



Quarterly Newsletter

for Presbyterian Women Leaders

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Presbyterian Women Publishing Mission

Where's *Horizons*? All over the world!

By **Carissa Herold and Yvonne Hileman**

On vacation in Peru with Ana Camila Vasquez (Machu Picchu in the background); on the beach in the Dominican Republic with Dahlia Vela; in Canada with Peggy Carroll; scuba diving in Belize with Joy Durrant; and in Scotland at Iona with Suzanne Barrett! These are just some of the photos we have received over the last three years, since we launched our "Where's *Horizons*?" series.

Where's *Horizons*? Not just on vacation with Presbyterian Women in exotic locations, it is in the hearts and minds of Presbyterians all over the United States and the world. *Horizons* subscribers live in Lebanon, Germany, Malawi, Guatemala, India, and Canada. Copies are also made available digitally to mission co-workers all over the world.

Susan Ezell, ordained pastor, former PC(USA) representative to the CCT and member of the Creative Ministries Offering Committee, once said, "*Horizons* is the best publication in the church!" We like to think so!

We see the Holy Spirit at work in the planning of each issue. Two years out,

the *Horizons* Editorial Committee selects themes for each issue. By the time that issue goes through planning, writing, editing, design and production, and is published, it always seems to be the right theme for the right moment.

Where's *Horizons*? In seminary libraries. In the archives at the Presbyterian Historical Society in Philadelphia. It is in homes and churches and circles and presbytery resource centers. It is in coffee shops and discussion groups. (See page 3 for more on the coffee shop idea!)

Its content covers many miles and many topics of concern to people of faith. Prayer, faith, spirituality, Bible study, family and vocations, peace and war, violence and reconciliation, identity and inclusion, human trafficking and hunger, aging, celebrations, the arts, racism and antiracism, justice and advocacy, and so many more issues of concern for those seeking to live a faithful life.

Tell us where *Horizons* is in your life. Send a paragraph and a photo to carissa.herold@pcusa.org. Thank you, ladies, for sharing!



Photo courtesy of Ana Camila Vasquez

Ana Camila Vasquez in Peru



Some of the photos submitted in our "Where's *Horizons*?" series. Top right: Ana Camila Vasquez in Peru. From left: Dahlia Vela in the Dominican Republic, Peggy Carroll in Canada, Joy Durrant in Belize and Suzanne Barrett in Scotland.

Don't miss what's inside! • Ideas for PW in the Congregations • World Day of Prayer and Celebrate the Gifts of Women • Mission opportunities • PDA trainings • Together in Action for Children's Education • PW101 • and lots more!

Celebrate the Gifts of Women, World Day of Prayer both coming up in March

National and international observances on behalf of women are perfect opportunities for Presbyterian Women to celebrate women's gifts and join by the millions in lifting up the concerns of women. Join this virtual "women's march" in March when the Holy Spirit will move women to prayer and action.

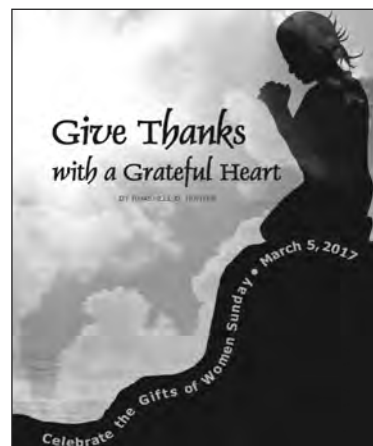
World Day of Prayer is the first Friday in March (March 3, 2017), Celebrate the Gifts of Women is celebrated in the PC(USA) the first Sunday in March (March 5, 2017).

Download and order resources for World Day of Prayer from www.wdp-usa.org.

The Celebrate the Gifts of Women worship resource appeared in the November/December issue of *Horizons* magazine; the worship resource and other resources may be ordered from <http://store.pcusa.org>, or downloaded from pcusa.org/allwomen.



World Day of Prayer



Celebrate the Gifts of Women

Presbyterian Women Disaster Preparedness "Train the Trainer" trainings

By Beth Snyder

PDA/PW Disaster Preparedness "Train the Trainer" trainings are open to all women of the church. The cost of the training is covered by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. You must attend the entire eight-hour training to be certified, commissioned and reimbursed.

Applications are online at www.pcusa.org/pda; click ACT and Volunteer. Email completed applications to beth.snyder@pcusa.org, fax to 502.569.5704 or mail to PDA, 100 Witherspoon St., Rm. 3620, Louisville, KY 40202. For more information call 502.569.5806.

So far, four "Train the Trainer" trainings are scheduled for 2017.

- March 24, 2017, 8 AM to 5 PM CST
Spanish Fort Presbyterian Church
Spanish Fort, Alabama

The deadline for applications is March 10. This training precedes the PWP of Southern Alabama Spring Gathering in Mobile, March 25. Women in surrounding presbyteries are invited. For information on the PWP South Alabama Spring Gathering, contact Judy Persons, 410.507.0642, jpccreatepw@gmail.com.

- April 4, noon to 5 PM EST
April 5, 8 AM to noon EST
Vanderkamp Center
Cleveland, New York

All women in NY presbyteries are invited. The deadline for applications is March 24. For local information, please contact Susan S. Smith, august13SSS@aol.com or Rita Hooper, twohoops2@juno.com.

- June 23, 2017, 8 AM to 5 PM EST
First Presbyterian Church
Battle Creek, Michigan

This training precedes the PWS of the Covenant Gathering on June 23–24. The registration deadline is June 9. This training is open to all women in the Synod of the Covenant. Contact Jane McGookey, mcgookey@gmail.com, for PWS gathering information.

- July 6, 2017, noon to 5 PM PST
July 7, 8 AM to noon PST
Chapman University, Orange, CA

This training precedes the PWS of Southern California/Hawaii summer conference, July 7–9. The registration deadline is June 23. All women in the synod are invited. For PWS conference registration, contact Karen Dwight, ldwight@roadrunner.com.

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. The cost of the trip is \$250 and includes meals and airport transfer. The trip is limited to 14 participants. The application deadline is February 27, 2017. Contact Kathy Reeves at 844.797.2872, ext. 5402, or katharine.reeves@pcusa.org, for more information.



Women of the Reformation Tour, October 28–November 5, 2017

Observe the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation in Geneva, Switzerland, on Reformation Sunday, October 29! PW's 2017 Women of the Reformation Tour will take place in Geneva, Switzerland and Sommieres, France, October 28–November 5, 2017. The cost of the tour is \$1,850 per person. Included in the registration fee are eight nights shared accommodations, all meals from lunch on the 28th through breakfast on the 5th, local transportation, and sightseeing and entrance fees. Airfare is not included in the cost. There is a minimum of five participants and a maximum of 10 participants for this tour. The application/registration deadline is July 1, 2017, unless registration maximum is reached before that date. To receive an application/registration form and tentative itinerary, please contact Kathy Reeves at katharine.reeves@pcusa.org, 844.797.2872, ext. 5402.



Previous Women of the Reformation tour

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PWCs share ideas

Trinity Presbyterian, Oklahoma City

The PWC, along with the congregation of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Oklahoma City is making knotted fleece throws for the children at Positive Tomorrows School. The students at this school live at the local shelter or "couch surf" with family or friends. This project has involved children and adults in the congregation, as most everyone can cut or tie a knot. The throws are bright and colorful, and the children can use them at school or take them to the shelter. Everyone is excited to help.

Fourth Presbyterian, Chicago

One of our most popular events last year returns again this year as our January gathering: the jewelry swap! We start the new year with an opportunity to make new friends through Women at Fourth—and clean out our accessories drawers.

Each participant is asked to bring a donation of jewelry or accessories she no longer wears (a limit of five pieces, please, and no clothing items). Those items are then available to other attendees for \$2 per item. Proceeds go to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and any items not claimed by the end of the evening are donated to STOP-IT, which hosts a drop-in center at the church for women who are survivors of human trafficking.

Each participant also brings a snack item to share at what promises to be a great evening of fun and fellowship!

Desert Palms Presbyterian Church, Sun City, Arizona

Last year, Alaine O'Connor, moderator of PW at Desert Palms Presbyterian Church, Sun City, Arizona, sent this photo of members of the coordinating team on vacation in the Florida



Photo courtesy of Alaine O'Connor.

Desert Palms circle vacations and studies together.

Keys. Notice the reading material they took with them!

Alaine says, "We went to the Florida Keys in August and took our study books to do the first lesson while we were there. The trip was to celebrate our 75th birthdays. We did Lesson One on a Sunday morning. We have nine circles doing the study this year! There are 167 women involved. Our pastor advisor is Linda Bailey. We are in the Presbytery of the Grand Canyon." Now that's an idea!

Cornerstone Campus Ministry

Charlotte Hasselbarth's congregation supports Java and Justice! held once a month by the local campus ministry. On the first Wednesday of each month, a group gathers at Professor Java's in Albany, New York, for a discussion of justice issues. The gathering takes place from 7:30 to 9:00 PM in a room that the group reserves. Emily McNeill from the Labor Religion Coalition introduces each topic and a guest speaker expands on the topic. Sandy Damhoff of Cornerstone Campus Ministry adds some theological/scriptural reflection, then the group has an informal discussion, listening to and learning from each other. Charlotte suggests that PW groups could hold discussions on topics found in *Horizons* magazine.

PW 101

New! Help for those new to PW!

If you are reading these words, then you are probably a PW leader! And you probably know all things PW! But many of our faithful women are unaware of some of the finer points of their amazing organization. That's why we are beginning a "PW 101" series in this newsletter. Each idea in the series is presented in such a way that newsletter editors and circle leaders can paste into their own documents and presentations. And if you are so moved to share an idea or two (or three or four) that you think should be part of this series, please share with carissa.herold@pcusa.org.

PW 101.1: The PW Purpose

The foundation for all that Presbyterian Women is and does is the PW Purpose, our mission statement.

Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves

- to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study,
- to support the mission of the church worldwide,
- to work for justice and peace, and
- to build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom.

We would  your support!

Buy your Valentine's Day gifts at
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PW Financial Matters

Presbyterian Women celebrates giving in 2016!

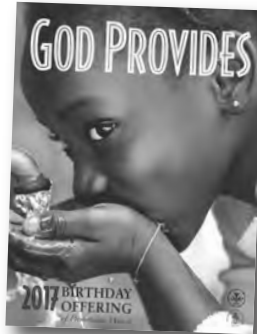
Mission Pledge, PW's annual fund	\$ 1,006,270
Birthday Offering	530,251
Thank Offering	503,550
Honorary Life	115,340
Together in Service	20,748
Total (as of December 31)	\$2,176,159

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

With your help, the Birthday Offering changes 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. Three recipients have been chosen to receive grants from funds collected in 2017—the Family Justice Center (South Carolina), First Hand Aid (Cuba) and the Navajo Water Project (New Mexico). Urge your congregation to participate in the offering so that each life-giving ministry selected will receive the funds they need to carry out their work.

Learn more about the recipients in the January/February issue of *Horizons* magazine, on the enclosed flier and on the Birthday Offering web page (www.presbyterianwomen.org/birthday). Promotional materials are mailed in early February to each congregation in the PC(USA), attn: PW/Women's Group. If you don't see the mailing, ask your PWC moderator to check with the church. To learn more about the Birthday Offering, see www.presbyterianwomen.org/birthday.



right away, as processing takes longer during busy seasons. You can download an order form from www.presbyterianwomen.org/giving or email jung.winner@pcusa.org.

Additional note: 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 for additional information.

Your gifts to PW's annual fund truly make a difference

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. Please note that presbyteries and synods will be credited for all individual gifts.

PW Legacy Giving

A PW legacy gift ensures that the mission and purpose of Presbyterian Women is carried into the future for new generations of Presbyterian women and their sisters and brothers in Christ. The Presbyterian Foundation currently holds more than 70 endowment funds that benefit local and national Presbyterian Women programs. These funds were established by women who wanted to support the activities of PW for generations to come. To learn more about estate planning options, contact Rhonda Martin, 844/797-2872, ext. 5596; Rhonda.martin@pcusa.org.

Giving an Honorary Life Membership this spring?

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. (See the March/April issue of *Horizons* for a list of those who were honored in 2016.) **Please note:** If you plan to honor someone with a life membership for Mother's Day, send in the order form

Churchwide Gathering

Plan now to attend the Churchwide Gathering, 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, 2016 (March 2016 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. Because 2018 is the 30th anniversary of PW, each Gathering Quest email also includes a 30th Anniversary Challenge question about something in PW's 30-year history. Visit www.presbyterianwomen.org for an answer sheet to fill out and bring to the 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 and urge all your friends to



get on the list, too. Meanwhile, here's the latest on the Gathering.

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

Of course, as you make plans to attend the 2018 Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women, you might

want to consider contributing something for the Silent Auction. If so, dig out the paintbrush, knitting needles, or kistkas and make a PW-inspired piece. All proceeds will benefit PW's annual fund, the Mission Pledge. Details to come!

And, congregation, presbytery, and synod gathering planners, here's a head's up! The 2018 Churchwide Gathering promotion packet, which brims with great ideas, is in the works! Have a spark of inspiration that may

be of interest to other gathering planners related to the theme of the Churchwide Gathering? If so, share with carissa.herold@pcusa.org and you may see your idea within the pages of the Churchwide Gathering promotional pack, once it becomes available!

Finally, watch for additional updates on email and in this newsletter!

PW in the Synod of the Northeast gather as a "Household of Faith"

By Charlotte Hasselbarth

Who is the foreigner? Who is the native? What is it like to be "the other"? These are the questions to be explored at PW in the Synod of the Northeast's Triennial Gathering, "The Household of Faith," August 18–19, 2017, at the Desmond Hotel and Conference Center, Albany, New York.

The theme is based on Ephesians 2:17–21, "... you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household. . . ." A diverse group of speakers, panelists and workshop leaders will highlight migration, immigration and cultural diversity. The hope is that all attendees will have a renewed commitment to dealing with others in love and understanding. This is an especially meaningful theme for PW in the Synod of the Northeast, the most culturally diverse in the PC(USA).

Larissa Kwong Abazia, past vice moderator of the General Assembly, PC(USA), and Carol Winkler, current PW Church-wide moderator, will be the keynote speakers.

One part of the program is an immigration and diversity forum. Panelists will include Sandy Damhof, a university chaplain who has taken a group of students to the U.S./Mexico border; Carole Hsu, a journalist; Katie Mulligan, an inner city youth pastor; and Jacinth Hanson, the moderator-elect from the Synod of the Northeast.

Under the leadership of the vice moderator and the design team chair, Su-Ling Lai, some innovations are being implemented for this Triennial. The length has been reduced from three to two days, resulting in the need to stay over just one night. Plans are being made to make meals optional,

so that attending the gathering can be less expensive, especially for commuters.

The design team has worked very hard to make the triennial gathering one that will bring participants closer to peace, love and understanding within our "Household of Faith."

PW in the Presbyteries

New Castle PW celebrate new presbytery moderator



PW in New Castle Presbytery celebrate one of their own, Winnie Wagner, who was installed as moderator of New Castle Presbytery in December. Congratulations, Winnie! Your PW sisters love and support you!

—Submitted by Nancy Long, Mid-Atlantic synod rep to CCT

PW Mission Matters

Participate in the 2017 Global Exchange by making necklaces for our sisters in Indonesia

By Kathy Reeves, PW mission associate

PW's 2017 Global Exchange partici-

pants will be gifting women in Indonesia with yarn necklaces during the Exchange, September 12–29, 2017. We will need lots of necklaces! Please consider participating by making necklaces for our sisters in Indonesia, using the instructions provided here

by Mary Weber. Questions? Contact Kathy Reeves, 844.797.2872 or katharine.reeves@pcusa.org.

Instructions

The yarn is hard to find in retail stores. Look for ribbon yarns, track yarns, or flag yarns online. Try YarnParadise.com. Your crochet hook should be large; size J is best.

Pull out a length of yarn about 13 inches long and leave it unworked. On the same strand, next work a chain stitch for approximately 13 inches. About 42 stitches work for me, but it may take more or less, depending on the thickness of the yarn. Keep your

work loose! Leave another 13 inches unworked. Cut. Pull the yarn through

the last stitch and fasten off. Make as many of these chains as you want in your necklace. I usually put five to seven together to make a necklace.

After you have completed the number of chains that you want, hold them together so they line up. Then tie a knot in all of them together about

three inches from the end of the chain. Tie a similar knot three inches from the other end of the strands.

Tie the two ends together in another knot. Pull this knot very tight so that it will not come undone when you pull the necklace over your head. You can determine the length of your necklace by where you tie this final knot; leaving approximately one inch outside the knot will work for most women's head sizes.

If you have left more than one inch at the end, measure about one inch down and trim all yarn ends to that length. If you have a shorter end, trim ends to be even.

If you wish to make the necklace

adjustable, pull all strands through a bead with a darning needle or small crochet hook, before tying the final knot. The bead works as a slide so the necklace can be shortened.



Upcoming PW gatherings

New Castle Presbytery—April 21–23, 2017; annual beach retreat, Dunes Manor Hotel in Ocean City, MD. See PWNCP's Facebook page.

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

Synod of Mid-Atlantic—June 15–18, 2017; Summer Gathering at Massanetta Springs Camp and Conference Center, Harrisonburg, VA. For more information, see www.pwsynodmidatlantic.org.

Synod of the Northeast—August 18–19, 2017; Triennial Gathering, Albany, NY; see <https://pwsne.org> or email wlai2000@gmail.com.

Synod of the Trinity—June 15–17, 2017; Altoona, PA; email suzanne.herger@verizon.net for more info.

Work for justice: read to children, learn to be an ally, learn to be an advocate

Together in Action for Children's Literacy, May 1–7, 2017

PW urges action around children's literacy during the week of May 1–7, Children's Book Week, and PW's second Together in Action week of the year. Try one of these:

- Community Story Hour (host it at your church and read aloud to children of the community; may be a one-time event or ongoing).
- Roving Readers (form a group of volunteers who go to community centers, hospitals and other sites to read aloud to children).
- Community book drive (for children who don't have books at home)
- Lending library for families; emphasis on books with positive messages, empowering stories, etc.
- Gifts to PW's Thank and Birthday Offerings, which frequently give grants to education programs
- Volunteer at a local library (help for a day, or on a regular basis).
- Contact schools; volunteer to help children who are falling behind.
- Supply nutritious snacks at story hours, cushy chairs, warm hugs—things hungry children need.
- Donate books to hospitals, schools, community centers and more.

Find links to resources at presbyterianwomen.org/justice. Share your story with PW; yvonne.hileman@pcusa.org.

Stand up and be counted

In a climate of bigotry, racially-motivated violence, fear and hateful rhetoric, here's what you can do:

- Attend **Ecumenical Advocacy Days** in Washington, D.C., April 21–24, 2017. The theme is "Confronting Chaos, Forging Community—Racism, Militarism, and Materialism."

Commission on Status of Women

Follow the Presbyterian delegation as they advocate at the global level during the UN Commission on the Status of Women, March 13–24, 2017. See PW's Facebook page, unwomen.org and www.presbyterianwomen.org/justice. If you are in or near New York City during the Commission, you need not be a member of the delegation to attend NGO CSW events.



Find links to register for the PC(USA)'s CPJ Training Day and EAD at www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/compassion-peace-justice/washington/advocacy-training-weekend/.

- Read and discuss books and articles about racial dynamics, white privilege and dismantling racism in the U.S. (Many members of the PC(USA) staff are currently reading *Waking Up White*.)
- 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).
- Hold the faith community accountable to the conversations that need to happen and the work that needs to get done (because part of privilege is being able to choose to think about other things).
- Be an active bystander. Don't just stand there. Do something. Respond helpfully and nonviolently when witnessing hate speech, harassment or other injustice.

International Day of the Roma

International Day of the Roma is April 6, 2017. To commemorate this day and to learn more about the Roma community, use PW resources developed in partnership with the Reformed Church in Hungary (RCH). New in 2017, a translation of the RCH's book, *You Welcomed Us into Your Kingdom*. Download from www.reformatus.hu/data/documents/2016/10/04/You_Welcomed_Us_into_Your_Kingdom.pdf. The RCH, with PW and the PC(USA), will offer additional materials in the spring. Visit www.presbyterianwomen.org (search for "Roma") for these resources and to access timeless Roma devotionals from the past few years.

Justice and Peace Calendar

April

Sexual Assault Awareness Month
2 Self-Development of People Sunday
7 World Health Day
8 International Roma Day
16 Easter
21–24 Ecumenical Advocacy Days
22 Earth Day
24 Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day
25 Orange Day

May

1 May Day/International Workers Day
1–5 Teacher Appreciation Week
1–7 PW Together in Action for Children's Literacy
1–7 Children's Book Week
13 World Fair Trade Day
13 Stamp Out Hunger Drive
14 Mother's Day
25 Orange Day
29 Memorial Day

June

11 Intercultural Church Sunday
18 Father's Day
25 Orange Day

For a complete calendar, including links to resources, see www.presbyterianwomen.org/justice.

Bible Study

Art quilt recipient selected



CCT moderator Carol Winkler selects the recipient of the Who Is Jesus? art quilt January 23 at the PW office. Judy Lash from Irwin, Pennsylvania, will receive this piece, crafted by textile artist Debbie Paris.

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

PW's Bible study premium: *Hebrews, for Everyone*

In 2014, Bible study participants were given the opportunity to support Presbyterian Women and receive (with a minimum \$50.00 gift) a copy of N. T. Wright's book, *Paul, for Everyone: 2 Corinthians*.

Spring forward to 2017 and support Presbyterian Women's Mission Pledge with a minimum gift of \$50.00 to receive N.T. Wright's book, *Hebrews, for Everyone*!

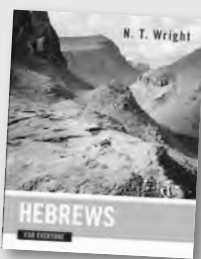
Send your gift of \$50.00 or more with a note that includes your name and address and indicates that you would like to receive N. T. Wright's book on Hebrews to:

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P.O. Box 643652
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About *Hebrews, for Everyone*

Writing in an approachable and anecdotal style, Tom Wright helps us to find our way around the letter to the Hebrews, one of the most challenging writings in the New Testament. He acknowledges that people often find it difficult, because some of the ideas it contains are strange to us. Yet, like meeting a new friend, Wright helps us to find Hebrews full of interest and delight, with a powerful message that comes home to the church of today and tomorrow just as much as it did to the church of yesterday.

—Review from book's back cover



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 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?

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Resources for Presbyterian Women 2017

The *Resources for Presbyterian Women 2017* catalog is in the works! Check your email inbox for a notification when it becomes available. A pdf copy will be available online (www.presbyterianwomen.org). Printed copies will be available from PDS; item PWR17001; free.

Note: A modest but timely price increase on the 2017–2018 *Horizons* Bible study (now \$10 for regular print, ecumenical and Spanish editions; \$15 for large print) has been put in place. To encourage *Horizons* magazine subscriptions, readers can continue to subscribe (by April 1 to receive this year's Bible study [regular print, English edition] with their subscription to *Horizons*) at the same subscription rate as in 2016 (\$24.95/year); the Bible study will mail with the March/April issue. Subscriptions received after April 1 will receive next year's Bible study.

Horizons Reps' Corner

Dear Horizons Reps,

Even ministries and missions that are most dear to one's heart are not assured a perfect presentation—that's why devices such as talking points can help guide us on our most tongue-tied day. As you go about your *Horizons* rep ministry, here are a few new talking points that may help you in sharing the *whys*, *hows* and *whats* of subscribing to and supporting the publications of PW.

Horizons is the magazine and Bible study of Presbyterian Women. There are lots of opportunities to grow in faith and community but only *Horizons* is by and for PW. That's why Presbyterian Women are encouraged to support this ministry through participation and subscribing. Just like the overall ministry of Presbyterian Women, if we don't support our organization, who will?

Each issue of *Horizons* is filled with important information.

- January/February issue: Birthday Offering grant recipients, annual *Horizons* index, Bible study support material
- March/April issue: Installation service for PW, Honorary Life Membership recipients for prior year; Bible study supports
- May/June: Mission Pledge interpretive resource
- July/August: Thank Offering grant recipients, Bible study support material
- September/October: Bible study support material
- November/December: Fellowship of the Least Coin grant recipients, Celebrate the Gifts of Women liturgy and program ideas, Bible study support material

Horizons subscriptions "Did You Know?"

- PW groups can save by subscribing in bulk—two to four subscriptions to one address is \$18.95/per subscription/per year; five or more to one address is \$17.95/year.
- Print subscribers to the magazine receive the digital edition of the magazine free *and* the annual Bible study in print.
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Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews Bible study resources**

This year's *Horizons* Bible study, *Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews*, 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. The study was written by pastor and educator Melissa Bane Sevier (Suggestions for Leaders by Sung Hee Chang). 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.

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- *Cloud of Witnesses* charm/pendant—HZN17300, \$10
- *Cloud of Witnesses* poster—HZN17410, free
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- 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.



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In 2017, we will offer our prayers and financial support to the following recipients:

- **First Hand Aid Rural Clinic Development Initiative—**
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PW's only international grant for 2017, your gift will help build, fund, stock with supplies and staff six medical clinics located in Presbyterian churches in impoverished rural Cuba. The clinics will supply food and medicine to some of the neediest people of Cuba.

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- **Navajo Water Project—**NEW MEXICO

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The grant amounts will depend on gifts contributed during 2017. Please promote prayerful, generous support of the Birthday Offering in your presbyteries and congregations, using the following tools:

- Promotional booklet—mailed to every PC(USA) congregation (addressed to "PW/Women's Group") as well as moderators, commodore, treasurers and Celebration Giving representatives at every level of PW.
- The January/February 2017 issue of *Horizons*—announces the Birthday Offering grant recipients, offers a dedication service and lists resources available for promoting the offering.
- PW's Birthday Offering web pages (www.presbyterianwomen.org/birthday)—free downloads of the dedication service, booklet, order form, promotional video, history/FAQ, grant application and a list of past recipients; links to order additional materials.

Learn more at www.presbyterianwomen.org/birthday or contact Kathy Reeves at 844/PW-PCUSA (844/797-2872), ext. 5402, or katharine.reeves@pcusa.org.



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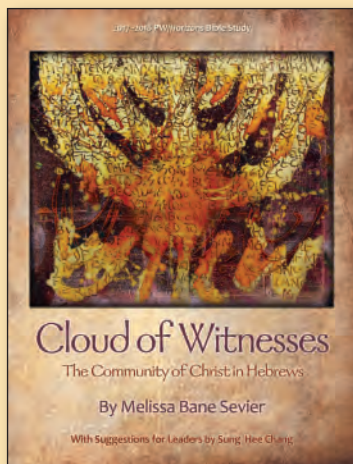
Introducing the 2017–2018 PW/*Horizons* Bible study

Cloud of Witnesses

The Community of Christ in Hebrews

By **Melissa Bane Sevier**

With Suggestions for Leaders by **Sung Hee Chang**



Welcome to the 2017–2018 Presbyterian Women/*Horizons* Bible study, *Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews*. In nine lessons, author Melissa Bane Sevier invites us to explore major themes found in Hebrews, relate these themes to other parts of our faith tradition, and tie them

together with the overarching motif of *community*.

The community for which the letter, or homily, was written interacts, in a sense, with all communities of which we are a part, as we bring these groups with us wherever we go. This ever-present “great cloud of witnesses” (Heb. 12:1) strengthens and encourages us as we “run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith” (Heb. 12:1b–2).

Lesson One focuses on Hebrews’ emphasis throughout the book that *Jesus, the Christ, is the basis of all of our faith and action*, individually and as a faith community.

Lesson Two reminds us that *God lives both in us and among us*, and that this living God supports who we are and how we live.

Lesson Three points out that Hebrews describes God’s word as *both living and active*. God’s word challenges, supports, and encourages us to look inward and live the most faithful lives we can.

Lesson Four takes us on a tour of angelic messengers in the Bible, and reminds us that *we never know when an encounter may bring us God’s messages of love and support*.

Lesson Five helps us remember the things our ancestors in the faith have bequeathed to us. *The faith tradition supports us* by showing us both the successes and stumbles of biblical characters. We also have our own *Book of Confessions* that guides us in our Reformed tradition.

Lesson Six considers how *communities of faith support each other during troubled times*. Hebrews was written to a people suffering under persecution.

Lesson Seven centers our attention on God’s Sabbath rest, *where we find hope and support for the future, as well as our current situation*.

Lesson Eight examines *the household of faith that reminds us of our supportive home with each other in God*.

Lesson Nine highlights the great *cloud of witnesses from the past and present* who show us how to live in faith and who support us in faithful living.

Lessons begin and end with a hymn and a prayer, and include discussion questions that help build community. Cloud Witness stories, submitted by Presbyterian women, follow each lesson.

About the Authors



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Subscribe to *Horizons* magazine by April 1, 2017, to receive a copy of *Cloud of Witnesses* 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 2017 issue, and have digital access to the magazine (including select back issues). To subscribe, call toll-free 866/802-3635 or visit www.presbyterianwomen.org/horizons. (Save more and order two or more subscriptions to one address.)



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