



# Quarterly Newsletter

## for Presbyterian Women Leaders

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Presbyterian Women Churchwide .....

### Six new synod representatives seated at the fall Churchwide Coordinating Team meeting



Mary Ellen Ausenbaugh



Ruby Brown



Jo Ann Burrell



Barbara Clark



Marvella Lambright



Marilyn Stone



New synod reps' orientation



Staff Mindi Stivers, Moderator Carol Winkler



Evelyn White, Toni Spieth and Donna Bradley during the meeting

By Yvonne Hileman

The Churchwide Coordinating Team of Presbyterian Women (CCT) met at the Hampton Inn in Louisville, Kentucky, August 30–September 3, 2017.

Six new synod representatives began their terms at that meeting:

**Ruby D. Brown**, Synod of Lincoln Trails; **Mary Ellen Ausenbaugh**, Synod of Living Waters; **JoAnn Burrell**, Synod of the Northeast; **Marvella Lambright**, Synod of the Covenant; **Barbara Clark**, Synod of the Pacific; and **Marilyn J. Stone**, Synod of Lakes and Prairies.

We welcome these awesome women to the CCT. They enjoyed an orientation session the day before the meeting began, and settled into their new duties with enthusiasm and confidence.

**We couldn't do what we do without you.**

#### Fall Meeting Highlights

The CCT met between Hurricanes Harvey and Irma, so a message from Laurie Kraus, director of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, read during the opening session of the CCT meeting on Thursday evening, made a deep impression. She said, "As our staff works through mobilizing a churchwide response to Hurricane Harvey, I can't help but think with gratitude of you all. . . . Not a month goes by that I do not sign at least ten thank-you letters to PW groups in congregations all across the U.S. who collect offerings and support for PDA responses. . . . We could not do what we do without you. Thank you."

Also on Thursday evening, Rhashell Hunter and Lemuel Garcia-Arroyo,

director and associate director, respectively, of Racial Ethnic and Women's Ministries, PC(USA), brought greetings to the CCT (see photos, p. 3). Rhashell talked about the close collaboration between PW and REWM—the shared work and recognition of PW as a related organization at GA in 2016.

Lemuel thanked PW for all that the women of the organization do for the PC(USA) and for God. His father, a pastor in Mexico who works with indigenous women, discovered the PW/*Horizons* Bible study when Lemuel brought him copies of *Vengan a las Aguas* (*Come to the Waters*). He asked where he could get more studies in Spanish and Lemuel answered, "PW!"

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## Presbyterian woman and friends (thousands of them) come to aid of towns in Puerto Rico

By Kathy Randall

Forty-six-year-old Lara Richardson spent her high school years in Puerto Rico while her dad was in the Coast Guard. Hurting from the knowledge that her friends in Puerto Rico were suffering following Hurricanes Irma and Maria, Lara led an effort to fly into a somewhat forgotten town in Puerto Rico with 18,000 pounds of supplies on September 29, 2017.

Operation Puerto Rico Care-Lift began, Lara says, with one email asking friends to help people in Puerto Rico, one small charter plane (a flight that fell through), and a \$10,000 goal on GoFundMe. She turned to Spirit Airlines, who agreed to take the supplies to Aguadilla. To date, there have been 12 relief flights.

On October 9, Lara wrote on her GoFundMe page: "Seventeen days ago I sent an email to 25 friends to figure out what I could do to help Puerto Rico. In these last two weeks, we have established a full-blown operation that is getting relief supplies directly into Aguadilla, Puerto Rico, and the surrounding areas and directly into the hands of people who need it. What has happened I can only describe as the power of friendship, human spirit and dedication by individuals working toward one cause."

Lara returned to Ft. Lauderdale with 220 citizens-turned-refugees. Since then, she and Operation Care-Lift have helped 500 people evacuate. Many have family with whom they are staying until living conditions improve in Puerto Rico.



Lara, third from left, with teammates

Operation PR Care-Lift has raised over \$200,000 in cash and supplies. On November 1, Lara told PW "We are continuing to raise money and send flights. We are planning a Christmas Care-lift where we take toys over for children."

Lara grew up with the PC(USA) a part of her life. Her mom Marianne is a ruling elder and a close college friend of mine. Lara is a graduate of Washington State University and an executive with Discovery TV. I am proud of her and the efforts she has made as a Presbyterian woman.

Learn more on Lara's GoFundMe

page: [www.gofundme.com/operationPRCareLift](http://www.gofundme.com/operationPRCareLift) and the operation's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/operationpuertoricocarelift](https://www.facebook.com/operationpuertoricocarelift). Read an article by Chris Sloane about the relief operation at <https://airwaysmag.com/avgeek/gracias-you-made-puerto-rico-care-lift-a-total-success/>.

**Editor's Note:** Members of the *Horizons* Editorial Committee (HEC) met recently and sent supplies back with HEC member Danilie Hilerio-Villanueva, who lives in Aguadilla.

### PW in the Synods

#### PW in the Synod of the Sun adopt online meetings

By Carol Davis, Synod of the Sun PWS moderator

Our PWSCT agreed in our face-to-face meeting in March that we would try to save money by not meeting at our usual site in July. Cheryl Pennington, our CCT rep, had presented a report at the March meeting on how the CCT used Zoom successfully. One of our main agenda items was to update our PW handbook, so we used Zoom to do this before the July meeting—with the final committee meeting lasting almost three hours! I used a Doodle poll to schedule the SCT meeting itself; half could meet one day and half the next. Rather than pick one of these days, I held two SCT meetings with the same agenda. The secretary, treasurer and I attended both. We voted on the handbook. Those who connected by phone rather than computer were polled verbally; the rest used the polling function on Zoom. We also voted on the dates of our March 2018 meeting. I had "practice" calls with any member who wanted to test her camera and sound beforehand; this was very helpful. After the meetings, the secretary "blended" the minutes into one document. My plan for my next two years as PWS moderator is to have a spring face-to-face meeting and a summer meeting using Zoom. For the July 2017 meetings, I paid for the Zoom Pro account so we would not have to worry about the length of the meeting. We are considering having PWS funds pay for an account for a specific e-mail address that we can share in planning our PWS gathering.

### 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](mailto:carissa.herold@pcusa.org).

#### PW 101.4: PW Connectionalism Mirrors That of Church

It is said that Presbyterians approach every task in a way that is decent, in good order, and in community. That helps us better understand why our denomination and Presbyterian Women are organized at all levels of the church: congregation, presbytery (made up of several congregations in a region), synod (made up of several presbyteries), and churchwide (or national).

This connectional system allows ideas and information to flow through the organization, strengthening the ministry and mission of all. Our connectional system is undergirded with roles and responsibilities assumed by those called to lead and participate at each level. The circle, at the congregational level, is the foundation of PW, and informs and responds to the ministry of PW. PW at each level is led by a coordinating team. For more information, order the *PW Manual: A Guide for PW Groups* at [www.presbyterianwomen.org/shop](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/shop) (\$6; item PWR16120).

#### Model Covenant between PWC and Session available

In September, the Churchwide Coordinating Team (CCT) approved a model covenant between Presbyterian Women in the Congregation (PWC) and PC(USA) sessions. The PWC/Session covenant is an optional tool to help PWCs and sessions clarify the relationship between them and provide accountability guidelines, particularly around PWC financial and program management. The PWC/Session covenant is available at [www.presbyterianwomen.org/?s=covenant](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/?s=covenant). For questions or concerns, please contact Susan Jackson Dowd, [susan.jackson-dowd@pcusa.org](mailto:susan.jackson-dowd@pcusa.org).



September 2017 CCT meeting highlights, cont'd from 1

Photos by Yvonne Hileman



On Friday, Eileen Lindner (below left) interpreted the results of the survey of Presbyterians that was conducted by the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly prior to GA 2016. The report is full of fascinating statistics, which Eileen presented engagingly (she made numbers fun!). You can see the report, which has implications for PW, at [pcusa.org/resource/final-report-church-21st-century/](http://pcusa.org/resource/final-report-church-21st-century/).

Also on Friday, the CCT awarded Honorary Life Memberships to several staff members during a staff appreciation lunch. (See Vice Moderator for Mission Relationships Judy Persons with Jung Ju Winner, second photo from left, below). On Friday evening, Anita Coleman (middle photo, below) and other ARC members led antiracism training for the CCT. Anita prepared a resource for the training. On Saturday evening, Catherine Warren (second photo from right, below) shared her experience as a Young Adult Volunteer in Peru. We are proud that Catherine is a member of the CCT! YAVs are future leaders of the church. Danilie Hilerio-Villanueva (bottom right) officiated at closing worship.

Highlights from committees follow.

**Administration Committee**

- Admin recommended that the CCT form a new working committee known as the Stewardship Committee to promote a broader understanding of stewardship as it relates to the discipleship of PW, and revise the name and responsibilities of the

Communications Coordination/ Funds Development Committee to Communications Coordination Committee (CCC). The CCC will carry out a coordinated communication plan for PW, Inc. CCT approved this recommendation.

**Antiracism Committee (ARC)**

- ARC conducted antiracism training at this meeting. Electronic take-home materials were provided.
- Additions to ARC's suggested reading list were offered:
  - ❖ "To the Moon and Back: Presbyterian Woman and NASA Engineer, Christine Darden" by Dawn Araujo-Hawkins (*Horizons*, Jul/Aug '17)
  - ❖ "Who I Was, Who I Am" by Hattie Kauffman (*Horizons*, Mar/Apr '17)
  - ❖ "When Being at the Table Is Traumatizing" by T. Denise Anderson (*Horizons*, May/Jun '16)
  - ❖ "Cultural Humility" by Sera Chung (*Horizons*, May/Jun '16)
  - ❖ "When Good Intentions Aren't Enough" by Alexis Presseau Maloof (*Horizons*, Jul/Aug '15)
  - ❖ "Standing Together as One Body, One Spirit" by Carol Winkler
  - ❖ "'Suspect' or 'Sister'? Weeding the Rhetorical Violence Out of Our Vocabulary" by Alexis Presseau Maloof (*Horizons*, May/Jun '15)
  - ❖ "The Welcoming Church: Why the Church Should Use Inclusive and Expansive Language" by Rhashell Hunter (*Horizons*, May/Jun '15)
  - ❖ "English of Privilege, Language of Power" by Elba L. Rico (*Horizons*, May/Jun '15)
  - ❖ Anti-Racism Digital Library, Anita Coleman, <http://endracism.info/>
- These are in addition to the list recommended at the spring meeting: *Waking up White* by Debby Irving; *What Does It Mean To Be White* by Robin DiAngelos; *Same Kind of*

*Different as Me* by Ron Hall; *Hidden Figures* by Margot Lee Shetterly; *Bright Light, Dark Night* by Stephen Emond; *Into White* by Randy Pink.

- The CCT sent a letter to the Stated Clerk of the PC(USA) condemning the racism and violence of the Charlottesville rally in August.

**Communications Coordination/ Funds Development Committee**

- The 2017–2018 Bible study, *Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews* by Melissa B. Sevier is in use.
- Upcoming Bible studies are 2018–2019, *God's Promise: I Am With You* by Amy Poling Sutherland; 2019–2020, *Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments* by Eugenia Gamble (in field testing); 2020–2021, *To You They Cried: Reclaiming Lament* by P. Lynn Miller.
- Engagement with Facebook and Twitter continue to increase. Bible study videos are quite popular on YouTube. The new website is live and eblasts are being sent regularly.
- Personal ads are available in the Churchwide Gathering program book. Visit [www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering) for more info.
- The funds development portion of this committee will become a separate committee, Stewardship.

**Creative Ministries Offering Committee (CMOC)**

- CMOC met just prior to the CCT to select 2018 recipients for grants from the 2017 Birthday Offering, and selected one international and two domestic projects for grants.
- The committee acted on two recommendations from the PC(USA).
  - ❖ Jose Luis Casal, director of World Mission, recommended that a joint memorandum of understanding

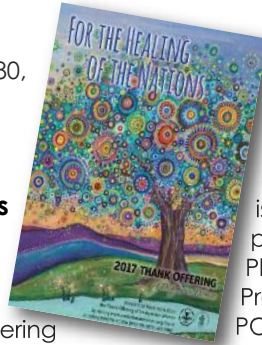
See "CCT Highlights," page 5.



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

### Color us thankful!

Fun alert! The Thank Offering bulletin covers (PWR17476, pk. of 25) and bulletin inserts (PWR17480, \$3.00, pk. of 30) are in black-and-white; ready for coloring and adding personal touches! Available from [www.pcusastore.com](http://www.pcusastore.com).



### Birthday Offering recipient won't receive funds

The Reformed Presbyterian Church in Cuba has notified First Hand Aid, a 2017 Birthday Offering grant recipient, that their project will not be able to proceed. Therefore, PW's Creative Ministries Offering Committee, which selects and oversees PW grants, rescinded the grant. Please direct questions or concerns to Carol Winkler, [winksmama@gmail.com](mailto:winksmama@gmail.com).

### HLM pins enclosed in fair trade bags

If you have received or given an Honorary Life Membership pin within the last few months, you will notice that the pin that you receive is enclosed in a colorful gift bag that was handcrafted by a Peruvian woman whose life has been transformed after joining a sewing cooperative named Kuichi (the Quechua word for "rainbow"). Thanks to Partners for Just Trade, which emerged out of the Presbyterian Hunger Program and has been supported in part by PW and PW's Birthday Offering, the artisan women of Kuichi are receiving a fair wage and decent work conditions for their highly-prized work. Thanks to this newfound stability, the women of Kuichi are emerging as leaders in their community, and are working toward bringing clean water, a sewage system and electricity to their dusty town high in the Andes.

### For "God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor. 9:7)

The Mission Pledge, PW's annual fund, makes all things PW possible, regionally and nationally. Please consider a year-end gift (or a sustaining gift) to Presbyterian Women. You may give by placing your check in the green envelope enclosed in every issue of *Horizons* magazine (or send a check made payable to Presbyterian Women, with "Mission Pledge" in the notes line of the check; mail to Presbyterian Women, Remittance Processing—Giving, PO Box 643652, Pittsburgh PA 15264-3652). Or visit PW's new website where online giving is easy, secure and enjoyable: [www.presbyterianwomen.org/give](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/give).

### Every day PW is at work in the world

Since each and every hour, each and every day, Presbyterian Women is at work in the world, giving to the Mission Pledge is as necessary as taking care of those essential tasks that keep our lives and ministries in good order. In your email inbox you will soon see opportunities to consider giving to PW's Mission Pledge on Grateful Monday (November 27) and perhaps Giving Tuesday (November 28). These are days set aside for lifting up the ministry of PW, particularly as 2017 draws to a close. But please know that every day is Giving Tuesday and Grateful Monday, as PWs are giving every day, grateful and generous in heart and spirit. Please give as you have been blessed so that PW gives as we are called. In the meantime, do you have a story to share about PW ministry that was made possible by the Mission Pledge? If so, please share with Carissa Herold (send photos and captions, too!): [carissa.herold@pcusa.org](mailto:carissa.herold@pcusa.org).

## Churchwide Gathering

### In 2018 Churchwide Gathering news . . .

#### Registration booklet

*Horizons* subscribers (that's all who are reading this newsletter, certainly!), the 2018 Churchwide Gathering registration booklet mailed with the November/December 2017 issue of *Horizons*. To order additional copies (for sharing!), order from the PW Shop ([www.presbyterianwomen.org/shop](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/shop) or call 800.533.4371 and ask for item CWG18001. You may also order from the PC(USA)'s online store at [www.pcusastore.com](http://www.pcusastore.com).



#### Plan to ship!

The UPS Store at the Galt House—a woman-owned franchise—is looking forward to PW's Gathering! As such, they are offering a bit of a break to PW attendees on packaging and shipping from the Gathering (in case you are wondering how to fit that special something in a carry-on bag)! Stay tuned for more info!

#### Disaster assistance training

In conjunction with the Gathering, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance will offer Disaster Preparedness Trainer training. PW Disaster Preparedness Trainers are expected to organize and conduct a minimum of three disaster preparedness trainings a year, sharing the basics of disaster preparedness with congregations and presbyteries. The training will be held on August 1, 2018, and is open to all interested PW. PDA

will pay for two nights of lodging: July 31 and August 1. All meals on August 1 will be provided. Download the application and reference form from [www.presbyterianwomen.org/downloads/pw-pda-application](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/downloads/pw-pda-application). If you have previously submitted an application for a training that you were unable to attend or for more information, please contact Beth Snyder, 888.728.7228, ext. 5806; email [beth.snyder@pcusa.org](mailto:beth.snyder@pcusa.org).

#### Program book to host ads again

The 2018 program book will once again include ads that celebrate faithful women, send prayers and joyfully envision the future. See registration booklet.

#### Basic 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. Registration will open January 15, 2018.

### PW Financial Matters

#### PW Giving, as of third quarter 2017

Mission Pledge	\$ 650,082
Birthday Offering	420,294
Thank Offering	225,003
Honorary Life	94,703
Together in Service	6,381

Download the free promotional packet at [www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering).



## September 2017 CCT meeting highlights, cont'd from 3

and renewed commitment be written between PW and WM.

- ❖ CMOC, on behalf of the CCT, must rescind grant B17002 (First Hand Aid); the Reformed Presbyterian Church in Cuba has notified the applicant that the project will not be allowed to proceed.

### Inclusive Community Committee

- ICC encourages synod reps to promote the use of Zoom for synod moderators and presbytery moderators to connect with each other.
- The synod mods network continues to meet bimonthly via Zoom.
- Discussion was held concerning a new member toolkit that is proposed.
- Young women reps on CCT plan an event for the 2018 Gathering.

### Justice and Peace Committee (JP)

- An updated bookmark summarizing justice and peace work was issued early this summer.
- JP encouraged PW groups and congregations to hold Courageous Conversations around the issue of all forms of violence against women in October, Domestic Violence Awareness Month.
- JP encouraged PW groups and congregations to participate in Together in Action Days in January around human trafficking.
- The committee plans a presence at the 2018 UN Commission on the Status of Women.
- JP will launch Together in Action Days for March, related to CEDAW /women's rights.
- JP encourages constituents to attend Ecumenical Advocacy Days (EAD) April 20–23, 2018, in Washington, DC. The theme is "A World Uprooted." Visit the EAD 2018 website at <https://advocacydays.org/2018-a-world-uprooted/> for more information.
- JP will hold a "Stepping Out for Justice and Peace" march on Friday, August 3, at the 2018 Churchwide Gathering.
- The CCT continues to support the PC(USA)'s Educate a Child initiative. PW's Together in Action

Days in May will again be around the issue of children's literacy. JP urges the inclusion of youth in literacy/reading programs.

- JP continues to investigate, report on and suggest action on additional issues of concern to women of faith.
- JP recommends the advocacy guide "Holy Discontentment," from the Office of Public Witness. Download from [www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/holy-discontentment-advocacy-action-syria/](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/holy-discontentment-advocacy-action-syria/).
- Additional information and resources for JP initiatives are available at [www.presbyterianwomen.org/justice](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/justice). Download the 2018 JP calendar and watch for JP reading lists to be added.

### Leadership Development Grants (LDG)

- Grants are available for EAD, CSW, Churchwide Gathering and more. Visit [www.presbyterianwomen.org/funding](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/funding) for applications.
- A grant for theological education is part of the LDG program.

### Mission Relationships Committee

- CCT approved the MRC recommendation that gift cards collected at the 2018 Gathering be given to the D.I.A.P.E.R. Project (Charlestown, Indiana), Kentucky Refugee Ministries (Louisville, Kentucky), and Lily's Place (Huntington, West Virginia).
- CCT approved MRC's recommendation that the 2018 Gathering offering go to the Mission Pledge, PW's annual fund.
- The next USAME will take place in Cuyuga Syracuse, Geneva and Genesee Valley presbyteries in the fall of 2019. Dates will be set after the local planning committee meets in November 2017.
- The Global Exchange to Indonesia happened September 12–29, 2017; 19 women from across the PC(USA) participated in the exchange.
- MRC will conduct a survey of PW synod moderators before deciding the future of the Global Exchange and USAME.

### Moderator's Message ....



I have traveled 31 days in the last few months for PW. Meeting the women in the synods, presbyteries and congregations never gets old. I am continually inspired by the faithful work of PW. In this column I hope to encourage you to **be bold and speak out** about what you are doing. PWs are not good at tooting their own horns. On every visit, there are women who are new to PW and, time after time, they tell me they had no idea about all the mission, ministry, advocacy, Bible study and other work that PW does! They lament that they didn't get involved sooner. The good news is, many of these women report that they got involved because of a **personal invitation**.

Let me share some of what I have learned in my visits. At the **PW in the Synod of the Northeast**, meeting, our panelists spoke about immigration and diversity. They shared personal experiences and offered ideas for being a welcoming household of God. *PWs are speaking out.* In **Oklahoma City**, the church is heavily involved in community outreach and living out their call to educate children. They have programs for children six to seven days a week. The pastor and members are joining with PW to say that *education is the key to ending poverty*. Women in **San Jose Presbytery** are thinking of new ways to be PW. They have their meetings on Saturday afternoon. I got to visit Lifted Spirits, a drop-in center for homeless women (formerly known as the Women's Gathering Place). This program was highlighted in an article in the September/October 2015 issue of *Horizons*, but to visit first-hand was powerful. PW artists help the women express where they are in their lives. PW from all over the San Jose presbytery support this program by offering dignity, lunch, clothing, toiletries, volunteer staffing, and more. The women are surrounded by unconditional love each day. *Women helping women!*

I just returned from the Global Exchange to Indonesia. It's hard to find words to adequately share the experience. The women who hosted us were faithful, inspiring, and endearing. We learned about women being empowered through a program in the slums of Jakarta. Women entrepreneurs run small businesses in homes and buildings in the city as well as the countryside. Their products are sold in local markets and shipped around the world. Culture and tradition are intertwined in the faith communities. I encourage you to invite your synod's participant to share the story of how we are building bridges of understanding around the world (January/February 2018 *Horizons* has contact info).

Send your stories to [winksmama@gmail.com](mailto:winksmama@gmail.com). We **must** speak more loudly about the programs, advocacy work and mission that we do. **Be bold, speak out and issue a personal invitation** to someone.

In this age of careful stewardship, more and more communications happen online. If you can download the PDF version of this newsletter from our website, you may ask [patricia.longfellow@pcusa.org](mailto:patricia.longfellow@pcusa.org) to take you off the print distribution list.

## Together in Action for Women's Advocacy in March

PW urges individuals and groups to join in action for women's advocacy at all times but especially during the two weeks of the UN Commission on the Status of Women, March 12 through 23. Ideas:



- Attend the Commission. The deadline to apply for the official PW/Presbyterian delegation is November 15. If you aren't able to join the delegation, you can still attend CSW parallel events; see [www.ngo-csw.org/ngo-csw-forum](http://www.ngo-csw.org/ngo-csw-forum) for more info. And start making plans to join the official delegation in 2019. The 2018 application is posted at [www.presbyterianwomen.org/justice](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/justice). Look for the 2019 application in late September or early October 2018.
- Learn more about the theme "Challenges and opportunities in achieving gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls" ([unwomen.org](http://unwomen.org)).
- Follow CSW on Facebook (PW's page, Ecumenical Women's page, the Presbyterian Ministry at the UN's page) and on UN Women's website, [unwomen.org](http://unwomen.org).
- Support women's empowerment with a mini-workshop on inclusive language, a fundraiser for an abuse shelter, or a dialogue with a girls' group about healthy choices.
- Learn about the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) ([unwomen.org](http://unwomen.org)).
- Prepare a display on early women leaders of the church (PW History Exhibit Kit; \$19.95; PWR15137; [pcusastore.com](http://pcusastore.com)).
- Or take one of the other suggested actions found at [www.presbyterianwomen.org/justice](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/justice).

### Partners for Just Trade "Fair Trade Artisan Boxes"

Christmas is around the corner. Now, for the first time, Partners for Just Trade (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.) 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](mailto:sales@partnersforjusttrade.org), or visit [partnersforjusttrade.org/artisanbox](http://partnersforjusttrade.org/artisanbox).

Purchase fair trade products from PJT and help PJT continue 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 for many years.

### Justice and Peace Calendar (see [presbyterianwomen.org/justice](http://presbyterianwomen.org/justice))

#### November

Native American Heritage Month

- 9–14 International Fair Trade Week
- 19 Hunger and Homelessness Sunday
- 20 Universal Children's Day
- 23 Thanksgiving
- 25 International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women/Orange Day

25–D.10 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence

#### December

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

#### January

National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month

- 7–13 PW Together in Action Days to End Human Trafficking
- 11 International Human Trafficking Awareness Day
- 14 Race Relations Sunday
- 15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 16 National Religious Freedom Day
- 18–24 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- 21 Criminal Justice Sunday
- 25 Orange Day; <http://endviolence.un.org>
- 27 International Holocaust Remembrance Day

#### February

Black History Month; also, National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month

- 1 National Freedom Day
- 4 Souper Bowl of Caring
- 12 International Day against the Use of Child Soldiers
- 14 One Billion Rising for Justice
- 25 Orange Day; <http://endviolence.un.org>

#### March

Women's History Month

- 2 World Day of Prayer
- 4 Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday
- 8 International Women's Day
- 12–23 UN Commission on the Status of Women
- 12–23 PW Together in Action for Women's Empowerment
- 22 World Water Day
- 25 Orange Day; <http://endviolence.un.org>
- 29–A.7 Ten Days of Prayer and Thanksgiving for the Roma

### Bible Study .....

#### Field testers sought for 2020–2021 Horizons study

Horizons Bible studies are developed by Presbyterian Women for Presbyterian Women. Presbyterian women nominate authors who submit outlines and sample lessons. The churchwide Bible study committee meets in the spring to review proposals and choose an author, four years out. The chosen author writes a first draft that 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](mailto:betsy.ensign-george@pcusa.org).

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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](mailto:betsy.ensign-george@pcusa.org); 844.797.2872, ext. 5366; 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*.

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!*

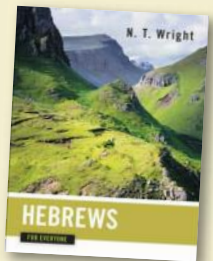
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#### About *Hebrews for Everyone*

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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connect PW from all points east and west, north and south. And the reach of *Horizons* is awe-inspiring! The fun feature, *Where in the world is Horizons?* has, thanks to intrepid Presbyterian women who take their favorite magazine with them as they go, given us glimpses of *Horizons* in many of God's most amazing places: underwater, Machu Picchu, even the recent Global Exchange to Indonesia! Planning an excursion to someplace wonderful? Take a photo of you with your *Horizons* and email photo to [yvonne.hileman@pcusa.org](mailto:yvonne.hileman@pcusa.org).

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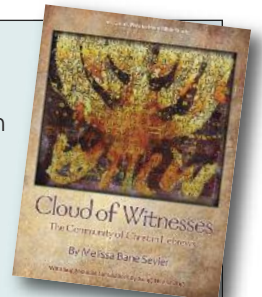
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**In celebration of PW faithful recently passed away**

We thank God for the life and service of two faithful Presbyterian women who passed to God's glory this fall. Nadine Hill and Helen Sears, both tireless advocates for women and children, died within days of one another, Helen on September 30, Nadine on October 11. Nadine was a member of Second Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis. She was an alumna of the USA Mission Experience to Appalachia and founder of Ecumenical Women's Coalition Against Human Trafficking (EWCA), which focused on ending the sex trafficking of girls. She had hoped to build safe houses for at-risk girls and girls who had been rescued from trafficking. Nadine was 71, Helen was 91. Born in South Carolina, and educated in Texas, Helen was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Owensboro, Kentucky, for nearly 60 years. She was a lifelong educator who was active in PW. An advocate for the vulnerable and the marginalized, she helped establish a family development center in Owensboro and marched with Martin Luther King Jr. in Washington, DC, and Frankfort, KY.

**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. *Horizons* subscribers received their copy with the March/April magazine. Remember that that is the most cost-effective way to receive the Bible study—with a subscription to *Horizons*!



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