



# Quarterly Newsletter

## for Presbyterian Women Leaders

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### Presbyterian Women Churchwide .....

## PC(USA) leaders praise, encourage PW at fall meeting of Churchwide Coordinating Team

By Susan Jackson Dowd

The Churchwide Coordinating Team (CCT) of Presbyterian Women met September 8–12, 2016, at the Galt House in Louisville, Kentucky.

- Church leaders J. Herbert Nelson, stated clerk; Rhashell Hunter, director of Racial Ethnic and Women's Ministries; and Tony De La Rosa, interim executive director of the Presbyterian Mission Agency, brought greetings and noted the impact of Presbyterian Women on the church. See photos and caption below for more on what they had to say.
- Presbyterian Women of the CCT joyfully celebrated the September 24, 2016, ordination of Danilie Hilerio Villanueva, synod representative from Boriquen (Puerto Rico), as teaching elder in the PC(USA).

- Laura Mariko Cheifetz, Asian American member at large, and vice president for marketing, Presbyterian Publishing, officiated during worship and Communion on Sunday, September 11. An offering of \$2,495 for the Mission Pledge, PW's annual fund, was received from CCT members and staff.

#### Administration Committee

- The Administration Committee brought forward recommendations from the CCT Governance Task Group. Members of the task group were former moderators since incorporation: Catrella Hunter, chair (2006–2009), Marta Rodriguez (2009–2012), Mary Jorgenson (2012–2015) and Carol Winkler, current moderator. The group was asked to provide recommendations on CCT

structure. The task group provided CCT meeting pattern recommendations, bylaws recommendations, and suggestions for synod moderators and representatives.

- The CCT voted yes to the recommendation to hold one face-to-face meeting in 2017. The spring 2017 meeting will be held electronically. This meeting will establish whether this new meeting pattern is viable for the CCT. Dates for the meeting have not yet been set.
- The CCT voted to send all bylaws recommendations back to the Bylaws Committee for further consideration. The suggestions for synod moderators are under review by synod representatives.

See "CCT," page 3.



Photos by Yvonne Hileman

The Churchwide Coordinating Team heard from guests J. Herbert Nelson, PC(USA) stated clerk; Rhashell Hunter, director of Racial Ethnic and Women's Ministries; and Tony De La Rosa, interim executive director of the Presbyterian Mission Agency, during the fall 2016 CCT meeting in Louisville, Kentucky. PW's board heard the leaders assure them that the church stands with them. J. Herbert praised Presbyterian Women for "being there when others were not," throughout the history of the church. He said "our call is not to be worried, but to be faithful. The church isn't dying, it is reforming." Rhashell talked about actions at GA that recognized PW's important role in the church and noted that many ministries of the church were birthed by Presbyterian Women. Tony underscored this recognition, and appealed to PW to be strong in the months and years ahead. He said, "No matter the outcome of this fall's presidential election, we will be called upon to provide faithful witness."

**Don't miss what's inside! • Serendipity in the Northeast • Looking ahead to *Cloud of Witnesses* and beyond • FLC celebrates 60th anniversary with PW • Buy-one-get-one-free offer • Churchwide Gathering theme and logo • and more!**

## Fellowship of the Least Coin meets in Louisville, thanks PW for “sustained commitment”

### “Let justice and peace embrace”

Psalms 85:10 was the theme of the opening worship for the 36th meeting of the International Committee of the Fellowship of the Least Coin (ICFLC), held in Louisville, Kentucky, October 12–21, 2016. Committee members also participated in Church Women United’s conference in Louisville, October 13–15. The worship service, held on Sunday, October 16, at Louisville Presbyterian Seminary, celebrated the 60th anniversary of the founding of FLC. CCT leaders, PW staff and local PW participated in the celebration.

Presbyterian Women has been called the midwife for FLC because PW’s predecessors helped Shanti Solomon launch FLC in the 1950s. At the celebration, the International Committee for the Fellowship of the Least Coin presented PW with a plaque thanking PW for its sustained support.

More information about FLC is available at [www.flc.net.ph](http://www.flc.net.ph) and on PW’s Least Coin web page, [www.presbyterianwomen.org/leastcoin](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/leastcoin). Order the *Circle of Prayer* devotional booklet (volume 23) free (item PWR16466); the devotional includes reflections, testimonies and prayers on women’s justice and peace work. See the November/December issue of *Horizons* magazine for a brief history, list of 2016 grant recipients and FLC resources. Finally, order the 60th anniversary FLC button (item PWR16467; free while supplies last). Order all items from PDS, 800.524.2612 or <http://store.pcusa.org>; prices do not include shipping.



PW staff and the International Committee of Fellowship of the Least Coin celebrated together on an Ohio River dinner cruise Wednesday evening, October 19, 2016.

### PW to visit Presbyterian Home for Children in March

Join us for a trip to the Presbyterian Home for Children in Talladega, Alabama, March 27–31, 2017. The home was founded in 1865 by a group of Presbyterian Women, to care for orphans and widows of the Civil War. The way care is given has changed over the last 150 years but the home is still focused on giving children a safe, loving, Christian atmosphere in which to grow up. The cost of the trip is \$250 and includes meals and airport transfer. The trip is limited to 14 participants. Contact PW’s mission associate, Kathy Reeves, at 844.797.2872, ext. 5402, or [katharine.reeves@pcusa.org](mailto:katharine.reeves@pcusa.org), for more information.

## Inclusive Community .....

### “Serendipitous”: PW in Synod of the Northeast promote new PW Manual the fun way

By Maxine G. Hunter, moderator, PWSNE

In late August, PW in the Synod of the Northeast held their annual business/leadership enhancement meeting. By early August, details for the meeting were starting to come together, but a thought kept tumbling around in my head: “Business takes care of itself, but what can be done to enhance the leadership of new and returning leaders?”

As a former teacher, I remembered that students really like quality handouts. At about this time, I heard that the new PW manual was available. Hmmm! Maybe I could use some of the registration fee to cover the cost of the manuals? My “hmmm” was interrupted by a call from my friend Anne Reynolds, who is the creator of the leadership program in the Synod of the Northeast, Sisters Stand and Walk Together.

In the course of our conversation, I mentioned that I was thinking of ordering a copy of the new manual for all at-

tendees. Anne didn’t miss a beat. “What a good idea! I’ll make a trivia quiz! We’ll hand it out on Friday night! They can review the manual during the social hour on Friday evening, and on Saturday we can go over the answers!”

Whew! I said, “You make that quiz, because as soon as I get off the phone I am calling in an order for the manuals.”

And thus, serendipitously, it came to pass that the new manuals were passed out at our meeting and the quiz was handed out on Friday evening, some women even working on the quiz during social hour.

The best part of this is that the new manual and the accompanying quiz are now in leaders’ hands around our synod, and that is a happy thing!

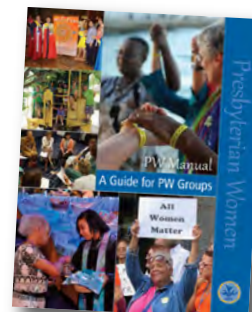
**Editor’s note:** The best part for us is that the manual and quiz will soon be in leaders’ hands all over the country!

Download the quiz from [www.presbyterianwomen.org](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org) (search “PW Manual Quiz”).

At its fall meeting, the CCT recommended that synod reps introduce the updated *PW Manual* to coordinating teams at the first opportunity. This quiz is the perfect way to do that.

Order the manual from PDS (item PWR16120 for the print edition, item PWR16121 for the download/pdf edition); \$6.\* Call 800.524.2612.

**Side note:** Alpha Brown, member of the PWCT in the Synod of the Northeast, is pictured on the front cover of the manual, marching with a sign reading “All Women Matter.” She is the subject of Question 10.





## CCT meeting highlights, cont'd from 1

### Antiracism Committee (ARC)

- ARC is guided by Matthew 25:35: "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in" and Matthew 25:40: "... whatever you did for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."
- The CCT affirmed that PWs not be complacent when they see or hear racist situations, but should "speak up and act up."
- ARC will organize an Antiracism Roundtable conference call to be held four times each year. More information is forthcoming. The committee will also investigate conducting an antiracism training webinar in the spring of 2017.

### Communications Coordination/Funds Development Committee

- The new Presbyterian Women website, [www.presbyterianwomen.org](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org), will launch this fall.
- Rosemary Mitchell, senior director of funds development, mission engagement and support for the Presbyterian Mission Agency, provided input about PW's funds development efforts.
- Fundraising strategies decided upon: end-of-year appeal, PW Giving Day, planned giving brochure, and Celebration of Life envelopes.
- *Horizons* writer recommendations are always welcome! Send names and contact information to Sharon Dunne Gillies, [sharon.gillies@pcusa.org](mailto:sharon.gillies@pcusa.org).

### Creative Ministries Offering Committee

- CMOC voted to change the distribution schedule for the Birthday Offering to mirror the Thank Offering. Both offerings will now be received before recipients are selected and grants provided. Historically, Birthday Offering recipients were named before the offering was collected.
- Ranges for Birthday Offering grants were lowered from \$100,000–\$300,000 to \$75,000–\$150,000. This change reflects changes in projected giving to the Birthday Offering.
- CMOC reviewed 36 Birthday Offering applications. The committee selected three recipients: one international and two national.



Photo by Michael Martin

### Churchwide Coordinating Team, 2015–2018, fall 2016 meeting in Louisville, Kentucky

Seated, left to right: **Carol Winkler**, moderator; **Judy Persons**, vice moderator for mission relationships; **Wanda Beauman**, vice moderator for justice and peace; **Ana Camila Vasquez**, finance chair; and **Donna Bradley**, Native American member at large. Standing, first row, left to right: **Laura Mariko Cheifetz**, Asian American member at large; **Eun Soo Hwang**, Korean American member at large; **Danilie Hilerio-Villanueva**, synod rep, Boriquen (Puerto Rico); **Nermine Hanna**, Middle Eastern American member at large; **Anita Coleman**, synod rep, Southern California/Hawaii; **Charlotte Hasselbarth**, synod rep, Northeast; and **Elizabeth Torres-Rodriguez**, Hispanic/Latina American member at large; Back rows, left to right: **Vickie Terry**, synod rep, Rocky Mountains; **Alexis Maloof**, young women's rep at large; **Chris Murphy**, synod rep, Alaska-Northwest; **Jane DeFord**, synod rep, Trinity; **Cheryl Pennington**, synod rep, Sun; **Toni Spieth**, synod rep, Mid-America; **Jane McGookey**, synod rep, Covenant; **Lisiann Rodriguez**, young women's representative at large; **Minna Pritchard**, Racial Ethnic Young Women's rep; **Francena Willingham**, synod rep, South Atlantic; **Sandy Fefeti**, new immigrant women's rep; **Nancy Long**, synod rep, Mid-Atlantic; **Peggy Free**, synod rep, Southwest; **Kay Olson**, synod rep, Lakes and Prairies; **Evelyn White**, African American member at large; **Susan Barlow**, synod rep, Lincoln Trails; **Kathy Terpstra**, PC(USA) rep; **Alice Wyatt**, Search Committee moderator; and **Sarah Ford**, synod rep, Living Waters. Not shown: **Catherine Warren**, National Network of Presbyterian College Women representative; and **Cecilia Moran**, synod rep, Pacific. The Churchwide Coordinating Team welcomed for their first meeting new synod reps Anita Coleman, Jane DeFord, Danilie C. Hilerio-Villanueva and Francena Willingham.

Names of recipients will appear in the January/February 2017 *Horizons*.

### Finance Committee

- The committee will review the *PW Manual: A Guide for PW Treasurers* before it is made available this fall.

### Inclusive Community Committee (ICC)

- The CCT has tasked synod representatives with introducing the

new *PW Manual: A Guide for PW Groups* to their synod coordinating teams at the next opportunity. See page 2 for a wonderful way to do so.

- The *PW Manual: A Guide for PW Treasurers* is in final draft form. The Finance Committee is now reviewing the manuscript before design and upload. It will be a free resource.

"CCT meeting" continued on page 5

### Commission on Status of Women

Advocate at the global level at the UN Commission on the Status of Women, March 13–24, 2017. Attend one week or two. The deadline to apply to be part of the official PW/PC(USA) delegation is November 15, 2017. Find additional information and an application at [www.presbyterianwomen.org/justice](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/justice). You need not be a member of the delegation to attend related events during CSW.

### Upcoming PW gatherings

**Presbytery of Mississippi**—January 13–14, 2017; 22nd Annual Winter Retreat; Chatawa, MS; email registrar at [milcon@bellsouth.net](mailto:milcon@bellsouth.net).

**Synod of Mid-America**—April 21–23, 2017; Branson, MO; email rhodafrazier@sbcglobal.net for more info.

**Synod of the Northeast**—August 18–19, 2017; Triennial Gathering, Albany, NY; after January, see <https://pwsne.org> or email [wlai2000@gmail.com](mailto:wlai2000@gmail.com).

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

### Generosity truly makes a difference

As you consider year-end giving or estate plans, please remember Presbyterian Women. The denomination and the world depend on a strong, generous PW. And since only Presbyterian women support PW, your generosity truly makes a difference. To give to the Mission Pledge, PW's annual fund, send a check to PW, Inc, Remittance Processing—Giving, PO Box 643652, Pittsburgh PA 15264-3652, "Mission Pledge" in the notes line of the check, or give online at [www.presbyterianwomen.org/missionpledge](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/missionpledge). Please note that presbyteries and synods will be credited for all individual gifts. To learn about estate planning options, contact Rhonda Martin, 844/797-2872, ext. 5596; [Rhonda.martin@pcusa.org](mailto:Rhonda.martin@pcusa.org).



### Giving an Honorary Life Membership this fall or winter?

PW's Honorary Life Membership program is more than a pin, it's a program. Funds derived from Honorary Life Memberships support women's leadership development. HLM recipients join a community of women and men who have demonstrated service to the church. Each honoree 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 and memorial certificates are also available (amount at the discretion of the donor) and that they are a thoughtful way to recognize service or celebrate the life of a faithful servant. Email [jung.winner@pcusa.org](mailto:jung.winner@pcusa.org) for additional information.

### Churchwide Gathering .....

**Churchwide Gathering rates announced, logo approved**  
**Save the date: August 2–5, 2018**

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 "Gathering Quest" emails to help them prepare, promote and plan for the 2018 Gathering. Be sure you are on our email list so you don't miss one bit of news about the Gathering! Email [patricia.longfellow@pcusa.org](mailto:patricia.longfellow@pcusa.org) and urge all your friends to get on the list, too. Meanwhile, here's the latest on the Gathering.

At the fall CCT meeting, the Gathering Planning Group presented a budget and logo possibilities. The budget was approved and a logo selected. (See page 5 for the logo.)

The Gathering will be at the Galt House in Louisville, Kentucky. Nightly room rates are \$149 per room, and Gathering registration has been set at \$425.

Because 2018 is also the 30th anniversary of PW, each email includes a 30th Anniversary Challenge question about something in PW's 30-year history. Visit [www.presbyterianwomen.org](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org) for an answer sheet to fill out and bring to the Gathering. And watch for additional updates on email.

### With your help, Birthday Offering 2017 will change lives

The Creative Ministries Offering Committee met just before the fall CCT meeting to review applications and select the 2017 recipients for grants from the Birthday Offering of Presbyterian Women. Watch for promotional materials to be sent in early February and urge your congregations to participate so that each life-giving ministry selected will receive the funds they need to carry out their work. To learn more about the Birthday Offering, see [www.presbyterianwomen.org/birthday](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/birthday).

**Of special note:** PW's offering grants change lives around the world. We just received a plaque attesting to that fact recently, presented to PW from Living Water International, a 2016 Thank Offering grant recipient, as a thank-you for help to purchase a drill rig for water wells in Haiti.

### World Day of Prayer to be held March 3, 2017

World Day of Prayer is a worldwide ecumenical movement of Christian women who come together to observe a common day of prayer and action each year on the first Friday in March. Each year a different country serves as the writer of the worship service, interpreting the Bible in their own context, and lifting up issues of mission, justice and peace that are important to them. Offerings collected during the services are granted by WDP national committees to nonprofit organizations that deal with the issues identified by the writer-country. The WDP motto is "Informed prayer, prayerful action." The 2017 service, prepared by the WDP Committee of the Philippines and celebrated worldwide on March 3, lifts up issues of economic justice, with the theme "Am I being unfair to you?" See [www.wdp-usa.org](http://www.wdp-usa.org) for more.



### Mission Matters/Justice and Peace .....

**Courageous Conversations in Guatemala**

**By Sandi Thompson-Royer, PC(USA) mission coworker**

Can you imagine preaching and telling your very personal story of abuse from the pulpit? One brave seminary student felt the call to share her story just one day after 45 men and women from her presbytery, seminary and a partner church in Madison, Wisconsin, came together to learn about domestic violence and make plans to be more involved. Margot, a student from *Escuela Socio Teologica*, a Presbyterian seminary in Guatemala that teaches students to be pastors and community organizers, had experienced all forms of abuse by her husband and father of her three boys. After her six-year-old son was beaten for trying to protect her, Margot decided it was time to leave her marriage. The safety and support of her family and church gave her the courage and ability to leave. Today, she is the mother of teenage boys and is a strong, independent woman with a goal to pastor a church and work for change in her community.

Guatemala is an extremely patriarchal country. Each day women are killed because of their gender. There are only eight women pastors and few women elders in the more than 400 Presbyterian churches in Guatemala.

(Read the rest of the story at <http://pwpcusa.typepad.com/jandp>.)



## Presbyterian Women Churchwide .....

### CCT meeting highlights, from page 3

- Evelyn White, Francena Willingham, and Kathy Terpstra will work as a task group on the PW Alumnae Network.

#### Justice and Peace Committee

- The CCT voted to set aside Leadership Development Grants to help committee members attend the Commission on the Status of Women (two grants) and Ecumenical Advocacy Days (five grants). Grant recipients must meet established criteria to receive a grant.
- J&P recommends including youth in the CCT's triennial focus on children's education. PW will focus on child and youth literacy during Children's Book Week, May 1–7, 2017. Information and resources are available at [www.presbyterianwomen.org/justice](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/justice).
- The committee will expand the Courageous Conversations program to address additional topics.

#### Mission Relationships Committee

- There will be a mission trip to the Presbyterian Home for Children in Talladega, Alabama, March 27–31, 2017. Information is forthcoming.
- The CCT signed a statement on hunger from Bread for the World.
- The Synod of the Northeast will be the site of the 2019 USAME.
- There will be a Women of the Reformation tour in October/early November 2017. Details to come.

- The *Together in Service Manual* is under revision; it will be available in print and as a pdf in early 2017.

#### Personnel Committee

- The Personnel Committee reviewed and approved a job description for a new staff position—PW Associate for Outreach and Development. This is an updated version of the PW program associate for leadership position that has been vacant for two years. This programmatic position will focus on inclusive community, revitalizing networks, PW leadership, and women in the congregation. If the way is clear financially, this position will be filled in 2017. The financial position of PW, Inc., may necessitate



Members of the Communications and Funds Development Committee consider options for additional funding.

that this position begin as a part-time position, which will require adjustments to the job description.

#### Postscript: Gathering Planning

- The Gathering Planning Team met in tandem with the CCT this fall. Mary Martin, Gathering chair, presented the theme, the budget and logo options to the CCT for votes.
- The Gathering budget and a registration fee of \$425 was approved by the CCT. The hotel rates were announced (\$149), and a logo was voted upon by CCT, with final selection made by the Gathering Planning Team. The theme was announced: "Arise, shine, your light has come," based on Isaiah 60:1. CCT members are asked to promote attendance. Registration opens January 15, 2018. See page four for more.

## Presbyterian Women Gatherings .....

### 2016 NAPW Gathering held in Northern California in April

The National Asian Presbyterian Women (NAPW) Triennial Gathering in April was hosted by the Northern California APW chapter, bringing together over 30 women from all over the United States to explore the theme "Empowering Christian Women in Leadership" through worship, song, prayer and study. Grace May, executive director of Women of Wonder, Inc. (WOW!), gave the keynote addresses throughout the weekend, exploring the leadership of women of the Bible. Laura Mariko Cheifetz, vice president of church and public relations for Presbyterian Publishing Corporation, and the Asian American racial ethnic member-at-large on the CCT, led the closing worship. Young Lee Hertig, executive director of the Institute for the Study of Asian American Christianity (ISAAC) provided a workshop, as did Linda Lee, Young Shin, Grace May, and Laura Cheifetz, on such topics as Queen Esther's role in speaking up in toxic situations, writing a devotional, making

prayer beads, Presbyterian polity, and I Timothy and women's leadership. The gathering was meaningful for everyone, but particularly for those women who attend churches with very few Asian members. The next gathering, in 2019, is being planned by the Southern California chapter of NAPW.



## Plan now for Together in Action Days to End Human Trafficking, Jan. 7–14

January 11 is National Human Trafficking Awareness Day. PW urges action around the issue of human trafficking during the week of January 7–14 and throughout the year.

- Host a panel of speakers, hold a service of awareness, hold a fundraiser for a local shelter, teach others to recognize signs of human trafficking and to report instances, or take one of dozens of other actions to end of human trafficking.
- Learn about ECPAT and "The Code" at [www.ecpatusa.org](http://www.ecpatusa.org). Urge travel services to sign on to The Code and use travel services that have done so.
- Download the Human Trafficking Roundtable's *Toolkit for Action*, and PW's "Together in Action" bulletin insert and four-page resource.
- Download "Seven Days of Prayer and Action to End Human Trafficking" and other resources.
- See [www.presbyterianwomen.org/justice](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/justice) for links to these and other resources and ideas.
- Support the work of the PC(USA)'s Human Trafficking Roundtable (go to [www.pcusa.org/donate](http://www.pcusa.org/donate), click "change it here" and type in account number E052101 to bring up the correct donation page). Supporting the work of the roundtable is one way to end such exploitation of women, children and men.

### Courageous Conversations

Did you hold a "courageous conversation" around the issue of violence against women and girls in October? Did you hold a service of healing or host a panel of local experts on the subject of intimate partner violence in October? Tell us about it at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/courageous](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/courageous) congregations to receive a Courageous Congregations certificate. Be sure you have pledged at WeWillSpeakOut.org. Visit <http://nomore.org>

for even more information and ideas for year-round action.

### Speaking of courageous conversations . . .

Have you seen the fabulous book lists that have been going around on Facebook on the subjects of racism, white privilege and mass incarceration? Hillary Mohaupt (former CCT and a current contributor to *Horizons*) has set up a private Facebook group to read and discuss such books. She says, "It is such a small thing compared to all that needs to be done and all that others are doing, but it is a start. Goals:

- to read and discuss books and articles about racial dynamics, white privilege and dismantling racism in the U.S. (We are currently reading *Waking Up White*.)
- to learn about opportunities to do something concrete (how to speak at a city council or school board meeting, how to talk with police officers, how best to support Black Lives Matter initiatives, and so forth)
- to continue holding ourselves accountable to the conversations that need to happen and the work that needs to get done (because part of my privilege is being able to choose to think about other things.)

We don't necessarily have any answers, but we want to actually engage in conversation with our friends instead of just sharing links on Facebook."

To learn more, contact Hillary at [greyseasky@gmail.com](mailto:greyseasky@gmail.com).

### PC(USA) statement and study guides

The PC(USA) recently published *Facing Racism: A Vision of the Intercultural Community*, a set of antiracism study guides; and the Advocacy Committee for Racial Ethnic Concerns published a statement responding to killings of African Americans by police. See [www.presbyterianwomen.org/justice](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/justice) for links to both.

## Justice and Peace Calendar

### January

National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month  
7–14 PW Together in Action Days To End Human Trafficking  
11 Nat'l Human Trafficking Awareness Day  
15 Race Relations Sunday  
16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
18–25 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity  
22 Criminal Justice Sunday  
25 Orange Day

### February

Black History Month  
National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month  
1 National Freedom Day  
5 Souper Bowl Sunday  
12 International Day Against the Use of Child Soldiers (Red Hand Day)  
14 One Billion Rising for Justice  
17 National Random Acts of Kindness Day  
25 Orange Day

### March

Women's History Month  
3 World Day of Prayer  
5 Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday  
8 International Women's Day  
13–24 UN Commission on the Status of Women  
25 Orange Day

## 16 Days begins November 25

November 25 is **International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and Girls**. But don't stop there! That day also begins **16 Days of Activism to End Gender-based Violence**. What can you do about violence against women?

- Contact your local women's shelters and respond to their needs.
- Join [www.onebillionrising.org](http://www.onebillionrising.org), which asks "Why are good men silent?"
- Plan ahead for Courageous Conversations in 2017.
- Observe Orange Days, the 25th of each month, to raise awareness of the global campaign to end VAWG.
- Visit <http://16dayscwgl.rutgers.edu/> to learn more about 16 Days.
- Find more links/ideas at [www.presbyterianwomen.org/justice](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/justice).

## Additional resources to help you speak about racism, Black Lives Matter and mass incarceration

- A young activist named Kamau Allen spoke out following police shootings of black men in July 2016. See his interview at [www.krdo.com](http://www.krdo.com) (search for "Kamau segment").
- CCT member (and YAV) Catherine Warren said, "Though I am in Peru, social media keeps taking me back to the States, especially since recent events. One of my friends shared this wonderful syllabus from a seminar on Black Lives Matter being taught at NYU this fall: [www.blacklivesmattersyllabus.com/fall2016](http://www.blacklivesmattersyllabus.com/fall2016)."
- CCT's JP chair Nancy Long shared this from Baz Dreisinger, the author of *Incarceration Nations*: "[My book] is the story of my journey to prisons around the world . . . The idea . . . was born behind bars . . . where I launched the Prison-to-College Pipeline program . . . [T]he U.S. has 5 percent of the world's population but nearly 25 percent of its prison population. More African Americans are under criminal supervision today than were enslaved in 1850." See [www.otherpress.com/books/incarceration-nations](http://www.otherpress.com/books/incarceration-nations).



## 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!

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## Bible Study .....

### Field testers sought for 2019-2020 *Horizons* study

*Horizons* Bible studies are developed by Presbyterian Women for Presbyterian Women. Presbyterian women respond to our call for proposals (see box, lower left) by nominating authors to submit (or by submitting their own) outlines and sample lessons. The Churchwide Coordinating Team's Bible study committee meets in the spring to review these outlines and sample lessons and choose the author and theme four years out. The chosen author writes her first draft, and the first draft is field tested by PW groups around the country.

Field testing takes place between August and December every year. Groups receive the first 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. What about your group for the 2019-2020 study on the Ten Commandments, to be field tested in late 2017?

Apply today! Contact Betsy Ensign-George (502.569.5366, [betsy.ensign-george@pcusa.org](mailto:betsy.ensign-george@pcusa.org)) or download an application from [www.pwpcusahorizons.com/upcoming-bible-studies](http://www.pwpcusahorizons.com/upcoming-bible-studies).

## Bible Study .....

### Call for PW/*Horizons* Bible study proposals

Presbyterian Women, Inc.'s Bible study committee will meet in February 2017 to choose the author and theme of the 2020-2021 PW/*Horizons* Bible study. Potential authors are invited to propose a theme and submit an outline and sample lesson (one of the nine lessons that will make up the study) to the committee for consideration. Authors must demonstrate knowledge of the Bible and related writings, knowledge of and commitment to Reformed theology, experience teaching Bible study, clear understanding of women's issues in the wider church and in the PC(USA), commitment to and use of inclusive language, active membership in the church, and working knowledge of Presbyterian Women. Deadline for proposals is January 8, 2017. Contact Betsy Ensign-George, PW associate editor, for more information: [betsy.ensign-george@pcusa.org](mailto:betsy.ensign-george@pcusa.org); 844/797-2872, ext. 5366; or 100 Witherspoon St., Louisville, KY 40202-1396.

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### Legacy Christmas CDs still available

If you didn't get an opportunity to purchase a *Legacy Christmas* CD in past years (*Legacy Christmas: Treasured Carols of the Kirk*, released in 2013, and *Legacy Christmas: Nativity Carols and Hymns*, released in 2014, don't fret! CDs are still available for purchase and proceeds benefit the amazing ministry of Living Waters for the World. *Treasured Carols of the Kirk*, item PWR16200, \$12; *Nativity Carols and Hymns*, item PWR16201, \$12. Order from PDS.\*



### Come to the Waters installation service

Jeanne Anderson, Coastal Carolina Presbytery, has graciously shared an installation service for the *Come to the Waters* Bible study. Thank you, Jeanne! To download the service, search "PW Installation Service" at [presbyterianwomen.org](http://presbyterianwomen.org).

\* Order items with numbers from PDS: 800.524.2612 or [www.store.pcusa.org](http://www.store.pcusa.org). Prices do not include shipping/handling (10% of order total, \$5.25 minimum, \$65 maximum).

## Horizons Reps' Corner

Dear **Horizons** Reps (and readers),

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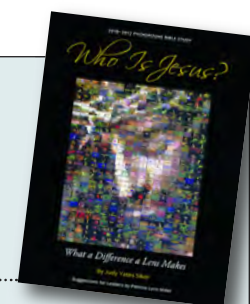
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### Announcing the 2017–2018 PW/Horizons Bible study

Next year's study, *Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews*, was written by pastor and educator Melissa Bane Sevier (Suggestions for Leaders by Sung Hee Chang). *Cloud of Witnesses* approaches Hebrews through nine major themes: In Community with Jesus Christ; In Community with the Living God; In Community with the Living Word; In Community with God's Messengers; In Community with the Tradition of the Past; In Community with the Reality of the Present; In Community with the Hope of the Future; In Community with the Household of Faith; and In Community with All the Saints. Melissa's prayer for us is that study groups and circles develop an understanding of the book of Hebrews and a stronger sense of community through this study. The study will be available March 15, 2017. *Horizons* subscribers receive their copy with the March/April magazine.



### Who Is Jesus? Bible study resources still available for those just starting this study\*\*

If you have not yet used the PW/*Horizons* Bible study, *Who Is Jesus? What a Difference a Lens Makes* by Judy Yates Siker, it's not too late! The author invites you to explore with her through nine different theological lenses the question "Who is Jesus?" Who is Jesus . . . according to Mark? . . . Matthew? . . . Luke? . . . John? . . . Paul? . . . Hebrews? . . . the noncanonical gospels? . . . the Abrahamic faiths? . . . contemporary cultural interpretations?

- *Who Is Jesus?* Bible study, English—HZN16100, \$8
- *Who Is Jesus?* Bible study, Spanish—HZN16110, \$8
- *Who Is Jesus?* Bible study, ecumenical—HZN16102, \$8
- *Who Is Jesus?* Bible study, large-print—HZN16150, \$12
- *Who Is Jesus?* workshop for leaders—HZN16101, free\*\*\*
- *Who Is Jesus?* study, companion DVD—HZN16103, \$20
- *Who Is Jesus?* study, audio download—HZN16172, \$15
- *Who Is Jesus?* charm/pendant—HZN16300, \$10
- *Who Is Jesus?* poster—HZN16410, free
- *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](http://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](http://www.pcusa.org/store).

\*\*\*Free downloads may be found at [www.presbyterianwomen.org](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org) (on the *Horizons* Bible study pages).



## January

National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention

Month—[www.dhs.gov/blue-campaign](http://www.dhs.gov/blue-campaign)

11 National Human Trafficking Awareness Day; <https://traffickingresourcecenter.org>; [www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/human-trafficking](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/human-trafficking);

7–14 PW Together in Action Days to End Human Trafficking; [www.presbyterianwomen.org/justice](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/justice)

15 Race Relations Sunday; [www.pcusa.org/resource/race-relations-sunday-liturgy](http://www.pcusa.org/resource/race-relations-sunday-liturgy)

16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day; [www.thekingcenter.org/meaning-king-holiday](http://www.thekingcenter.org/meaning-king-holiday)

16 National Religious Freedom Day; <http://religiousfreedomday.com>

18–24 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity; [www.oikoumene.org/en/resources/week-of-prayer](http://www.oikoumene.org/en/resources/week-of-prayer)

22 Criminal Justice Sunday; [www.pcusa.org/resource/criminal-justice-sunday-resources](http://www.pcusa.org/resource/criminal-justice-sunday-resources)

25 **Orange Day**; <http://endviolence.un.org>

27 International Holocaust Remembrance Day; [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International\\_Holocaust\\_Remembrance\\_Day](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Holocaust_Remembrance_Day)

## February

Black History Month; [www.africanamericanhistorymonth.gov](http://www.africanamericanhistorymonth.gov)

National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month; [www.teendvmonth.org](http://www.teendvmonth.org) and [www.cdc.gov/features/datingviolence](http://www.cdc.gov/features/datingviolence)

1 National Freedom Day; [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National\\_Freedom\\_Day](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Freedom_Day)

5 Souper Bowl Sunday; [www.souperbowl.org](http://www.souperbowl.org)

12 International Day against the Use of Child Soldiers; Red Hand Day; [www.child-soldiers.org](http://www.child-soldiers.org) and [www.redhandday.org](http://www.redhandday.org)

14 One Billion Rising for Justice; [www.onebillionrising.org](http://www.onebillionrising.org)

12–18 National Random Acts of Kindness Week; <https://www.randomactsofkindness.org>

25 **Orange Day**; <http://endviolence.un.org>

## March

Women's History Month; <http://womenshistorymonth.gov>

Birthday Offering of Presbyterian Women; [www.presbyterianwomen.org/birthday](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/birthday)

3 World Day of Prayer; [www.worlddayofprayer.net](http://www.worlddayofprayer.net) and [www.wdp-usa.org](http://www.wdp-usa.org)

5 Celebrate the Gifts of Women; [www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/all-women](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/all-women); [www.presbyterianwomen.org](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org)

8 International Women's Day; <https://www.internationalwomensday.com>; [www.un.org/en/events/womensday](http://www.un.org/en/events/womensday)

13–24 UN Commission on the Status of Women; [www.unwomen.org/en/csw](http://www.unwomen.org/en/csw); [www.presbyterianwomen.org/justice](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/justice)

22 World Water Day; <http://waterday.org> and [www.unwater.org/worldwaterday](http://www.unwater.org/worldwaterday)

24–31 National Farmworkers Awareness Week; <http://saf-unite.org/farmworkerawareness>

25 **Orange Day**; <http://endviolence.un.org>

29–A.7 Ten Days of Prayer and Thanksgiving for the Roma; [www.pcusa.org/search/?criteria=prayer+and+thanksgiving+roma&collection=resources](http://www.pcusa.org/search/?criteria=prayer+and+thanksgiving+roma&collection=resources)

## April

Sexual Assault Awareness Month; [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sexual\\_Assault\\_Awareness\\_Month](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sexual_Assault_Awareness_Month)

2 Self-development of People Sunday; <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/sdop>

7 World Health Day 2017; [www.who.int/campaigns/world-health-day/2017/en](http://www.who.int/campaigns/world-health-day/2017/en)

8 International Roma Day; [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International\\_Romani\\_Day](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Romani_Day)

16 Easter

21–24 Ecumenical Advocacy Days; <http://advocacydays.org>

22 Earth Day; [www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/environment/earth-day-sunday](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/environment/earth-day-sunday)

24 National Holocaust Remembrance Day; [www.ushmm.org](http://www.ushmm.org); also see [www.presbyterianmission.org/swords-plowshares/2016/03/30/holocaust-remembrance-day/](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/swords-plowshares/2016/03/30/holocaust-remembrance-day/)

24 Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day; [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Armenian\\_Genocide\\_Remembrance\\_Day](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Armenian_Genocide_Remembrance_Day)

25 **Orange Day**; <http://endviolence.un.org>

## May

1 May Day; [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International\\_Workers%27\\_Day](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Workers%27_Day)

1–5 Teacher Appreciation Week; [www.nea.org/grants/teacherday.html](http://www.nea.org/grants/teacherday.html)

1–7 PW Together in Action Days for Children's Literacy; [www.presbyterianwomen.org/justice](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/justice)

1–7 Children's Book Week; [www.bookweekonline.com](http://www.bookweekonline.com)

13 World Fair Trade Day; <http://wfto.com/events/>

13 Stamp Out Hunger drive; <http://about.usps.com/corporate-social-responsibility/nalc-food-drive.htm>

14 Mother's Day; [www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/mothers-day-cards-information-sheet](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/mothers-day-cards-information-sheet)

22 International Day for Biological Diversity; [www.cbd.int/idb](http://www.cbd.int/idb)

25 **Orange Day**; <http://endviolence.un.org>

29 Memorial Day; [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Memorial\\_Day](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Memorial_Day)

## June

- 11 Intercultural Church Sunday; [www.presbyterianmission.org/story/may-22/](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/may-22/)
- 18 Father's Day; Men of the Church Sunday; [www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/men](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/men)
- 25 **Orange Day**; <http://endviolence.un.org>

## July

- 2 Immigration Sunday; <http://oga.pcusa.org/section/mid-council-ministries/immigration>
- 4 Independence Day; [www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/independence-day](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/independence-day)
- 25 **Orange Day**; <http://endviolence.un.org>

## August

- 6 Hiroshima Day; [www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/peacemaking/peacemaking-through-prayer-and-worship](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/peacemaking/peacemaking-through-prayer-and-worship)
- 19 World Humanitarian Day; [www.worldhumanitarian.org/about/en](http://www.worldhumanitarian.org/about/en)
- 25 **Orange Day**; <http://endviolence.un.org>
- 27 Public Education Sunday; [www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/compassion-peace-justice/child/](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/compassion-peace-justice/child/)

## September

- Thank Offering of Presbyterian Women; [www.presbyterianwomen.org/thank](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/thank)
- 2–4 Labor Day Weekend: Labor in the Pulpits; [www.iwj.org/resources/plan-labor-day-service](http://www.iwj.org/resources/plan-labor-day-service)
- 4 Labor Day; [blog.thethoughtfulchristian.com/2014/09/the-fruits-of-their-labor-a-labor-day-reflection.html](http://blog.thethoughtfulchristian.com/2014/09/the-fruits-of-their-labor-a-labor-day-reflection.html)
- 21 International Day of Peace; <http://presbyterian.typepad.com/peacemaking/2010/08/celebrate-the-international-day-of-peace.html>
- 21–27 Global Week of Action Against Gun Violence; [www.presbyterianmission.org/gunviolence](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/gunviolence)
- 22 Native American Day; [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Native\\_American\\_Day](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Native_American_Day) (**Note:** Nevada observes this day on the 23rd, Tennessee observes it on the 25th)
- 25 **Orange Day**; <http://endviolence.un.org>

## October

**Domestic Violence Awareness Month**; [www.ncadv.org/takeastand](http://www.ncadv.org/takeastand); [www.nomore.org](http://www.nomore.org)

**Fair Trade Month**; [www.befair.org](http://www.befair.org)

**National Bullying Prevention Month**; [www.pacer.org/bullying/nbpm](http://www.pacer.org/bullying/nbpm); [www.thethoughtfulchristian.com](http://www.thethoughtfulchristian.com)

- 2 World Communion Sunday; [www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/world-communion-sunday](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/world-communion-sunday)
- 8 Domestic Violence Awareness Sunday; [www.presbyterianwomen.org/justice](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/justice); <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/phewa/>

- 9 Indigenous Peoples' Day; [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indigenous\\_People's\\_Day](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indigenous_People's_Day)
- 11 International Day of the Girl Child; <http://dayofthegirl.org>; [www.un.org/en/events/girlchild](http://www.un.org/en/events/girlchild)
- 11 National Coming Out Day; [www.hrc.org/resources/entry/national-coming-out-day](http://www.hrc.org/resources/entry/national-coming-out-day)
- 16 World Food Day; [www.worldfooddayusa.org](http://www.worldfooddayusa.org); [www.fao.org/world-food-day/home/en](http://www.fao.org/world-food-day/home/en)
- 22 Children's Sabbath: Educate a Child, Transform the World; [www.pcusa.org/news/2015/8/14/educate-child-transform-world](http://www.pcusa.org/news/2015/8/14/educate-child-transform-world)
- 24 United Nations Day; <http://www.un.org/en/events/unday>; [www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/peacemaking/peacemaking-through-prayer-and-worship/#worldcommunion](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/peacemaking/peacemaking-through-prayer-and-worship/#worldcommunion)
- 25 **Orange Day**; <http://endviolence.un.org>

## November

- American Indian Heritage Month**; [http://smithsonianeducation.org/heritage\\_month/aihm/](http://smithsonianeducation.org/heritage_month/aihm/)
- Native American Heritage Month**; <http://nativeamericanheritagemonth.gov>
- 9–14 International Fair Trade Week; <http://wfto.com/events/2017-world-fair-trade-week-9-14-november-2017>
- 12 Caregiver Sunday; [www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/phewa/presbyterian-health-network](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/phewa/presbyterian-health-network)
- 13 World Kindness Day; [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World\\_Kindness\\_Day](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Kindness_Day)
- 19 Hunger and Homelessness Sunday; <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/compassion-peace-justice/hunger/>
- 20 Universal Children's Day; [www.un.org/en/events/childrenday](http://www.un.org/en/events/childrenday)
- 23 Thanksgiving: For the Native perspective, see [http://nmai.si.edu/sites/1/files/pdf/education/thanksgiving\\_poster.pdf](http://nmai.si.edu/sites/1/files/pdf/education/thanksgiving_poster.pdf)
- 25 **Orange Day**; <http://endviolence.un.org>
- 25 International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women; [www.un.org/en/events/endviolenceday](http://www.un.org/en/events/endviolenceday)
- 25–D.10 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence; <http://16dayscwg.rutgers.edu>

## December

- 5 International Volunteer Day; [www.un.org/en/events/volunteerday](http://www.un.org/en/events/volunteerday)
- 10 International Human Rights Day; [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Human\\_Rights\\_Day](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Human_Rights_Day)
- 18 International Migrants Day; [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International\\_Migrants\\_Day](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Migrants_Day)
- 25 Christmas; **Orange Day**; <http://endviolence.un.org>





# Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

BY RHASHELL D. HUNTER

**Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday • March 5, 2017**

On Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday, March 5, 2017, we are encouraged to live with an "attitude of gratitude." When we are filled with gratitude, we acknowledge the goodness and the blessings in our lives. The source of that goodness is God. We give thanks to God, for God is good, for God's steadfast love endures forever.

Though Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday is March 5, 2017, your congregation or women's groups may use this resource on any date that you choose.

Being grateful is a lifestyle choice. Research has shown that gratitude is strongly associated with greater happiness. In 2 Timothy, the apostle Paul expresses gratitude for the good gifts that God has given to him: "I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you . . ." (1:3–5).

The Celebrate the Gifts of Women resource by Rhashell Hunter includes a worship service with

- a call to worship, call to confession, prayer of confession, an assurance of pardon, suggested hymns and scripture readings, and
- program suggestions for groups and individual activities to encourage thankfulness and increase our awareness of God's many blessings.

The Celebrate the Gifts of Women resource is available in the November/December 2016 issue of *Horizons* magazine, as a free download from <http://allwomen.pcusa.org>, and free from Presbyterian Distribution Service (PDS)—800/524-2612 or [www.pcusa.org/store](http://www.pcusa.org/store), item 27501-17-001. Order the November/December 2016 issue of *Horizons* from PDS, item HZN16250; \$4 plus shipping. A limited number of bulletin covers are available from PDS while supplies last; item 27501-17-002; \$5 for a pack of 25. The bulletin cover also may be downloaded free from <http://allwomen.pcusa.org>.