



Quarterly Newsletter

for Presbyterian Women Leaders

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PW's website has been redesigned! Email sharon.gillies@pcusa.org or stephanie.morris@pcusa.org with questions.

Presbyterian Women Churchwide

In 2018 Churchwide Gathering News . . .

By **Carissa Herold**

Gathering registration information

The Gathering will be held at the Galt House in Louisville, Kentucky, August 2–5, 2018. Rooms start at \$144/night; suites start at \$159, both plus taxes. The registration booklet will mail with the November/December 2017 issue of *Horizons*. Registration will open January 15, 2018.

Her name is . . .

Louisville (the home of the 2018 Gathering) is often referred to as Derby City, thanks to historic Churchill Downs and the beautiful horse farms that dot central Kentucky. That's why the 2018 mascot for the CWG is . . . Lilly the Filly!

Thanks to all who participated in the naming contest. Our beloved filly's name, chosen by the Gathering Planning Team, was suggested by three PW sisters who hail from diverse but equally breathtaking landscapes: Bonnie, Synod of the Southwest; Jan, Aotearoa, New Zealand; and Judy, Synod of the South Atlantic.

By the way, Lilly loves the new Bible study, *Cloud of Witnesses*. She finds the drystack stone fence metaphor particularly meaningful, as she is familiar with those fences on the farms where she has lived.

To introduce your PW sisters to Lilly the Filly, download a mascot jigsaw puzzle from www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering. Print, cut, assemble and you'll see Lilly the Filly already dressed for the Gathering!

Order the Gathering bandana

How many ways can you wear a bandana or scarf? Have you ever repurposed a bandana for, say, a table setting or banner? Thanks to the 2018 Churchwide Gathering bandana, you can flex your creative tying/wrapping/quilting/braiding talents! Generously sized (22" x 22") and vibrantly colored, this lovely bandana can be worn in many ways or even incorporated into a table setting or other craft idea. At the center of the 2018 Churchwide Gathering bandana is a radiant sunflower with words from Isaiah ("Arise, shine, your light has come!") encircling its center. Order item PWR18030 from www.pres



presbyterianwomen.org/shop; \$7 plus shipping. If you like, you can send a short description of how you wear, style or display the bandana (with photo) to Carissa Herold at carissa.herold@pcusa.org.

Pick a pack of plucky promos

The 2018 Churchwide Gathering promo pack is now available for download! (See www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering.) The promo pack is a

treasure trove of information and great ideas for promoting the Gathering and the 30th anniversary of PW. It includes:

- An invitation from 2018 Gathering chair Mary Martin
- Announcements to speak or print
- Gathering art reproduction sheet (including adorable images of our mascot, Lilly the Filly!)
- Promotional flier
- Ideas for celebrating PW's 30th anniversary
- Commissioning service
- Gathering skit ("Three Wise PWs") written by PW's very own celebrated Gathering playwright Rhoda Frasier ("brava, Rhoda!")
- Fun items to make and/or share
- (I am a) Gathering fan template
- Seed packet templates (fill with sunflower seeds or Skittles—you decide!)
- Fabric sunflower pin instructions (thank you, Marilyn Collins!)
- Crocheted sunflower instructions (thank you, Joyce Booth!)

2018 PW, Inc., Churchwide Business Meeting

The Churchwide Business Meeting of Presbyterian Women will begin at 7 PM on Wednesday, August 1, 2018, and conclude on August 2, prior to the Churchwide Gathering. Voting representatives will be free to participate fully in Gathering programming. The first of four memos regarding voting representatives and the Business Meeting was sent electronically to synod and presbytery moderators the first week of August 2017. Please read the information carefully and begin planning for the meeting. If you did not receive the mailing or you have questions, please contact Patricia Longfellow at patricia.longfellow@pcusa.org.

Don't miss what's inside! • Help for those new to PW • 90th anniversary of Cuba PW • Churchwide visits PW in the synods and presbyteries • Mission opportunities • PDA disaster preparedness trainers • Moderator's Message • and lots more!

90th anniversary celebration of the National Association of the Presbyterian-Reformed Women of Cuba

By **Dahlia Vela**

I arrived in Santa Clara, Cuba, on May 4, 2017, for the 90th anniversary celebration of the National Association of the Presbyterian-Reformed Women of Cuba. I was met by Mayda Garcia Fabregas and her husband, Felipe. Once mission co-worker Jo Ella Holman arrived, we departed for the Presbyterian-Reformed Church in Camaiguan, where we were greeted with a welcome dinner and musical entertainment. The next day we proceeded to the church in Camajuani, where the celebration would take place.



Rev. Marielys Cabrera and Rev. Dr. Jo Ella Holman preparing to serve communion.

On May 6, the day of the celebration, women came from all three Cuban presbyteries, from as far away as Havana. The worship service included communion, joyful singing, a historical review and stories about the Presbyterian-Reformed Women's founder, Edith Houston. Ministers in attendance included Marielys Cabrera, pastor of the Camajuani church, Liudmila Hernandez of Sancti Spiritus, Dalia Valdes from Sagua la Grande, and Jo Ella Holman, mission co-worker.

Rev. Cabrera's sermon topic was "Today's Woman." Mayda Garcia gave a brief presentation on the 2014 PW Global Exchange to the Caribbean, in which she participated, then presented Dahlia Vela, chair of the Global Exchange Committee during her 2012-2015 tenure on PW's Churchwide Coordinating Team. Dahlia read a letter of

congratulations from Carol Winkler, moderator of Presbyterian Women in the PC(USA), and spoke of the Global Exchange.

A reception followed. Displays included photos of past national gatherings and photo collages of the 2014 Caribbean Global Exchange. During this time of fellowship, a new mother was presented with a large bag full of gifts for her newborn child, as a gesture of love. This was the result of a youth project to assist the young family from the community who are nonmembers of the church.

During my stay at the Cabaiguan church, I noticed people coming daily to receive water from a Living Waters for the World installation—four liters per person, which is made available to the community six days each week.

I departed Cuba with heartfelt gratitude to God for having made this very special trip to Cuba a reality, and for the privilege of representing Presbyterian Women in the PC(USA) at this most important event in the life of the Presbyterian-Reformed Church of Cuba.

PW Mission Matters

Making necklaces for sisters in Indonesia

By **Kathy Reeves, PW mission associate**



PW's 2017 Global Exchange participants 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. Instructions are in the first-quarter newsletter, available online at www.presbyterianwomen.org/quarterly.

Questions? Contact Kathy Reeves, 844.797.2872 or katharine.reeves@pcusa.org. Send finished necklaces by September 7 to Kathy Reeves, Presbyterian Women, Inc., 100 Witherspoon St., Louisville, KY 40202-1396.

PW 101

Help for those new to PW!

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

PW 101.3: The Mission Pledge: PW's Annual Fund

Presbyterian Women's annual fund is the Mission Pledge. The Mission Pledge makes possible PW at all levels of the church: from local and regional to national! (More about PW in the presbyteries, synods and churchwide in the next newsletter.)

PW is independently funded; that means that the gifts you give to your church or to the PC(USA) do not provide for Presbyterian Women. Gifts given to Presbyterian Women, however, do support the work of the PC(USA) in multiple ways because PW supports the work of the PC(USA) in multiple ways.

Financial gifts to the Mission Pledge, PW's annual fund, are often collected in PWC circle meetings. But there are other ways to give (online, by check, and through estate planning). Presbyterian women are always encouraged to give as we are blessed! (See www.presbyterianwomen.org/missionpledge for more information.)

CPJ offering free Sweat Free tees (while supplies last)

Compassion, Peace and Justice is offering up to 200 free t-shirts (per order) from their remaining Sweat Free inventory at the Presbyterian Distribution Center (shipping not included). Sizes and colors available on a first-come, first-served basis. Shirts are 100% organic cotton and were produced by a women's sewing cooperative in Nicaragua. Order from PDS (800.524.2612). Let the CSR know that you are taking advantage of this special and that you'll only be responsible for the shipping costs. Shirts available are:

White	Blue	Natural
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Key (for example)
CS=Child's small
L=Adult large

Churchwide mods, staff visit PW presbytery, synod events

Thanks to invitations from PWP and PWS groups, PW's Churchwide moderators and staff have participated in dozens of PW presbytery and synod events, large (225) and small (35) this year and last.

Carol Winkler, churchwide moderator, has attended nine gatherings, with four more to go! Mid-Atlantic was the largest she has attended so far, with 150 in attendance. Carol has presented workshops and keynotes on many topics including "An Introduction to the *PW Manual, Guide for Groups*"; "Educate a Child"; "Leadership" and "PW Resources."

When asked about the comment she gets most often, she says, "PW are still lamenting about churches leaving and about trying to attract younger women."

Susan Jackson Dowd, executive director for PW, has attended seven gatherings and presented keynotes on "Hearing the Voice of Change in PW";

"PW Perseveres through Change"; and "PW Updates"; and workshops on *Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews*; "PW Resources and Information"; "Communication Justice: The Right to Speak and Be Heard"; and "Moderator Training." She says the mood for the future is concerned but hopeful. The comment/question she heard most often is, "How will PW adapt to the changing landscape of the PC(USA)?"

Carol says, "Some groups are struggling, some are excited with new things happening, some are taking a leap of faith to do things differently. As national leadership gets more experienced at Zoom [an online meeting tool], we see the benefits of meeting more often than once or twice a year while saving money. This is an idea that others might try."

"And I see dedicated women who are advocating for women in many ways—helping them escape trafficking, supporting transition programs for women and children, meeting needs in their communities."

Rhonda Martin, PW's finance manager, participated in synod and presbytery gatherings for the first time this year. Naturally, she got lots of questions about the Birthday and Thank Offerings.

She says the women who attend the synod gatherings are excited about the future of PW. She adds, "They all want/need help with growth in their areas."

Rhonda delivered a treasurer's workshop at the Synod of Mid-Atlantic. She sold resources at the Synod of Lincoln Trails. She says, "When PW are given the right information, they make an impact that changes lives."

Rhonda was impressed that at the Synod of Lincoln Trails gathering, PW had an area set up exclusively for displays of mission projects that their groups are accomplishing.

Rhonda sent a photo "of the one that touched me [above]—Dress a Girl Around the World. They invite women to come sew at the church. Participants do not need to be a PW or to belong to the church. The women teach new ladies how to sew, and they provide all the items

See "Churchwide connects," page 5.

Moderator's Message



Since March I have traveled many weekends, visiting Presbyterian Women from Puerto Rico to California. Each visit has been a special time with wonderful, dedicated women doing creative ministries that are making an impact in their own communities as well as communities around the world. I would like to share some of their stories.

For over 200 years, women in the Presbyterian church have been making connections that make a difference. Last year two young women were invited to attend their first synod summer gathering. It was life changing. I heard one of them say, "I have been a part of my church for 29 years and how did I not know about Presbyterian Women?" I don't imagine she is the only young woman who can say this. As I listen around tables, I am amazed at what women learn about each other and the work of PW. We need to be better storytellers. Don't think of sharing good work as bragging; think of it as a way to invite others into your community, giving them an opportunity to participate. The 29-year-old woman and her friend learned to quilt at that gathering, brought home leftover squares, finished two quilts, raffled them off at their fall gathering and donated the money to the Birthday Offering. One invitation led to new connections, new opportunities and new leaders.

One woman shared a story of thinking outside the box. Her group was struggling. They were supporting the Re-Entry Program in Kokomo, Indiana. They wanted to do more. They wrote an application for a Thank Offering grant. The program received \$25,000. The funds help support incarcerated individuals re-entering society. What a difference a Thank Offering grant made! The organization was sustained with the grant, and the local PW group grew. Other women in their church wanted to be a part of a community of women that could make something like this happen. PW made the connections and both PW and the program benefited. This could be your group.

Tell your story, even brag a little and give women an opportunity to be a part of something spectacular. Be ready to welcome them!

I'd love to hear your story. Write me: winksmama@gmail.com.

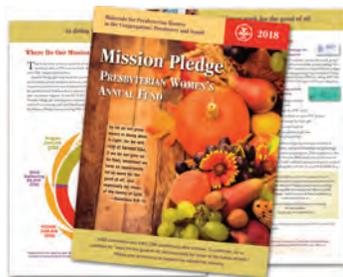


The women of First Presbyterian Church of Wheaton, Illinois, have gathered together at the church for multiple workshop days to make dresses for Dress a Girl Around the World, a nondenominational, independent Christian organization.

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

Your gifts to the Mission Pledge truly make a difference

The 2018 Mission Pledge packet is available! If you are a PW leader, you will receive a copy of the PW Mission Pledge packet in the mail. Each PC(USA) congregation also receives one addressed to PW/Women's Group. To order from PDS, call 800.524.2612 and ask for item PWR17011 (free). Or download the materials at www.presbyterianwomen.org/missionpledge.



PW's Mission Pledge is the annual fund of PW and makes possible PW at all levels, regional to churchwide! To give outside a PW circle, 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.

Giving an Honorary Life Membership this fall?

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. Download an order form from www.presbyterianwomen.org/giving or email jung.winner@pcusa.org. **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.

PC(USA) Partners

Office of Immigration offers new resources, urges advocacy for immigrants and refugees

Story map resource

The newest PC(USA) resource focused on the issue of immigration is *The Genesis of Exodus*, a multimedia "storymap" that documents the root causes of Central American migration to the United States. A documentary film of the same name will premiere later this summer. The resource can be used in educational settings by following the storymap segments. A supplemental resource to guide study of the material will be released in early August. Go to <http://storymap.gensisofexodusfilm.com/index.html> to view the storymap.

Story map resource

Elected officials should be back in their districts during Washington's August recess. This is the perfect time to visit them with matters that *matter!* The PC(USA)'s Office of Immigration urges you to ask your representatives and senators:

1. not to fund the proposed increase for immigration enforcement, especially for the additional construction of an already existing border wall;
2. to fully fund refugee aid and resettlement, especially when the President's budget calls for deep cuts;
3. not to support HR 3003 and 3004 (House bills to withhold federal funding to sanctuary cities and to increase boarder prosecution of "illegal entry");
4. to renew the Fair Day in Court for Kids Act, which helps provide legal representation for children in immigration court proceedings. This bill was passed in a prior session, but needs to be renewed this year;
5. to encourage the President to support the DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) program
6. to support the Dream Act of 2017, a bipartisan Senate bill that provides a

path to citizenship for those who were children when they came to the United States. There are 800,000 young people receiving benefits under the DACA program and a possible 1 million who could benefit from the Dream Act, which continued protection for the 300,000 individuals lawfully present under Temporary Protected Status (TPS).

Editor's Note: Read more about migrants and refugees in the November/December issue of *Horizons* magazine. Not a subscriber? Call 866.802.3635.

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.

Are you a woman in the PC(USA)?

You are eligible to receive a \$500 grant from PW. Want to strengthen your leadership skills by going to a leadership event? Apply today: presbyterianwomen.org/leadership.

PW planned giving

A planned gift to PW 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.

Join longtime PW partner in Offering of Letters



Each year, Bread for the World chooses a legislative emphasis that can make a real difference to people struggling with hunger and poverty. People write letters and present them as an offering to God before mailing them to Congress. Supported with prayer, these letters are a bold witness to God's justice and mercy. Join Bread's Offering of Letters.

Learn more at www.bread.org.

PW Financial Matters

PW Giving, second quarter 2017

Mission Pledge	\$ 463,819
Birthday Offering	248,679
Thank Offering	196,761
Honorary Life	68,244
Together in Service	4,261

Churchwide mods, staff connect with women at PW synod, presbytery events

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needed to make this happen. They are truly reaching out to their community and throughout the world."

Top comments/questions/suggestions heard at gatherings

1. Fewer women attend; groups are trying new meetings.
2. Lamenting the loss of PC(USA) churches and leadership.
3. Presbyterian women are committed!
4. "Wow! I didn't know PW did that!"
5. How did I not know about PW all these years?
6. Mission Pledge? Why support? [Note: See pp. 2 and 4.]

7. PW groups in the congregation are shrinking, but want to remain active.
8. What are suggestions for attracting new participants to PW?
9. Women have enjoyed/are enjoying the three most recent Bible studies.
10. How does the PW Mission Pledge/Annual fund work?
11. Change in many local groups is needed. What are suggestions for inspiring change?

As Susan Jackson Dowd notes, "PW is smaller in numbers but alive and well. The organization is growing in new ways—new immigrant women, newly retired women, new ways of being PW."



Photo courtesy of Charlotte Hasselbarth.

Rita Hooper, then-moderator of PW in the Cayuga-Syracuse Presbytery, CCT Vice Moderator for Mission Relationships Judy Persons, and Barbara Shuck, of PW in the Utica Presbytery, during Judy's visit to PW groups in the Synod of the Northeast last fall.

Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery

Dozens of PW in presbyteries now trained as PW/PDA Disaster Preparedness trainers

By Beth Snyder

Presbyterian Disaster welcomed its newest PW/Disaster Preparedness trainers from the Synod of the Covenant on June 23 in Battle Creek, Michigan. Sixteen PW and one synod executive, Raafat Zaki were commissioned as PW/DP trainers. There are now (drum roll) 49 presbyteries with PW trainers, and 112 trainers! Hurray!

PDA is part of the National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (NVOAD). In May, I went to the NVOAD meeting in Houston, Texas. I am hopeful that useful ideas to assist us in our preparedness training will be developed. We were pleased to hear from the FEMA representative, Marcus Coleman, that the new White House Office of Faith-Based

Bible Study

Field testers sought for 2020–2021 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 2020–2021 study on lament, to be field tested in late 2018?

Apply today! Contact Betsy Ensign-George (502.569.5366, betsy.ensign-george@pcusa.org) or download an application from www.presbyterianwomen.org/upcoming-bible-studies.

and Neighborhood Partnerships director, William Brock Long, the former Alabama Emergency Manager, is committed to preparing communities to help their vulnerable populations.

One of the items we discussed on the call was National Preparedness Month—September! It is not too early to get a Preparedness event on your church calendars. Contact Beth Snyder at beth.snyder@pcusa.org for trainers in your area, who can set up something for your congregation.

If you are a trainer, talk to your property manager, your session, your trustees about hosting an event and putting together emergency kits, or have the fire chief come in and talk about fire alarms/CO detectors, or ask your county emergency manager to come in and talk, or host a Preparedness reception and have members complete the emergency contact information. Get the youth involved by having them video and catalog the contents of the church.

The possibilities are numerous!

Upcoming PW gatherings

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

Presbytery of Coastal Carolina—August 19, 2017; Fayetteville, NC

Churchwide Coordinating Team—August 30–September 3, 2017; Louisville, KY

Salem Presbytery—September 22–23, 2017; Salisbury, NC

Presbytery of Mid-Kentucky—October 13–14, 2017; Kentucky Dam Village; email dadojan@sbcglobal.net for more info.

Churchwide Gathering of PW—August 2–5, 2018; Galt House, Louisville, KY; see www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering for more information, or sign up to get regular email updates. Contact patricia.longfellow@pcusa.org.

Send advance notice of your event to yvonne.hileman@pcusa.org to be listed in the newsletter.

Ongoing efforts: Courageous Conversations, Educate a Child

Looking Ahead to October

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month; Presbyterian Women urges PW groups and congregations to hold Courageous Conversations about all aspects of gender-based violence, not just violence in the home but in workplaces and public spaces, as well. Break the silence in congregations about VAWG (violence against women and girls) in all its forms: intimate partner violence, sexual violence, child abuse, human trafficking, date rape, harassment and more. Learn more at www.presbyterianwomen.org/justice.



<http://teenreadweek.ning.com> for more information."

She adds, "One of my favorite books for teens is *Star Girl* by Jerry Spinelli. The story is about a teen who is on the fringes of her class and observes the people around her. Secretly, she does random acts of kindness to help others. These acts not only change their outlook on life, but some choose to offer kindness to others, in turn. Check out other books on the PW children's reading list (www.presbyterianwomen.org/justice). Talk to a teen about taking time for pleasure reading. Developing readers is important at all ages! Maybe you know a teen who would love the gift of a book or a ride to the library to pick up a good read for the school fall breaks. I hope this will inspire you to also find something new to read or maybe read with a younger child."

Teen Read Week, October 8-14

PW's churchwide moderator, Carol Winkler, says, "I don't often sign up for email info from businesses, but one that has proved useful is from a local bookstore. It made me aware of Teen Read Week, October 8-14, 2017. See

Justice and Peace Calendar

August

- 6 Hiroshima Day
 - 19 World Humanitarian Day
 - 25 Orange Day
 - 27 Public Education Sunday
- Thank Offering materials mailed

September

- 2-4 Labor Day Weekend in the Pulpit
- 4 Labor Day
- 21 International Day of Peace
- 21-27 Global Week of Action Against Gun Violence
- 23 Native American Day
- 25 Orange Day

October

- Domestic Violence Awareness Month
- 2 World Communion Sunday
- 8 Domestic Violence Awareness Sunday
- 11 International Day of the Girl Child
- 16 World Food Day
- 25 Orange Day
- 22 Children's Sabbath; Educate a Child
- 24 United Nations Day

Partners for Just Trade "Fair Trade Artisan Boxes"

Christmas in July? Purchasing fair trade products at any time of the year is fun and provides for artisans around the world. Partners for Just Trade (PJT), begun by the Presbyterian Hunger Program, continues its ministry of building partnerships between producers living in extreme poverty and consumers in North America. Presbyterian women—through purchases, grants, and offering local consignment sales (partnership boxes)—have been vital to the mission of PJT.



Now, for the first time, PJT is offering their new, prepaid "Fair Trade Artisan Box." These boxes allow you to purchase high-quality handmade fair trade products at a deep discount, then resell them at their suggested retail price. (All items come tagged with the retail prices.) You can sell them at Sunday coffee hour, women's gatherings, meetings, or to friends and family for the retail price. You keep the difference to use in your fundraising or mission efforts while supporting and promoting Fair Trade principles and PJT's artisan partners.

These boxes have a retail value of more than \$300 but are available for just \$175 (and free shipping). They come with a bonus—a Bible study and companion DVD that teach the principles and importance of supporting Fair Trade. For more info or to purchase a box, contact Partners for Just Trade at 314.707.2831, email sales@partnersforjusttrade.org, or visit partnersforjusttrade.org/artisanbox.

Presbyterian Peacemaking

Peacemakers available for speaking engagements

As there is much to do on behalf of peacemaking, the PC(USA) Peacemaking Program has more, not fewer, peacemakers itinerating this fall. Sixteen peacemakers will be hosted in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) between September 22 and October 16. See photos, bios and a host application form Peacemaking web pages: www.pcusa.org/peacemaking.

- Delia Leal from Guatemala; accompanied by mission coworker Leslie Vogel
- Representatives from the Waldensian Church in Italy who are working with refugees and the "humanitarian corridor" in Europe
- Phares Nyaga Mithamo from Kenya
- Mphatso Nguluwe from Malawi
- Lydia Cordero from Mexico
- Rev. Pek Muan Cuang from Myanmar* (October 4-16)
- Doug Baker from Northern Ireland
- Samuel Akhtar from Pakistan* (October 4-16)
- Nora Carmi from Palestine
- Rev. Jerome Baris from the Philippines* (September 22-29)
- Ebun James-DeKam from Sierra Leone* (September 22-26)
- Achol Majok Sur from South Sudan
- Herman Kumara from Sri Lanka* (October 2-16)
- Alla Soroka from Ukraine
- Ruth Yajaira Torrealba de Peña from Venezuela
- Rev. Manh Nguyen from Vietnam* (September 22-28; October 9-16)

* Peacemakers and dates still available for fall events. See www.pcusa.org/peacemaking for more information.

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

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

You may donate each time you renew, subscribe or give a gift subscription. You also may send a separate tax-deductible gift at any time, "Gift to publishing mission" in the memo line, to Publishing Mission, Presbyterian Women, Inc., PO Box 643652, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3652. A special thank-you to the following supporters! This list reflects gifts to the publishing mission of PW processed from April 1 through June 30, 2017. Many have given to other ministries of PW and they are thanked, too, but are not listed below.

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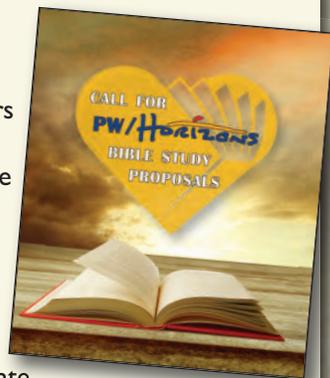
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Call for Bible Study Proposals

The 2017 Presbyterian Women Churchwide Coordinating Team's Bible study committee will meet in March 2018 to choose the author and theme of the 2021-2022 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 their 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 31, 2018. Contact Betsy Ensign-George, PW associate editor, for more information: betsy.ensign-george@pcusa.org; 844.797.2872, ext. 5366; or 100 Witherspoon St., Louisville, KY 40202.



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*.

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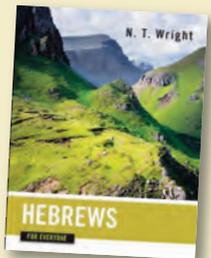
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About *Hebrews, for Everyone*

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



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Let's start with a bit of housekeeping! If you are planning to pass along your *Horizons* representative trinkets, best practices, and sundry display items to someone newly appointed to the *Horizons* rep role, please alert Patricia Longfellow of this change of duties. Patricia is a professional herder of all PW information, and works tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure that PW's comings and goings are duly noted and current. Patricia can be reached at patricia.longfellow@pcusa.org, or drop a line to Patricia c/o PW, 100 Witherspoon St., Louisville KY 40202-1396.

Now, did you know that your *Horizons* magazine and Bible study (and other resources) are award-winning publications? In April, Presbyterian Women received two DeRose-Hinkhouse Memorial Awards from Religion Communicators Council (RCC) for work produced in 2016. The first was an Award of Merit for *Horizons* magazine. The second was an Award of Merit for the Thank Offering 2016 promotional packet. RCC, an interfaith organization of professional religion communicators, presents the DeRose-Hinkhouse awards each year to active members who demonstrate excellence in religious communications and public relations.

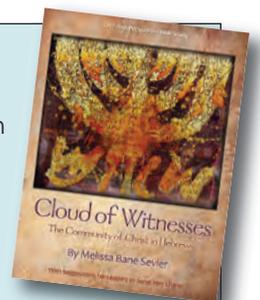
In May, Presbyterian Women received four awards from the Associated Church Press (ACP) for work produced in 2016: an Award of Excellence/Best in Class for *Horizons* magazine; an Honorable Mention for the theological reflection "Hope-ly" by Irene Pak, published in the March/April 2016 issue of *Horizons*; an Award of Merit for the theological reflection "An Old Invitation for a New Day" by Carol Bechtel, published in the July/August issue of *Horizons*; and an Award of Excellence for the *Who Is Jesus?* Bible study by Judy Yates Siker. Each year, ACP honors faith communicators' best work with its "Best of the Church Press" awards.

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