General Assembly. This gives the moderator a seat on the floor with voice, but not with vote. When speaking to committee about this recommendation, Rhashell Hunter, Presbyterian Mission Agency director of Racial Ethnic and Women's Ministries said, "PW has supported the church for over 200 years—it's beyond time for this voice to be at the table."

Other GA news

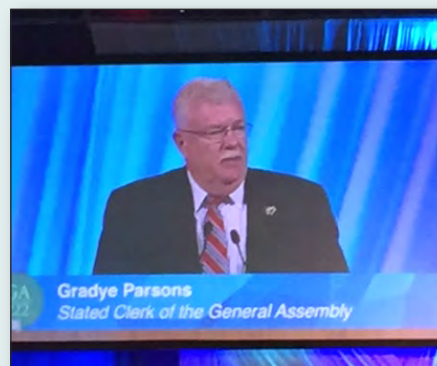
- The PCUSA has a new confession . . . the first one since 1983! Carol Winkler, CCT moderator, says, "It was a momentous night as the commissioners voted for the Belhar Confession to be added to the Book of Confessions. After the vote, there was singing and hands joined in unity to recognize what God had called this church to be . . . a church that calls for reconciliation

and the end of racial injustice. Now, our challenge is to study it, share it, use the confession and live into what we confess to be: people of justice and reconciliation."

- A resolution was approved that urges the six agencies of the General Assembly to evaluate leaves of absence, considering at least six weeks paid leave as a minimum for new parents for the birth or adoption of, or to care for, a child or other family member, such as seniors or those who require health assistance.
- A statement ("Human Trafficking and Human Rights: Children of God, Not for Sale") was adopted that broadens the definition of human trafficking to reflect the gross violation of human rights that human trafficking constitutes and provides guidelines for our denomination's effective and far-reaching mission and ministry regarding human trafficking.
- PW celebrates J. Herbert Nelson's election to PC(USA) stated clerk position. Nelson's mother, Johnalee, was on the nominating committee that selected candidates for the first Churchwide Coordinating Team, elected in 1988.
- Commissioners voted to rescind the plan reducing the number of synods. See www.pc-biz.org for more.

Milestones for women

Presbyterian history was made when commissioners elected Denise Anderson and Jan Edmiston as co-moderators of the 222nd General Assembly. The PC(USA) also celebrates 60 years of women as teaching elders, 85 years of women as ruling elders and 110 years of women as deacons.



Photos by Susan Jackson Dowd.

Outgoing PC(USA) Stated Clerk Gradye Parsons sports a gold Honorary Life Membership pin during his address to the 222nd General Assembly in June.

Other history-making Presbyterian women:

- Margaret Towner, first woman ordained in the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. (PCUSA), 1956
- Rachel Henderlite, first woman ordained in the Presbyterian Church in the United States (PCUS), 1965
- Sarah E. Dickson, PCUSA, first woman elder, ordained in 1930
- Lois Harkrider Stair, first woman moderator, United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. (UPCUSA), 1971
- Katie Geneva Cannon, first African American clergywoman, ordained in the UPCUSA, 1974
- Blanca Otaño-Rivera, first Hispanic clergywoman, ordained in the UPCUSA, 1975
- Sara Bernice Moseley, first woman moderator of the PCUS, 1978
- Elizabeth Kwon, first Asian American clergywoman, UPCUSA, 1979
- Rebecca R. Reyes, first Hispanic clergywoman in the PCUS, 1979
- Holly Haile Smith Davis, first Native American clergywoman, ordained in the PC(USA), 1986
- Roula Alkhouri, first Middle Eastern American clergywoman, 2000

Don't miss what's inside! • PWP and PWS news • Complete list of Bible study resources • Courageous Conversations • Call to disaster preparedness trainer training • Ferncliff mission trip • additional mission opportunities • and lots more!

Partners enable Presbyterian Women to carry out mission work

Presbyterian Women disaster preparation training

Lightning. Storms. Floods. Hurricanes. Fires. Disasters bring chaos to hundreds of thousands of lives every year and have lasting effects. Disaster Preparation Training is a train-the-trainer event designed to give women the tools needed to conduct disaster preparedness workshops for churches, presbyteries and communities. This training is for women only, by application only. You do not have to be a member of Presbyterian Women. Training expenses for this training will be reimbursed by PDA. You must attend the entire eight-hour training to be certified and commissioned as a PW-PDA DP trainer. Applications are online at www.pcusa.org/pda; click on ACT and Volunteer. If you are part of the PW-sponsored mission trip to Ferncliff in October, you do not need to register separately for the PDA training. If you are not registered for the PW mission trip to Ferncliff, but you are interested in the PDA training, contact Beth Snyder at 888.728.7228, ext. 5806 or beth.snyder@pcusa.org.

Email all applications for the October trainings to Beth Snyder, FAX to 502.569.5704 or mail to 100 Witherspoon St., Room 3620, Louisville, KY 40202; if questions, call 502.569.5806.

- Saturday, October 8, 2016; 8 AM to 5 PM
First Presbyterian Church
100 North Franklin, Danville, IL 61832
- Wednesday, Oct 26, 2016; 9 AM to 4 PM
Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center
1720 Ferncliff Rd., Little Rock, AR 72223
- Sunday, October 30, 2016; noon to 5 PM
Monday, October 31, 2016; 8 AM to noon
Franciscan Renewal Center
5802 E. Lincoln, Scottsdale, AZ 85253

Deadline extended for mission trip to Ferncliff!

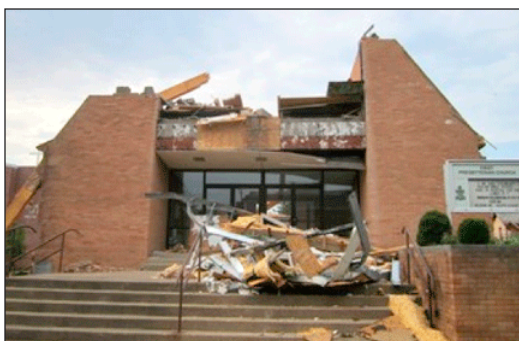
Don't miss the October 24–29 PW mission trip to Ferncliff! The deadline for registration has been extended to September 24. Assemble hygiene kits; learn how the Ferncliff Disaster Assistance Center supports PW's mission work by collecting and distributing relief supplies; stay and work in buildings built with funds from PW's offerings; visit Heifer Project, the Clinton Library and Central High School National Historic Site; and receive PDA disaster-response trainer certification. Download the application at www.pcusa.org/resource/application-october-2016-mission-tour-ferncliff. The \$350 registration fee covers shared accommodations in Ferncliff's Eco Center and all meals, from dinner on the 24th through breakfast on the 29th. Those who plan to attend are encouraged to bring hygiene kits with them. Contact Kathy Reeves (katharine.reeves@pcusa.org) for more information.

Healthy Women Healthy Families year-round

Healthy Women Healthy Families is a year-round PC(USA) ministry supporting Presbyterian partner churches' programs that promote health, education and development of women and children around the globe. The program offers assorted note cards (five designs, blank inside) in sets of 25.

Presbyterians use these cards to support, inspire, and encourage friends and loved

ones, and make donations that provide prenatal and essential obstetric services, trauma healing and psychosocial support, early-childhood health and nutrition programs, health and hygiene education, fistula repair surgery, disease prevention services and more. Visit www.pcusa.org/hwhf, call 800.728.7228, ext. 5279, or email stephanie.caudill@pcusa.org to learn more. Give on line at www.presbyterianmission.org/donate/E052136.



First Presbyterian Church, Cambridge, Ohio, following straight line winds in 2012. Photo by Pauline Albrecht, NRT.

International Committee of FLC to meet in Louisville

The International Committee of the Fellowship of the Least Coin (ICFLC) will meet in Louisville, Kentucky, October 12–21, 2016. The committee members will also participate in Church Women United's conference, being held in Louisville, October 13–15. PW are encouraged to attend the worship service on Sunday, October 16 at 3 PM in Caldwell Chapel at Louisville Presbyterian Seminary to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the founding of FLC. PW has been called the midwife for FLC, since PW's predecessors helped with FLC's founding.

Des Moines PW form relationship with Dakota PW



Photo courtesy of Sharon Falck.

Young people sing during worship at a Dakota Presbyterian meeting.

When women in the Synod of Lakes and Prairies showed *The Dakota 38* at their spring gathering in 2013, and told about their 2011 visit with women

of the Dakota Presbytery, women of the Presbytery of Des Moines were moved to attend the 142nd annual *Ptaya Owohlake* (Mission Meeting) being held near Pierre, South Dakota in August 2014. (*Ptaya Owohlake* is a joint meeting of the Dakota Presbytery and the UCC's Dakota Association, held annually since 1872!) Eight women from Des Moines attended and formed bonds with PW in Dakota Presbytery. They were invited to a Dakota Presbytery meeting that fall, so Stephanie Cornelder and Sharon Falck headed to Sisseton, South Dakota, on October 3, 2014. They have learned that the Dakota Presbytery experiences many of the same challenges as the Des Moines Presbytery. Sharon and Stephanie have since attended other meetings in the Dakota Presbytery and have continued to learn about needs in the Dakota churches. Each visit brings new understanding. Read more in the July/August issue of *Horizons* magazine. Not a subscriber? Call 866.802.3635.

PW in the Synods

Spring and summer abuzz with PW and PC(USA) events

By Carol Winkler, CCT moderator

Summer is a great time for PW synod gatherings. I know that at least four synods met in one week alone, in June. And the year following the Churchwide Gathering is always the busiest, since all PW in the Synods hold a gathering in that year. I give thanks for *all* of these women who come together to hear God's word and learn where their gifts can be used. I have been blessed to be able to share stories, communication and love on behalf of Presbyterian Women Churchwide at many of these events. Staff and other CCT members have also been invited to make presentations, lead workshops and supply resources at close to a dozen gatherings so far this year. We have participated, as well, in GA222, Encuentro VIII, Presbyterian Youth Triennium and more. Thank you to all who invited us to their events, and special thanks to Presbyterian Women of the Cascades who helped in so many ways during GA. We are grateful to CCT alumna and local PWs for the hospitality and thoughtfulness. I am keeping PW across the country in my prayers. I carry your stories with me as I work for PW wherever God sends me. Thanks be to God for each of you!



Photo courtesy of @Presby_Phil.

Nearly 200 Hispanic Latina Presbyterian women from around the country attended Encuentro VIII in Fort Worth in July. Ruth Santana-Grace, executive presbyter of the Presbytery of Philadelphia, far left, gave the keynote address.

PW in the Synods

Synod of Rocky Mountains PW answer call to disaster preparedness

By Wanda Beaumann, CCT vice moderator for justice and peace

A collaboration between Presbyterian Women (PW) and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) provides specialized training that equips Presbyterian women to work with their congregations and other churches in their presbytery to witness to the healing love of Christ through caring for communities adversely affected by crisis.

Fifteen new trainers from the Synod of the Rocky Mountains were commissioned as Disaster Preparedness Trainers in a ceremony held June 10 at Laramie County Community College in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Part of their responsibility is to go back to their local congregations and presbyteries and conduct disaster preparedness trainings for families, churches and community groups.

New trainers (pictured below) include:

- From the Presbytery of Plains and Peaks—Wendy Beals, Brenda Beliel, Sharon Cely, Joyce Glazier, Alison Hisam and Kathy Moore
 - From the Presbytery of Denver—Vicki Terry and Theresa Varnado
 - Presbytery of Pueblo—Phyllis Adkins
 - Presbytery of Utah—Marilynn Collins and Carol Day
 - Presbytery of Wyoming—Gail Heim-buck and Kathleen Lundberg
 - Presbytery of Yellowstone—Suzanne Bratsky and Merry Lee Hooks
- Wanda Beauman, Kathy Morriss and Beth Snyder were the PDA Disaster Preparedness trainers.

Thanks to the commitment of these women, the congregations and presbyteries that they serve will have basic plans and preparations in place in the event of a church emergency or a disaster in their area.



Photo courtesy of Judy Persons.

Judy Persons, PWP moderator for South Alabama and CCT vice moderator for mission, traveled to Coban, Guatemala, earlier this year as part of a presbytery mission trip. She and two other women from Alabama met with women of that presbytery to encourage their work. Here Judy congratulates Gloria Maribel Tut de Hoenes for being the first woman elder and delegate to the presbytery.

Upcoming PW gatherings

Synod of Lincoln Trails—October 7, Danville, Illinois. Email hillgrove@outlook.com for details.

Synod of South Atlantic—October 21–23, St. Simons Island, Georgia

Synod of the Southwest—October 28–30, Scottsdale, Arizona

Synod of Mid-America—April 21–23, 2017, Branson, Missouri. Email rhodafrasier@sbcglobal.net for info.

Synod of the Northeast—August 18–19, 2017; Triennial Gathering, Albany, NY



Photo courtesy of Wanda Beaumann.

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

PW annual fund materials mailed to every congregation

Love undergirds the life of Presbyterian women, as an organization and as individuals in faith. That's why the outside back cover of the May/June 2016 *Horizons* promotes the Mission Pledge around the theme, "Love grows by giving."

[Mission Pledge promotional packets are in the mail (and available from PDS, ask for item PWR16011).]

Readers of this newsletter are undoubtedly aware that the Mission Pledge is PW's annual fund, which does the very heavy lifting of supporting the many ministries of Presbyterian Women, the organization. PW is only made possible because individual Presbyterian Women make PW possible.

Please give and encourage giving in circles and outside circles. Please give and encourage giving in honor or memory of someone special. Please give and encourage giving for those times when your heart breaks in joy and gratitude, and even out of the pain that comes from not yet living in a world free of injustice. Please give and encourage giving by making PW a part of your estate plans. PW is made possible by gifts given in love. Love grows by giving, indeed.

Send your individual (that is, over and above your circle) gifts to Presbyterian Women, Inc., Remittance Processing—Giving, PO Box 643652, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3652, or online (recurring gifts are a possibility, too): www.pcusa.org/donate/301. Planning an estate or trust? Please contact Rhonda Martin at 844.797.2872, ext. 5596.

Giving an Honorary Life Membership this year?

Presbyterian women have hearts for mission, and often seek ways to economize in other areas of life so they have more to share for causes dear to their hearts. But sometimes saving a bit here or there can inadvertently impact the ministry of PW.

For example, before you re-gift an Honorary Life Membership pin, consider: PW's Honorary Life Membership program is more than a pin, it's a program. Funds derived from Honorary Life Memberships are used for PW leadership training costs, support of leadership development events for women and training leaders for mission interpretation and support. HLM recipients join a community of women and men who have demonstrated service to the church. Each is recognized and remembered into perpetuity as they join the ever-growing HLM roster of those who faithfully serve. If you have an HLM pin that is no longer worn and can be repurposed for another recipient, please complete the HLM order form and indicate that a pin is not needed. You will receive a certificate and the satisfaction of knowing that your \$95 will go further in providing leadership development opportunities. Do remember that recognition certificates are available (amount at the discretion of the donor) and that memorial certificates, also at the discretion of the donor, are a thoughtful way to celebrate the life of a faithful servant. Email jung.winner@pcusa.org for more information.



Thank Offering 2016 will change lives

Your generous contribution to the Thank Offering of Presbyterian Women makes a huge difference in the lives of those touched by the ministries funded. The **Luwerezi Women's Beekeeping Enterprise** is one of 22 recipients of grants funded by the 2015 Thank Offering of Presbyterian Women. The Luwerezi Church of Central Africa Presbyterian, in Malawi, will use their \$20,000 Thank Offering grant to support a beekeeping project that provides an opportunity for widows and their families to escape chronic poverty. This project seeks to serve 50 families, headed by widows with children.

Help PW meet and exceed its Thank Offering goal of \$900,000. See www.presbyterianwomen.org/thank for more information, and email patricia.longfellow@pcusa.org if you do not receive your offering materials by the end of August.

Churchwide Gathering

The Gathering Quest has begun!

Save the date for the 2018 Churchwide Gathering of PW

The 2018 Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women will be held August 2–5, 2018 in Louisville, Kentucky. That is also the year that PW celebrates its 30th anniversary! Beginning March 30 (March was 30 months from the Gathering), those on our email list began receiving a series of emails to help them prepare, promote and plan for the 2018 Gathering.

What we know so far

The PW Share Challenge makes it easy for you to share the emails with others (and perhaps add your own sentence or two about the Gathering because, let's face it, not every PW knows about the Gathering). Simply use the Forward button, located at the bottom of the page, to share the Gathering email with a friend or friends. One randomly

chosen person who forwards the email will receive a small token of appreciation and perhaps a bit of celebrity on the next email. There will be (here's that number again!) 30 24 more opportunities to share and be chosen!

We suggest you save a dollar a day for 30 months for Gathering expenses. Subsequent Gathering emails will include a savings thermometer based on this savings plan. Start today!

Because 2018 is also the 30th anniversary of PW, each email will include a 30th Anniversary Challenge question about something in PW's 30-year history. For example, the first email had a question about 1988, the first year

of PW—Where was the 1988 Churchwide Gathering held?—plus bonus questions: Which two predecessor organizations joined to become Presbyterian Women in 1988? Who was the first moderator of PW (elected in 1988)? Visit www.presbyterianwomen.org for an answer sheet to fill out and bring to the Gathering.

And be sure you are on our email list so you won't miss one bit of news about the Gathering! Email patricia.longfellow@pcusa.org and urge all your friends to get on the list, too. Meanwhile, clip and share the save-the-date card widely.



Loving Stitches share talents in community

The Loving Stitches group at Church of the Palms in Sarasota, Florida, continue to share their talents and blessings with many local groups. At Christmas, the group sent 100 hats to Thornwell Children's Home in Clinton, South Carolina. Members continue to sew Teddy bears for local police officers and sheriff's deputies to have in their cars for children in times of crisis. They make baby quilts, receiving blankets, knitted and crocheted baby blankets, hats and socks for Healthy Start. Knitted, crocheted and quilted lap robes, and single afghans and quilts are given to the Veterans Administration Hospital. The group makes hats for those taking chemo, and have added knitted knockers (see www.knittedknockers.com) for those who have lost a breast to cancer. The group meets once a month to bring in items, as the women have such varied schedules, but they always bring in more than expected. Last year, they made 232 baby quilts, 229 receiving blankets, 37 knitted blankets, 12 baby hats, 23 pairs of socks, 187 hats, 236 veterans laps quilts, 280 bears, and 83 chemo hats.

—Submitted by Alberta Adams
Outgoing synod representative to the CCT
from Synod of the South Atlantic

Presbyterian Women in the Presbyteries

Blanca Otaño-Rivera recognized by San Juan Presbytery

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is celebrating this year the 60th anniversary of the ordination of women as ministers of Word and Sacrament. Blanca Otaño-Rivera was the first woman ordained as a minister in the Presbyterian Church in Puerto Rico and also as the first Hispanic/Latina woman minister in the United Presbyterian Church in the USA. She was ordained at Caparra Terrace Presbyterian Church in San Juan, on June 1, 1975. On May 29, 2016, during the meeting of the Presbytery of San Juan, the life and ministry of this woman was recognized. The Presbytery of San Juan thanked God for Rev. Otaño and for the recognition of the ministry of women in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The photo shows the moment when Moderator Jorge Zijlstra, and Stated Clerk Edwin Gonzalez delivered a plaque commemorating this significant occasion to Rev. Otaño-Rivera. They are accompanied by her husband, Jorge Juan. We thank God for the life of Rev. Otaño-Rivera, her ministry and what her ordination means in the life of our church.

—Submitted by Luz Haydée Vega



Photo courtesy of Ana Camila Vasquez.

Blanca Otaño-Rivera is recognized for being the first Hispanic/Latina woman minister in the Presbyterian Church.



Photo courtesy of Betsy Ensign-George.

Presbyterian Youth Triennium participants visit PW's interactive area to build a prayer chain of important women in their lives!



Photo courtesy of Carol Winkler.

The PWs of Cascades Presbytery assist at the PW booth at General Assembly 222. Pictured here (from left to right) are Jane Holmes, Marian Stratton and Barbara Votrobek. Not pictured here but very present in spirit and effort are Rebecca Jewel and Lynne Martin!



Photo by Susan Jackson Dowd.

Dianne Boatwright and LaJeanne Armstrong sew quilt squares together as part of a hands-on mission project during the Synod of Lakes and Prairies PW synod gathering, June 15–18, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. The quilts will be provided for various needs and mission projects throughout the synod. More than 200 women attended the synod gathering.

Courageous Conversations—Let's break the silence!

Do you know someone who has experienced gender-based violence? Domestic partner abuse? Sexual assault? Studies show that while it is more prevalent in our communities than we think, it is seldom a topic of conversation in churches.* Break the silence! Encourage a "Courageous Conversation" in your congregation this October.

Encourage your congregation to become a "Courageous Congregation" by speaking out, holding a service of healing for survivors, supporting a mission co-worker assigned to these issues, or taking other action to address the issue of gender-based violence.

Ask your pastor to address gender-based violence, including sexual violence, from the pulpit, keeping in mind Nancy Troy's advice from her work with the Presbyterians Against Domestic Violence Network: "Churches should be safe spaces that focus on referring survivors to local, professional services." Or plan a PWC-sponsored event.

This justice and peace initiative is a joint effort of Presbyterian Women and the PC(USA) to work toward ending violence against women. PW and Presbyterian World Mission are working together to resource churches that want to accept the call to act as "Courageous Congregations" during the month of October. Why October? That's Domestic Violence Awareness Month! See www.pcusa.org/courageouscongregations to learn more and find resources.

Nancy Long, CCT synod representative from Mid-Atlantic, shared a terrific idea from a congregation in Delaware: She says this church has held what they



called "Taboo Sunday," where the worship service was abbreviated so that two 45-minute sessions could be held on a variety of topics including elder abuse, addiction, funeral planning, teen sexuality and mental illness. Local experts on these topics were invited to talk about these issues. Can't you imagine that this format would work well for a Courageous Conversation about violence against women, sexual violence, the rape culture, human trafficking and other forms of gender-based violence? Way to go, West Presbyterian!

Congregations who take the lead and share their stories will be designated a Courageous Congregation and receive a certificate they can hang in their church. Sign up at www.surveymonkey.com/r/courageouscongregations.

* See "Broken Silence: A Call for Churches to Speak Out" at www.imaworldhealth.org/images/stories/technical-publications/PastorsSurveyReport_final.pdf

Actions for Courageous Congregations

PW urges action around gender-based violence, including sexual violence, not just during the month of October but at other times of the year, as well. Try one of these:

- View a webinar on how conversations can help change the culture of violence: www.youtube.com/watch?v=-mv4dWrGhfo&feature=youtu.be.
- Raise money for a women's shelter. Or donate supplies needed by the women.
- Hold a seminar on the human rights of women and girls. Introduce the principles of the UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women—www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/cedaw/
- Screen the documentary *I Believe You: Faith's Response to Intimate Partner Violence*, which was produced with support from Presbyterian Women—www.divacommunications.com/programs/i-believe-you/
- Give to support the work of mission co-workers who are focused on violence against women. See www.pcusa.org/courageouscongregations for links.
- Sign the pledge at wewillspeakout.us/take-action.
- Proudly wear your PW-orange bandana on the 25th of each month to raise awareness and work to end violence against women. \$5; www.pcusa.org/store
- Find links to additional resources at www.presbyterianwomen.org/justice and www.pcusa.org/courageouscongregations.

Justice and Peace Calendar

September

- 5 Labor Day
- 21 International Day of Peace
- 23 Native American Day
- 25 Orange Day
- 25–O.1 Week of Action Against Gun Violence

October

- Courageous Conversations Month—
www.pcusa.org/courageousconversations
- Domestic Violence Awareness Month
- Fair Trade Month; www.befair.org
- National Bullying Prevention Month
- 2 World Communion Sunday
- 9 Domestic Violence Awareness Sunday
- 10 Indigenous Peoples' Day
- 11 International Day of the Girl Child
- 11 National Coming Out Day
- 16 World Food Day
- 23 Children's Sabbath: Educate a Child, Transform the World
- 24 United Nations Day
- 25 Orange Day

November

- American Indian Heritage Month
- Native American Heritage Month
- 13 Caregiver Sunday
- 13 World Kindness Day
- 20 Universal Children's Day
- 24 Thanksgiving: a day to consider the Native perspective
- 25 International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women
- 25–D.10 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence

December

- 5 International Volunteer Day
- 10 International Human Rights Day
- 18 International Migrants Day
- 25 Christmas
- 25 Orange Day; <http://endviolence.un.org>

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Pup wears a PW bandana at the Southern California/Hawaii PWS gathering in July.

Photo by Susan Jackson Dowd.

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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!

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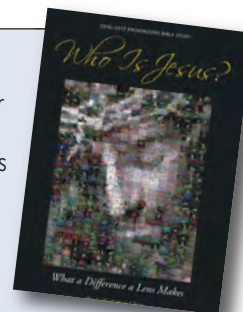
Booklet on PW's formation deserves second look

Barbara McDonald employs to great aplomb the theme of courtship to illustrate the founding of our current Presbyterian Women, which was born of a merger of two predecessor PW organizations, United Presbyterian Women (United Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.) and Women of the Church (Presbyterian Church, U.S.). As we approach PW's 30th anniversary, her sweet and modest book, *Bound Together in Love: The Creation of Presbyterian Women 1978-1988*, remains available from PDS (item PWR99203, \$3.00), and deserves a fresh reading, particularly as we chart our way—in love—to our next destination as an organization and as faithful Presbyterian women.



Who Is Jesus? What a Difference a Lens Makes Bible study resources

Welcome to the 2016-2017 PW/*Horizons* Bible study, *Who Is Jesus? What a Difference a Lens Makes*. Author Judy Yates Siker invites you to join her on "a journey to expand our understanding of who Jesus was and is—a journey of our hearts and minds, a journey that we will take together." Each of the study's nine lessons explores the question "Who is Jesus?" through a particular theological lens. Who is Jesus . . . according to Mark? . . . according to Matthew? . . . according to Luke? . . . according to John? . . . according to Paul? . . . according to Hebrews? . . . according to the noncanonical gospels? . . . according to the Abrahamic faiths? . . . according to contemporary cultural interpretations? (See ordering information below.)



- *Who Is Jesus?* Bible study, English—HZN16100, \$8
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- *Who Is Jesus?* charm/pendant—HZN16300, \$10

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- *Who Is Jesus?* bulletin cover—download only, free**
- Additional helps for each lesson available in *Horizons* magazine and on the PW Bible study blog (see www.presbyterianwomen.org for the link). Call 866.802.3635 to subscribe (and receive next year's Bible study free with your subscription). Plus, receive access to the digital edition of *Horizons* with your subscription.

Order Bible studies and most supplementary materials by calling 800.524.2612 or visiting www.pcusa.org/store.

** Free downloads may be found at www.presbyterianwomen.org (on the *Horizons* Bible study pages).

Planning for Christmas begins early!

As the temperature soars and the iced tea sweats, planning for the annual Christmas market probably seems a tad bit impulsive. But truly, your Christmas market will need to be planned and up and running in just a few weeks. No need for panic, though! All that's required is a bit of prayer and a plan! Consigning from Partners for Just Trade offers a stress-free way for churches to provide amazing products for sale while supporting PJT's efforts to "address root causes of poverty through Fair Trade sales, education, solidarity and a commitment to trade justice."

It's worth noting that Partners for Just Trade began as an initiative of the Presbyterian Hunger Program and is celebrating 10 remarkable years. And although you can find PJT products in many retail fair-trade markets, the truth is that PJT and its artisans rely on churches and individuals to purchase PJT products (and, if they choose, donate) to this ministry. Congregations can participate by signing up for a Partnership Box Consignment Sale. To learn more about PJT, its products, stories of the artisans, donation and consignment opportunities, visit www.partnersforjusttrade.org. Consigners, click on the link "Sell Our Products."



Catalog available as a free download

The *Resources for Presbyterian Women, Summer/Fall 2016* catalog is now available as a free download (visit <http://store.pcusa.org>; item PWR16002) and as a printed resource (item PWR16001, free). See page 8 of the catalog for a list of new PW gift items (including the very popular PW bandanas); page 3 for information about the 2016–2017 *Horizons* Bible study, *Who Is Jesus? What a Difference a Lens Makes* by Judy Yakes Siker; and page 6 for Thank Offering material. While visiting page 6, please consider ordering the Thank Offering coin/bill collection box; a pack of 10 (item PWR07482) is just \$5.00 (that's .50 cents per box)!

Think You Know PW? skit available!

Mary Jorgenson, past moderator of the Churchwide Coordinating Team, has generously shared her clever skit, "Think You Know PW?" that she penned and performed during the Synod of Lakes and Prairies gathering on June 18. Visit www.presbyterianwomen.org to obtain your own copy of Mary's skit! Feel free to adapt Mary's skit to entertain and enlighten all who attend your upcoming circle, gathering, or weeknight supper! The only props you will need are a pair of very sensible shoes and perhaps a skein or two of yarn!

Call to 2018 Churchwide Gathering now on YouTube

Save the date for the 2018 Churchwide Gathering: August 2–5, 2018 in Louisville, Kentucky! While marking your calendars and sharing the news, check out the uplifting, spirited and spirit-full call to the Gathering on PW's YouTube channel! Visit www.youtube.com, enter Presbyterian Women in the search box, then click on Presbyterian Women (the first option in the list of options). The call to the Gathering (or "2018 Churchwide Gathering of PW trailer") is easily found there. And don't miss out on our regular emails informing you of the latest in Churchwide Gathering news. Contact Patricia Longfellow at patricia.longfellow@pcusa.org to be sure you are on our email list. Caution: If you opt out of any of our emailed news, you will receive none of our emailed news. So consider your unsubscribes carefully. Don't lose touch!

Horizons Reps' Corner

Dear Horizons Reps,

Thank you for sharing your gifts of enthusiasm, saleswomanship, and creativity as you tell the story of *Horizons* magazine and Bible study!

Here's a new feature that you may want to lift up to potential *Horizons* subscribers: "Unpacking the Theme." This new feature debuted in the March/April 2016 issue as a place to, well, unpack the theme of the magazine in the format of a scripture study. Through the end of 2016, these two- to three-page studies are being written by Mihee Kim-Kort, pastor for UKIRK@IU, a collaborative ministry between the two local Presbyterian churches at Indiana University-Bloomington. Her studies are suitable for many settings—for example, during summer and holiday months when many circles do not meet for regular Bible study.

"Where are they now?" is an ever-popular topic of entertainment shows, Facebook posts and magazines. This intriguing question, now answered in the new *Horizons* department "After the Offering," asks past Thank and Birthday Offering recipients (with a bit of variation): "How did the Offering transform your organization and how are you faring now?" Curious, aren't you? [And if you or someone you know has a story to tell, please contact Sharon Dunne-Gillies at sharon.gillies@pcusa.org! Photos are most welcome, too!]

And it's definitely worth sharing (again and again) that *Horizons* magazine subscribers receive exclusive Bible study resources as part of their subscription (and the annual Bible study as part of their subscription; subscribe by April 1 to receive that year's study). For the 2016–2017 *Horizons* Bible study, *Who Is Jesus? What a Difference a Lens Makes*, by Judy Yakes Siker, the following issues of *Horizons* magazine offer exclusive Bible study helps:

July/August 2016—Lessons 1 and 2
September/October 2016—Lessons 3 and 4
November/December 2016—Lessons 5 and 6
January/February 2017—Lessons 7 and 8
March/April 2017—Lesson 9

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Thank Offering	\$125,932
Honorary Life	\$45,465
Together in Service	\$1,251
Communications	\$77,594
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in the shadow of your wings.”**

—Psalm 36:7, NRSV*



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Resource Materials for Promoting and Interpreting the Thank Offering

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_____	PWR16473	Placemat (Spanish/English; pkg. of 25)	\$4/pkg.	_____
_____	PWR16480	Bulletin inserts (English; 10 each of three designs; pkg. of 30)	\$3/pkg.	_____
_____	HZN16230	July/August <i>Horizons</i> magazine Publicizes grant recipients, includes dedication service and lists resources	\$4/copy	_____
_____	PWR16488	Promotional materials order form	Free	_____
_____	ONLINE	Promotional video (English/Spanish) View on the PW Youtube Channel: www.youtube.com/presbyterianwomen	Online	_____
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_____	PWR16475	Promotional booklet** Contains information and resources you'll need to celebrate the Thank Offering at PW gatherings in the congregation, presbytery and synod. Booklet includes a poster, invitation letter, dedication service (all English and Spanish), recipient list, a summary of ways to support the Thank Offering, how to access PW resources on the Internet, the order form and more.	Free	_____

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