



Quarterly Newsletter

for Presbyterian Women Leaders

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Presbyterian Women Churchwide

Churchwide Gathering less than 90 days away!

By Carissa Herold & Sharon Dunne Gillies

Less than 90 days away!

We're so close! The Gathering will be held at the Galt House in Louisville, Kentucky, August 2-5, 2018.

Register from the Gathering web page—www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering—or by mail, using the registration form found in the back of the registration booklet. Both registration formats allow you to purchase a ticket to your synod meal, buy a Gathering tote bag or PW-logo water bottle, and purchase meals for a guest.

Download the registration booklet at www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering, or order item CWG18001 from www.presbyterianwomen.org/shop or 800.533.4371.

Please note that online registration will close July 7; mailed registrations must be postmarked by July 7. After this date, please register on site at the Gathering!

If you are a voting representative to the Churchwide Business Meeting, please note that this is a separate event immediately preceding the Churchwide Gathering, and registration for it is a separate process. If you are a presbytery moderator or other voting representative and you have not received Business Meeting Memos 1 and 2, please contact Patricia Longfellow at patricia.longfellow@pcusa.org.

Travel, housing arrangements

The Galt House is the site for Gathering programming and housing. Sleeping rooms start at \$144/night; suites start at \$159, both plus taxes. Arrangements for housing are separate from Gathering registration. Reserve your room by calling the Galt House, 800/843-4258, or by following the link for housing at www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering. When you reserve a room at the Galt House, you will receive three \$5 vouchers for food and nonalcoholic beverages purchased in the Galt House.

For full-service travel assistance, contact Roger Roy, Global Travel Alliance, at 505.867.2829 or email gtaror@yahoo.com. A \$30 fee per person will be assessed.

If Delta is your airline of choice, please consider using the Delta promo code NMRUG. This will get you a discount of 3 to 10% (depending on your zone), and will get PW Churchwide points toward free flights. The discount is valid on flights to Louisville between July 24 and August 11, 2018; valid for travel within U.S. and Canada only.

Programming Changes

Since publication of the Gathering registration booklet, a few program options have changed.

See "Churchwide Gathering," page 3.

Spring board meeting highlights

By Susan Jackson Dowd

The PW Board of Directors met in Louisville, Kentucky, March 1-4, 2018. This was the last board meeting of the 2015-2018 triennium. Ten of the 16 synod representatives will continue into the next triennium. The rest of the 2018-2021 team will be elected during the upcoming Business Meeting and installed on Saturday night during the Churchwide Gathering.

To prepare for the Business Meeting, the Administration Committee brought the 2019-2021 proposed budget and proposed bylaws changes to the board for approval. The budget and bylaws, as well as the slate of nominees for the next triennium, will be adopted by the voting representatives in August.

The committee also brought the Institutional Relationship Agreement between Presbyterian Women in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Inc., and the Presbyterian Mission Agency of the PC(USA). The agreement is renewed



This quilt by Judy Persons will be in the silent auction at the Churchwide Gathering. Her quilt features Bible study covers from the last 30 years.

every four years. The Presbyterian Mission Agency Board will forward the agreement to the 223rd General Assembly (2018). (See page 9 for more on this.)

The Stewardship Committee, a new working committee formed during the fall 2017 meeting, gave their first report. This committee will plan for the financial health of the organization, integrate the promotion of PW's annual fund (aka Mission Pledge) and other pieces of Celebration Giving into the communication and promotion of PW's mission and ministry, and promote an understanding of stewardship as it relates to the discipleship of Presbyterian Women.

Antiracism

- Anita Coleman will present an antiracism workshop at the Churchwide Gathering; the committee will focus on cultural diversity at their table in the exhibit hall.

See "Churchwide board meeting," page 2.

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Bible Study

- Merryl Blair will write the 2022–2023 Bible study. She will engage PW in a discussion of the women named in the genealogy of Jesus, as recorded in Matthew 1.

Communications Coordination

- Gathering promotion has been going well. Gathering email updates have been going out monthly. The first issue of *Daily Horizons*, the Gathering newsletter, will be sent via email to registered participants on June 1.
- If you know anyone who would like to donate their time and talents as a photographer at the Gathering, please put them in touch with Laura Lee at laura.lee@pcusa.org.
- Silent auction donations are needed. Contact Judy Persons at jpcreatepw@gmail.com.

Inclusive Community Committee (ICC)

- The Board approved funds to create a booklet for new PW groups. The booklet will include information about starting a PW group and will include short "circle stories" about how groups have been formed over the years and what activities are the focus of the circle's worshipful work. Have a story to share? Each story should be 100 words or less, and submitted to susan.jackson-dowd@pcusa.org.

Justice and Peace

- Wanda Beauman and Marvella Lambright represented the board at the 2018 Commission on the Status of Women.
- Justice and Peace's newsletter *J&P Links* has been re-launched. Find the 2018 newsletters (on human trafficking and women's empowerment) on PW's justice web page. The next *J&P Links* will be on the topic of mental illness.

PW 101.....

Help for those new to PW!

This is the sixth in a series of PW basics for those new to PW and those who sense some gaps in their PW knowledge.

PW 101.6: We Gather

Presbyterian Women is connectional. And that means we gather! This is such an important part of our shared journey of faith that coordinating teams at each level of the organization (congregation, presbytery, synod and churchwide) are equally tasked with promoting "attendance at PW events at the presbytery, synod and churchwide levels."

What happens at gatherings? Depends! Sometimes a business meeting is part of a presbytery or synod gathering; the business meeting deals with, well, the business of the group, which often includes the installation of new leadership. Gatherings are also the place to learn about the organization (and the organization's resources such as *Horizons* magazine and Bible study, which are promoted by the assigned and invited *Horizons* representative) and activities of the organization (Bible study, service projects and more). Workshops, presentations, community projects, stewardship opportunities, Bible study and fellowship are important components of gatherings. Gatherings are serious business in the most joyful, PW Purpose-full way!

Stay connected with your PW circle so you can learn when your presbytery or synod plan to gather as gathering frequencies differ by region. At the national level, Presbyterian Women gather every three years. In 2018 (this year!), Presbyterian Women will gather in Louisville from August 2–5, 2018. Visit www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering to register for a truly faith-affirming experience!

- The theme for the Stepping Out for Justice and Peace March at the Churchwide Gathering is "Ninth Street Divide," addressing segregation and racism in Louisville, Kentucky, and around the country. Join local and national leaders.
- JP will host a "Tea for Peace" activity in the JP booth at the Churchwide Gathering.
- The committee proposes that shirts of certain colors be worn on certain days of the Gathering:
 - a black shirt on Thursday for Thursdays in Black (a World Council of Churches effort re: violence against women)
 - PW shirts (of any color) on Friday for the JP march
 - green shirts on Saturday for Creation Care observance
- PW Communications is looking for articles that shine a light on PW's justice and peace work, as well as stories of the Mission Pledge, PW's annual fund, in action. Send 250–500 word articles to yvonne.hileman@pcusa.org and carissa.herold@pcusa.org.
- JP encourages PWs to sponsor YAVs and mentor returning YAVs. Visit the YAVs website (www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/yav) to learn more.

Mission Relationships Committee (MRC)

- The board voted that the Global Exchange and USA Mission Experiences take place in alternate trienniums. The next USAME will be in 2019. The next Global Exchange will be in 2022.
- The theme for the 2019 USA Mission Experience is "Standing on the Shoulders of Empowered Women." The scripture is Galatians 5:1a (NRSV), "For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm." The site will be Western New York, July 12–22, 2019. The cost is \$2,200 plus travel to the Rochester airport. Applications are available at www.presbyterianwomen.org and at the Churchwide Gathering. The deadline for submission is August 15. See page 8 for more.
- The CCT approved the following two extra giving opportunities from the Global Exchange to Indonesia:
 - Ciliwung Community Center in Jakarta, where women work as a group, learning nutrition, how to supplement their incomes, and more. There is a kindergarten and library.
 - Suwung School and Clinic, located in a landfill in Bali where people live and sort trash; the GPIB (Reformed Church) provides a medical clinic once a month.
- Extra Giving Opportunity Accounts, including projects from Global Exchanges and USA Mission Experiences, will be maintained for six years. Accounts older than six years will be closed. Funds remaining in existing accounts will be sent to the designated project. If the project is no longer requesting funds, the balance will be incorporated into the Mission Pledge/Annual Fund.
- A "Knit for Kids" sweater pattern will be added as a hands-on mission opportunity. Contact katharine.reeves@pcusa.org for more information.
- Stewardship encourages use of individual giving and In Celebration giving envelopes. See PW's Giving web page for more info.



Justice and Peace Committee members Anita Coleman and Eun Soo Hwang scout out the proposed route for the Justice and Peace march to be held at the Churchwide Gathering in August.

Photo courtesy of Anita Coleman

Churchwide Gathering news, cont'd from 1

- Educational Opportunity #31, "Preventing and Responding to Violence Against Women and Children in Africa," was previously scheduled for Saturday at 10:30 AM and 1:45 PM. It will now be held Friday at 10:30 AM and 1:45 PM. Those who signed up for the Saturday timeslots, either 31D or 31E, have been contacted by the registrar.
- Mission Tour B: Center for Lay Ministries replaces Jesus Cares at Exit 0 as one of the two stops. Center for Lay Ministries provides services to vulnerable populations in the local community. In addition to operating a 12-bed facility for women who are addicted to drugs and/or alcohol, this organization runs a food pantry and teaches classes to promote self-sufficiency and healthy living. Those who signed up for this tour have been contacted by the registrar.
- The Thursday 2 PM tour of the Presbyterian Center is full, but another tour has been added: 3-3:30 PM on Thursday.
- Educational Opportunity #29, "Mission Together," a Korean-language ed op, was to be led by Global Partner Yoon-hee Lee, but she will not be able to attend the Gathering. Sarah Chae will lead a Korean-language ed op, "Anxiety and Resiliency," focusing on how to alleviate anxiety and reframe our perspectives. Sarah Chae is a PhD candidate at Princeton Theological

Seminary in pastoral theology. This opportunity is scheduled for Friday, August 3, at 10:30 AM and 3:30 PM.

Other opportunities

Visit www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering for more information on the following options.

- Register for the optional Presbyterian Disaster Assistance training to be held on August 1.
- Bring a \$10 gift card for Target, Walmart, CVS or Walgreens; these will be given to three projects that share PW's priorities—Lily's Place, Kentucky Refugee Ministries and D.I.A.P.E.R. Project.
- Order a Gathering bandana (\$7 plus s/h) or make your own Gathering logo t-shirt using art downloaded from presbyterianwomen.org/gathering.
- Donate to the silent auction—new items (or experiences!), minimum value \$50; jpcREATEPW@gmail.com.
- Make a 12" x 12" scrap-book page that highlights a key person or moment in PW mission in your congregation, presbytery or synod.
- Plan to march for justice and peace on Friday at 5 PM (gathering between 4:45 and 5 just outside the lobby doors). The theme is "The Ninth Street Divide." Local, state and church leaders will participate. Wear your favorite PW shirt.



Special Offerings fun

Join Special Offerings for an evening of fun with Jerry Can! This free children's curriculum is designed to give kids (and adults) a way to respond to natural disasters around the world and

learn more about the role of clean water. Sign up at the Special Offerings booth; seating is limited. Dinner will be served!

Grants for Native Americans

PMA is now accepting applications for grants from the Native American Leadership Fund. These one-time grants are to be used for education and/or leadership development of Native American Presbyterian leaders or in Native American Presbyterian organizations and communities.

- Applications and proposals are due no later than June 29, 2018.
- Find the application at pcusa.org/native-american-leadership-grant/.
- Awards will be announced and funds disbursed in 2018.
- Following the awarding of the grant, the recipient must submit a report detailing how the grant was used.
- The granting period ends December 2018, or when all funds are disbursed.

Submit applications, proposals and questions to Tim McCallister, at tim.mccallister@pcusa.org.

Ecumenical Partners

Bread's Offering of Letters works to end hunger

By Nancy Neal, Church Relations, Bread for the World

The partnership between Presbyterian Women and Bread for the World has been incredibly important in the work to end hunger. This is a critical year, in which there continue to be threats to our progress. However, it also provides an opportunity for us to strengthen our work together. To that end, I'm delighted to share with you Bread for the World's 2018 Offering of Letters toolkit: *For Such a Time as This*, available at www.bread.org/OL.

Deep cuts to safety net programs are proposed at this moment when we know stepping up our investments could lead us to virtually end hunger and extreme poverty by 2030. We know from experience that if we jointly engage in the legislative process, we can defeat these cuts. Just as Esther was called to be an advocate for her people, we are called to raise our voices with courage. Our 2018 Offering of Letters campaign asks Congress to reject cuts to life-saving programs such as the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC), SNAP, and international food aid. You can help protect these programs. Please participate in the Offering of Letters campaign this year. Go to www.bread.org/OL.



Mission personnel meet in Lima, Peru



Kathy Reeves, PW's associate for mission, attended this meeting of mission co-workers serving in the Caribbean and Latin American, held April 26–May 5. Presbyterian mission co-workers are dedicated specialists who accompany, listen and work in partnership with Christians in 50 countries around the world. Support their ministry through your prayers and gifts. See www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/mission-connections/.

Giving and Funding

Many opportunities to change lives through PW!

Mission Pledge (PW's annual fund) materials mail in July

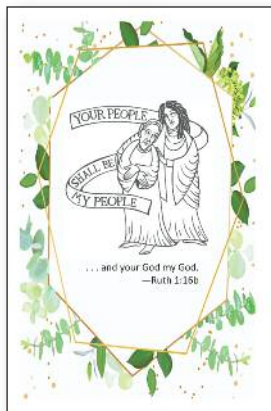
Cultivating PW—That's what the Mission Pledge is. Each congregation in the PC(USA) receives a packet of materials in July addressed to "PW/Women's Group." Use this packet to involve everyone in the congregation in what PW calls "second-mile giving," and make possible the continuing work of PW. See "Cultivating Presbyterian Women," below, for more on PW stewardship.

Thank Offering materials mail in August

The Creative Ministries Offering Committee selected 16 Thank Offering grant recipients; 12 in the United States and 4 international at their spring meeting. As required, 40 percent of the funds will be awarded to health-related projects. The total amount of grants to be awarded is \$399,881. Promotional materials will mail in early August. Please promote the Thank Offering widely in your congregations, presbyteries and synods, and give as you have been blessed so that more projects can be funded in 2019.

Honor the Ruth and Naomis in your life

Mother. Daughter. Sister. Aunt. Wife. Friend. Advocate. Cheerleader. Confidant. Caregiver. As women, we are blessed. We are blessed by the many roles that give meaning to our lives. And as women of faith, we are blessed to have sisters who journey in faith alongside us. Naomi to our Ruth. Ruth to our Naomi. Give a gift of Presbyterian Women's Mission Pledge, PW's annual fund, in honor of the special women who journey this life of faith with you. Download and share a card that shows how much you admire your sisters (daughters, friends, etc.) in faith and PW.



Mailbox mix-up?

Did you know that Birthday Offering, Thank Offering and Mission Pledge packets are routinely mailed to congregations, not to specific Presbyterian women within the congregation? If you and your circle are not receiving your PW offering materials, you may want to check in with your church secretary or pastor to ensure that these important pieces find their way to their correct destination—PW!



Cultivating Presbyterian Women

Greetings from PW's Stewardship Committee! The PW Board of Directors formed the PW Stewardship Committee in the fall of 2017. One of our primary goals is to support the Mission Pledge, PW's annual fund. To that end, our committee will provide education and interpretation of the many ways in which the MP supports all of the good work of PW.

Please allow me to introduce the creative and passionate members of this newly-formed committee: Barbara Clark, Marilyn Stone, Francena Willingham and Carol Winkler. We are also thrilled to be working with Carissa Herold who serves on the staff of PW, Inc. The Stewardship Committee currently has some exciting projects underway.

A printable card in appreciation of the important women in our lives is available through the PW website. It's a great way to support the work of PW while honoring those who have nurtured us. See "Ruth and Naomi," above, for more about this card.

Throughout the year, we will be educating the PC(USA) about ways we can support PW, either as part of a circle or as individuals engaged in "second mile" giving, whether that giving is in the form of a one-time offering, sustained giving or legacy gifts.

"Cultivating PW" is the theme that we will carry into the Churchwide Gathering, demonstrating that the Mission Pledge supports all the work of PW. Please stop



Barbara Clark, Carissa Herold, Betsy Ensign-George and Marilyn Stone

by our table to meet us, and learn about the exciting tasks before us!

—Mary Ellen Aussenbaugh, Chair
PW Stewardship Committee

Denominational Partners

Hunger, Mission and Peacemaking programs

Become a Hunger Action Congregation

Commit to faithful action to end hunger and address its root causes. Since June 2017, more than 80 PC(USA) congregations have become HACs. What about yours? It is a great way for a church to be recognized for the hunger and poverty work they are doing at whatever level, and to be inspired to go deeper with it. Resources and stories of HACs will be shared to encourage further ministry and to celebrate work in the areas of hunger alleviation, development assistance, hunger education, lifestyle integrity, corporate and public policy witness, and worship. See www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/compassion-peace-justice/hunger/nationaldevelopment/hunger-action-congregations/

Host an International Peacemaker this year

Applications to host a peacemaker are being accepted now through July 1. Learn more at www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/peacemaking/international-peacemakers/#. Keep in mind that itineraries must be filled for the PC(USA) to bring the peacemakers, so please spread the word.

Everyone can participate in Cents-Ability!

Congregations invite every member—of all ages—to contribute a few cents at every meal. Half of the collected funds can stay in your congregation to benefit local hunger ministries, the other half is sent to PHP for our denomination's national and international projects. Cents-Ability resources help presbyteries and congregations begin and expand hunger education and fundraising programs. Find resources at www.pcusa.org/centsability.

Healthy Women, Healthy Families

World Mission's Healthy Women, Healthy Families supports programs that promote the health, education and development of women and children around the world. Although the traditional Mother's Day cards are no longer available through this program, this ministry continues. Visit www.presbyterianmission.org/donate/e052136/.

Presbyterian Women Giving

PW Giving	2017	First quarter 2018
Mission Pledge	\$ 964,987	\$ 176,648
Birthday Offering	516,658	28,034
Thank Offering	531,949	117,471
Honorary Life	116,973	29,434
Together in Service	11,939	1,860

Safe Motherhood Kits no longer accepted by IMA World Health

By Kathy Reeves, PW mission associate

For many years, Presbyterian Women have made valuable contributions to God's mission in the world through their gifts for women and children distributed worldwide by the IMA World Health Safe Motherhood Kit program and the IMA Sewing for Mission program. As the world and the church change, so do the ways that we engage in mission. IMA World Health has asked that we discontinue sending the Safe Motherhood Kit and Sewing for Mission items to the New Windsor warehouse for distribution.

The Safe Motherhood Kit and Sewing for Mission items that were received by the New Windsor warehouse prior to March 16, 2018, will be sent to Haiti. The baby gowns, blankets and hats will be used to make baby kits for the Lutheran World Relief program. The adult gowns, single sheets and face masks will be distributed locally in New Windsor. Please do not send any of these items to New Windsor.

Presbyterian Women are being encouraged to continue donating items for hygiene kits and school kits.

Hygiene Kits

- 1 hand towel (approx. 16" x 28")
- 1 washcloth
- 1 wide-tooth comb (without package)
- 1 nail clipper (remove from package)
- 1 bar bath sized soap (in wrapper)
- 1 toothbrush (in original package)
- 10 adhesive bandage strips

Please do not add toothpaste to the hygiene kit. Toothpaste will be added just

PW in the Congregations

Ideas: Interfaith dialogue

Submitted by Stephanie Caudill

The Christian-Muslim toolkit provides resources for PC(USA) congregations interested in engaging with their Muslim neighbors. Church leadership including pastors, PW groups, mission and outreach committees, sessions, youth group leaders and Christian educators will find resources to better understand, connect with and advocate for our Muslim brothers and sisters. No matter where you are on your interfaith journey, you can find resources to help you! Visit pcusa.org/toolkits/Christian-Muslim to get started.



prior to shipment. Seal all items in a one-gallon plastic bag with a zipper closure.

School Kits

- 1 pair of blunt scissors (rounded tip)
- 3 70-count spiral notebooks or tape-bound pads of 8"x10 1/2" ruled paper or pads with 200-210 sheets of ruled paper. Do not include filler paper.
- 1 30-centimeter (12") ruler
- 1 hand-held pencil sharpener
- 6 new pencils with erasers
- 1 large eraser
- 1 box of 24 crayons
- 1 cloth bag, 12"x14"x17" finished size, with cloth handles; pattern available

Pack all items in the cloth bag.

Complete kits should be packed in boxes (with only one type of kit in each box) and mailed to one of two distribution centers:

- Church World Service, Brethren Service Center Annex, 601 Main St., New Windsor, MD 21776
- Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center, 1720 Ferncliff Rd., Little Rock, AR 72223

For more information about the kits, please visit <http://pda.pcusa.org/page/kits/>.

Thank you very much for all the ways that you support the ministry of PW.

Upcoming PW gatherings

Synod of So. Cal/Hawaii—June 2; spring gathering, Northminster in Diamond Bar. Also, fall gathering, October 6, Westminster Gardens, Duarte. See <https://pwsynod.wordpress.com/> for more information.

Synod of Mid-Atlantic—June 8-10; Massanetta Springs, Harrisonburg, Virginia. Bible study author Amy Poling Sutherlun will present. See www.pwsynodmidatlantic.org for more information.

Churchwide Gathering of PW—August 2-5, 2018; see page 1.

Presbytery of Flint River—November 3; First Presbyterian, Moultrie, Georgia. Email Rosa at rstewartpwct@gmail.com for info.

Synod of Lakes and Prairies—June 20-23, 2019; Gateway Hotel/Conference Center, Ames, Iowa

Synod of the Sun—July 25-27, 2019, First Presbyterian Tulsa; keynoter Katie Cummings, senior pastor, First Presbyterian, Bentonville, Arkansas

Send notice of your event to yvonne.hileman@pcusa.org.

Moderator's Message ...



It is with mixed emotions that I approach the end of my term as moderator of PW in the PC(USA). I am excited for the women who will be installed in August. They will lead PW forward in these challenging, changing times. Recently, a board member shared a question that is asked of pastors in an exit interview. "Did you accomplish what you hoped in your time of service?" It is a good question for any of us completing a period of service. Our answers might surprise us and challenge us to continue serving in new ways.

One of my goals as moderator was to help build financial support for the annual fund (Mission Pledge) of PW, Inc. We need to cultivate individual giving to supplement the support received from women in circles. I am a good example, as I don't have a circle that meets regularly, but I participate in other PW groups. How do I give to PW? I give as an individual through an automatic monthly gift. A stewardship committee was formed last year and one of their objectives was to address individual giving. I have been asking women who have made gifts to PW's annual fund over the last six months why they give.

- PW has given me purpose.
- I owe a lot to PW.
- Thanks to PW I'm an ordained minister.
- I want to be a part of something that is this important.
- Others made it possible for me to be a part of PW. I want to do the same.
- Without PW, the church wouldn't be the same.
- Why wouldn't I support something that is such a part of me?
- PW is my support community.
- I believe in the work of PW.
- PW does mission better than any other group in the church.
- I appreciate the connections that I have in PW. They make me a better person.
- It's one way to give back to God for all I have received.
- We must give to receive the services of staff, programming, *Horizons*, justice and peace efforts, to make PW mission happen. It takes money to operate.
- Without PW, over \$60 million wouldn't have been given to mission in the last 30 years.
- It takes basic funding to make an organization run. I want to be a part of the PW organization through my giving.
- Where your heart is, that's where you want to give your money.

Do these answers ring true for you? They do for me. Why do you give? Will you add your story? Email me at winksmama@gmail.com.

Christ calls us to serve others. We choose to do so together in a community that makes a difference—PW. Did I accomplish what I hoped to in my time as moderator? I will continue encouraging women to give as an alumni of Presbyterian Women in the PC(USA), Inc. Board of Directors. Join me in supporting PW as an individual on a regular basis.

Take action for refugees and immigrants

PW recently participated in Ecumenical Advocacy Days where the emphasis was on advocacy for refugees. The theme, "A World Uprooted," touched on root causes of forced migration, including poverty, climate change and war.

The church has mission partners in the countries most affected by humanitarian crises, including the Democratic Republic of Congo, South Sudan, Lebanon, Syria, Israel/Palestine, Bangladesh, and many others. Mission co-workers in Democratic Republic of Congo, for example, are very concerned with the continuing crisis in the Kasai region of that country and ask us to advocate, pray and give to relief efforts: www.presbyterianmission.org/story/call-action-democratic-republic-congo/. Workshops at EAD on the millions of people displaced by war in South Sudan and the millions of Palestinian refugees at risk of losing education and health services unless the U.S. releases funds for UNRWA told of the vulnerability of millions of people living in very insecure conditions. You can help.

- Advocate for just immigration policies and for funding for UNRWA as well as other humanitarian aid and relief efforts.
- Give to PW's Mission Pledge, Thank Offering and Birthday Offerings, which make possible PW programming and fund ministries for women, refugees, children and other marginalized people around the world and in this country.
- Support the work of mission co-workers who are the hands and feet of Christ around the world. Jeff Boyd, mission co-worker in DRC, tells us, "Even as we continue efforts to get the U.S. government to contribute meaningfully to alleviating the humanitarian crisis in the Congo, we continue to work with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and PRODEK to implement a program for assisting hardest hit farming families to restart their activities, the production of food for their families and the community." Give to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.
- Pray with those struggling for stability, for their family's safety, health, food, home and livelihoods. The following prayer is by the director of PC(USA) World Mission, Jose Luis Casal.

Immigrants' Creed

A prayer in solidarity with immigrant brothers and sisters

I believe in almighty God, who guided [God's] people in exile and in exodus, the God of Joseph in Egypt and of Daniel in Babylon, the God of foreigners and immigrants.

I believe in Jesus Christ, a displaced Galilean, who was born away from his people and his home, who had to flee the country with his parents when his life was in danger, and who upon returning to his own country had to suffer the oppression of the tyrant Pontius Pilate, the servant of a foreign power. He was persecuted, beaten, tortured and finally accused and condemned to death unjustly. But on the third day, this scorned Jesus rose from the death, not as a foreigner but to offer us citizenship in heaven.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the eternal immigrant from God's kingdom among us, who speaks all languages, lives in all countries and reunites all races.

I believe that the church is the secure home for all foreigners and believers who constitute it, who speaks the same language and have the same purpose.

I believe that the communion of saints begins when we accept the diversity of the saints.

I believe in the forgiveness, which makes us all equal, and in the reconciliation, which identifies us more than does race, language or nationality.

I believe that in the Resurrection, God will unite us as one people in which all are distinct and all are alike at the same time.

I believe in the eternal life beyond this world, where no one will be an immigrant but all will be citizens of God's Kingdom that has no end. Amen.

Justice and Peace Calendar (see presbyterianwomen.org/justice)

June

- 17 Father's Day/Men of the Church Sunday
- 19 Juneteenth
- 20 World Refugee Day
- 25 Orange Day; <http://endviolence.un.org>

July

- 1 Immigration Sunday
- 4 Independence Day
- 25 Orange Day

August

- 2-5 Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women
- 6 Hiroshima Day
- 12 Day of Prayer for the Peaceful Reunification of the Korean Peninsula
- 19 World Humanitarian Day
- 25 Orange Day
- 26 Public Education Sunday

September

- Thank Offering of Presbyterian Women
- 1-3 Labor Day Weekend: Labor in the Pulpits
- 3 Labor Day
- 21 International Day of Peace
- 21-27 Global Week of Action Against Gun Violence
- 25 Orange Day
- 28 Native American Day (Tennessee observes it on the 24th)

October

- Domestic Violence Awareness Month
- PW Courageous Conversations: Violence Against Women
- Fair Trade Month
- National Bullying Prevention Month
- 7 World Communion Sunday
- 7 Domestic Violence Awareness Sunday
- 8 Indigenous Peoples' Day
- 11 International Day of the Girl Child
- 11 National Coming Out Day
- 16 World Food Day
- 21 Children's Sabbath: Educate a Child, Transform the World
- 24 United Nations Day
- 25 Orange Day

A World Uprooted: Ecumenical Advocacy Days 2018



Presbyterians, Methodists, Episcopalians, Mennonites, Catholics and other Christians participating in Ecumenical Advocacy Days visited their senators and representatives on Monday, April 23, to ask for compassion for immigrants and refugees. In the photo, you see the Kentucky contingent (including PC(USA) and PW staff) outside Rand Paul's office. Ecumenical Advocacy Days 2019 will be held April 5-8, 2019, in the nation's capital. Be sure to check AdvocacyDays.org/2019 for more information as it becomes available.

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PW Churchwide Board



Six of the 22 women rotating off the Churchwide Board of Directors. From left, Cheryl Pennington, synod representative, Sun; Minna Pritchard, young women's representative at large; Wanda Beaumann, vice moderator, justice and peace; Sandy Fefeti, new immigrant women's representative; Alexis Maloof, young women's representative at large; and Lisiann Rodriguez, young women's rep.

PW/*Horizons* Bible Study

Churchwide Moderator Carol Winkler, left in photo, draws the winner from all those who submitted reply cards for a chance to win the Cloud of Witnesses Bible study art quilt crafted by Debbie Paris, right. We received the following lovely note from Susan Kintzler, the winner, who lives in Lilburn, Georgia:



Thank you so much for the beautiful dry-stack fence art quilt! It was exciting to be notified of winning the quilt and to receive it in the mail. Even more exciting was to share it with Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church! It reminds us of the theme of this year's *Horizons* Bible study and reminds us of the many saints that have supported us in the past, in the present and in the future. Our "cloud of witnesses" strengthens and encourages our community of believers, all our lives in Christ! I love the quilt and am so happy to have it.

Standing on the shoulders of empowered women

USA Mission Experience 2019: Finger Lakes Region, New York

The theme of the fifth PW USA Mission Experience is "Standing on the shoulders of empowered women," inspired by Galatians 5:1a, "For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm . . ." (NRSV).

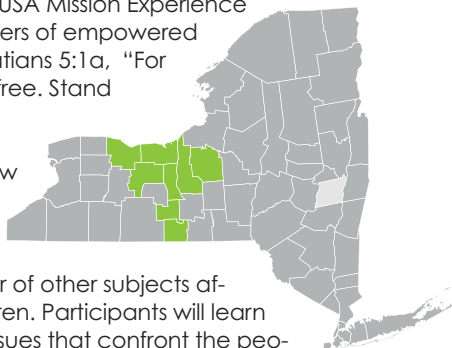
This USAME will visit the Finger Lakes Region of New York, July 12–22, 2019, to explore the women's and civil rights movements as well as a number of other subjects affecting women and children. Participants will learn about past and present issues that confront the people and environment of the area, and will learn about themselves as women.

Participants will attend the Seneca Falls Women's Convention, visit the Susan B. Anthony and Harriet Tubman homes, learn the regional history of the people and land, learn about the Seneca Nation's matriarchal society, and learn about immigration, human rights, domestic violence, substance abuse, and homelessness in the Finger Lakes Region of New York State.

Applications will be online and will be available at the Churchwide Gathering. Applications must be received by the applicant's PW in the Synod moderator by August 15, 2018. The moderator will transmit the application to the USAME 2019 Committee before September 1, 2018, for the selection process.

The local committee includes Linda Wertz, Rita Hooper, Virginia Champlin and Lois Carter. The national USAME committee includes Marvella Lambright, Mary Ellen Aussenbaugh and Jo Ann Burrell (chair); Katharine Reeves and Susan Jackson-Dowd staff the committee. Jo Ann says "We will support our mission of reaching out to others as we share, nurture and help heal. We will be nurturing our faith while witnessing to God's realm."

The cost to participants will be \$2,200. The participant application may be found at www.presbyterianwomen.org.



Advocacy for women at the international level

By Sue Rheem, Presbyterian Ministry at the UN

The 62nd Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) drew to a close on March 23. More than 4,300 delegates from across the world gathered to advocate for the plight of rural women and girls. I got a firsthand experience as the Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations hosted the Presbyterian delegation of 18 remarkable women. They attended over 100 events with UN officials, Member States, and civil society, advocating in areas of climate change, food sovereignty, transportation, access to education, health care, sexual and reproductive rights, and empowerment in governance—with the end goal of taking information back to their communities about what they learned to improve the lives of rural women and girls. Hearing many of the stories was heartbreaking. The challenges women and their families face are daunting, yet to witness their resilience gave many of us the strength to continue this work of justice. Worshiping together each morning with our sisters and brothers in the faith community nourished us for the journey. We know that we are not alone, that we have one another, and we will be all right knowing that God is with us on this journey.

J&P Links issue 2018.2

In the spirit of advocating for women all year long, not just in March, PW in the PC(USA) has published its latest issue of *Justice & Peace Links* on women's empowerment. Learn about PW's Together in Action Days to Empower Women, with steps you can take all year long to advocate for women; look ahead to the next UN Commission on the Status of Women; find a list of resources and more! Download at www.presbyterianwomen.org/downloads/justice-peace-links-womens-empowerment/.



PW Mission Matters



Janet Theus, Synod of the Sun participant in the 2016 USA Mission Experience to the Bay Area, speaks at a USAME workshop in San Angelo, Texas (Tres Rios and Palo Duro presbyteries) in February. The next USAME is to New York State in 2019. See story at left for additional information. Download the application from www.presbyterianwomen.org.

Working for Justice and Peace



Deacon, active PW and synod moderator for Synod of the Trinity Grace Marable, far right, of Bethel Presbyterian Church, demonstrated in January outside Wendy's at the Cheltenham Mall (Philadelphia area) with Bruce and Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, co-pastors of Overbrook Presbyterian Church, two rabbis and a United Church of Christ pastor, as temperatures hovered in the 20s. They spoke with managers and handed out flyers about the fair food movement and the Coalition of Immokalee Workers. Read more about their witness at www.presbyterianmission.org/story/presbyterian-clergy-leaders-fast-protest-wendys-restaurant-chain/. Learn more about the Wendy's boycott at <https://ciw-online.org/>. Photo by Bruce Gillette.

Presbyterian Women at the General Assembly

The PC(USA)'s 223d General Assembly will meet June 16–23 in St. Louis, Missouri, and Presbyterian Women will be there. PW will have an exhibit in the exhibit hall, which will be staffed by PW staff and volunteers from the Giddings-Lovejoy Presbytery. If you will be at GA and would like to volunteer in the booth, please contact PW marketing associate Carissa Herold, carissa.herold@pcusa.org, for information.

For the first time, PW will be present at GA as a corresponding member to the assembly. Carol Winker will be the first national PW moderator to serve in this role. Corresponding members have voice but not vote. Commissioners voted PW's membership during the 222nd GA in 2016, along with placement in the Organization for Mission, the manual of administrative operations for the General Assembly, as a related corporation.

During this assembly, the Institutional Relationship Agreement between Presbyterian Women in the PC(USA), Inc., and the Presbyterian Mission Agency of the PC(USA) will be renewed. This agreement, originally known as a covenant, is renewed every four years. The covenant outlines how PW and the Presbyterian Mission Agency partner in the ministry and mission of the church. The covenant will be discussed in GA Committee 10, the Mission Coordination Committee, of the assembly.

PW will also pay close attention to the work of GA Committee 4, the Way Forward Committee. This committee will consider the recommendations of the Way Forward Commission, a group created by the 2016 General Assembly to review the structure of the PC(USA). Along with the All Agency Review Committee, a group assigned to periodically review the six agencies of the PC(USA),* the Way Forward Committee is recommending that the corporate functions of the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board (PMAB) be moved to a new corporate board specifically designed to manage corporate matters for the Presbyterian Mission Agency (PMA) and the Office of the General Assembly (OGA). Historically, corporate functions for PMA and OGA have been a responsibility of PMAB and its predecessor councils. According to Way Forward and All Agency, this change will allow PMAB to focus on mission and provide for a better corporate decision-making balance between OGA and PMA.

PW sits with voice and vote on PMAB. With corporate functions currently in PMAB, PW has voice and vote in these matters. PMAB's corporate work includes shared services—those services provided by PMAB that are used by other entities and agencies at the Presbyterian Center in Louisville (legal services, human resources, IT, finance and accounting, and so on). PW is the second largest user of shared services, and has benefitted from voice and vote in corporate decisions. In the original recommendation from Way Forward and All Agency, PW was not given a seat on the proposed new corporate board. After many conversations and debates related to board seats, this recommendation is now altered to include PW.

As the Way Forward Committee discusses the Way Forward Commission recommendations, PW leadership will pay close attention to the status of PW's decision-making seat on the proposed corporate board, as well as other matters moving through the assembly that impact the status of the organization and its purpose. What can you do? Here are some action steps:

- Pray for the commissioners to General Assembly.
- Be aware of congregation, presbytery, synod and national policies and actions—ask who is making decisions and what the impact on women will be.
- Log on to PC-Biz, the General Assembly web page that lists all of the business coming to GA. Pay attention to business that impacts women (For example, social justice issues are in Committee 11, where the Advocacy Committee for Women's Concerns has a resolution on sexual misconduct and one on

disparities experienced by black women and girls.) Create an account if you do not already have one: www.pc-biz.org/#/.

- Watch for Presbyterian News Service (www.pcusa.org/news/) and *Presbyterian Outlook* (pres-outlook.org) articles about issues coming before the Assembly. You can subscribe to PNS news feeds that will come to your email account.
- Watch for e-blasts from national PW in your email. If you do not subscribe to PW email information, contact Patricia Longfellow at patricia.longfellow@pcusa.org
- Talk to commissioners in your presbytery and synod about actions coming before GA and tell them your concerns.
- Sign up for the GA223 newspaper at <https://ga-pcusa.org/#Anchor-EmailSignup>.

* Six agencies: Presbyterian Mission Agency, Office of the General Assembly, Board of Pensions, PC(USA) Foundation, Presbyterian Publishing Corporation, Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program. PW is a related corporation, not an agency. The General Assembly does not name PW's board or direct PW's actions.

Denominational Partners

World Mission-sponsored lunch at GA223

Are you planning to attend the 223rd General Assembly in June? Be sure to register for World Mission's "Stories of Transformation from Around the World" luncheon, June 18, at the Marriott St. Louis Grand Hotel. Learn more and register: <https://ga-pcusa.org>.

Contact Presbyterian World Mission to learn which PC(USA) mission workers are visiting the U.S. in 2018 and how you can invite one to speak. Learn how God is at work in the world and how to get more involved. To learn more about speaker availability, contact Destini Hodges at destini.hodges@pcusa.org or 800.728.7228, ext. 5075.



Mission co-worker Cathy Chang talking with parishioners during a church visit. Photo by Kurt Esslinger/Hyeyoung Lee.

Call for Bible study proposals

The 2019 Presbyterian Women Churchwide Coordinating Team/Board of Directors Bible Study Committee will meet in late winter 2019 to choose the author and theme of the 2022–2023 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 Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), commitment to and use of inclusive and expansive language, active membership in the church, and working knowledge of Presbyterian Women. Deadline for proposals is January 31, 2019. Contact Betsy Ensign-George, PW associate editor, for more information: betsy.ensign-george@pcusa.org; 844.797.2872, ext. 5366; 100 Witherspoon St., Louisville, KY 40202-1396.



New! Resources for PW spring/summer 2018 catalog

Seeking a list of available PW resources including Bible study information, logo and gift items, and programmatic resources? If so, the *Resources for Presbyterian Women* spring/summer catalog is now available for you to peruse and share! The catalog is now available as a printed item and as a download.

- *Resources for Presbyterian Women* spring/summer 2018, print edition, PWR18001, free
- *Resources for Presbyterian Women* spring/summer 2018, PDF (downloadable) edition, PWR18002, free

To obtain your copy/ies, visit the online PW Shop (www.presbyterianwomen.org/shop), or, for print only, call 800.533.4371.

New! Celebration Giving brochure updated

The Celebration Giving brochure (item PWR18031; free) has been updated a bit. The front panel now includes the words, "PW's Purpose in Action," to help clarify what Celebration Giving is all about. Inside, the five components of Celebration Giving are briefly explained in a parenthesis next to the program: "PW Celebration Giving, PW's Purpose in action, is made up of five components:

1. Celebration of Mission Through Women's Pledges (PW's Mission Pledge/PW's annual fund)
2. Celebration of Creative Ministries (offerings and grants)
3. Celebration of Believers (honorary/recognition gifts)
4. Celebration of Christian Community (ecumenical giving)
5. Together in Service (hands-on mission service)"

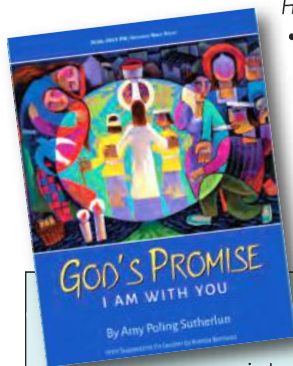
Your award-winning publications

Presbyterian Women received four awards from the Associated Church Press, which were presented April 20 during the ACP's annual convention at Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago.

- Website redesign: Award of Excellence
- Direct mail fundraising campaign: Award of Excellence—Birthday Offering 2017
- Bible resource: Honorable Mention—2017–2018 PW/*Horizons* Bible study *Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews* by Melissa Bane Sevier

- Direct mail fundraising campaign: Honorable Mention—2017 Thank Offering

See the complete list of PC(USA) award-winners at www.presbyterianmission.org/story/pcusa-communicators-win-25-associated-church-press-awards.



God's Promise: I Am with You Bible study resources**

The 2018–2019 *Horizons* Bible study, *God's Promise: I Am with You*, takes readers on a journey through scripture to consider circumstances in which God articulated God's promise of presence. We see anew that God offered words of profound comfort and commitment to individuals and communities from the time of the patriarchs to that of the prophets; from the judges to the kings; before, during, and after the exile; into the New Testament and beyond.

- *God's Promise*, English—HZN18100, \$10
- *God's Promise*, Spanish—HZN18110, \$10
- *God's Promise*, ecumenical—HZN18102, \$10
- *God's Promise*, large-print—HZN18150, \$15
- *God's Promise* workshop for leaders—HZN18101, free***
- *God's Promise*, companion DVD—HZN18103, \$20
- *God's Promise*, audio download—HZN18172, \$15
- *God's Promise*, charm/pendant—HZN18300, \$10
- *God's Promise* poster—HZN18410, free
- *God's Promise* bulletin cover—download only, free**
- Additional helps for each lesson available in *Horizons* magazine and on the PW Bible study blog (see www.presbyterianwomen.org for the link). Call 866.802.3635 to subscribe (and receive next year's Bible study free with your subscription). Plus, receive access to the digital edition of *Horizons* with your subscription.

**Order Bible studies and most supplementary materials by calling 800.533.4371 or visiting www.presbyterianwomen.org/shop.

***Free downloads may be found at www.presbyterianwomen.org/bible.

Horizons Reps' Corner

Dear Horizons Reps,

As this blurb is being typed, this fine spring day in Louisville is an unseasonably cool 34° F. With that in mind, let's close our eyes and imagine spring and summer gatherings that will soon be upon us! Oh, wait! Despite cooler temps,

they are upon us! As you plan to promote *Horizons* magazine and Bible study at upcoming gatherings, consider contacting Carissa in the PW office for a special subscription offer that she will tailor specifically to your gathering. These special offerings are specific to your event and make available a three-issue trial of the magazine to new readers (sorry! the Bible study is not included with this offer). Grab your cool drink and sun visor (or scarf and woolen socks) and email carissa.herold@pcusa.org.

On another note, *Horizons* reps, it's time for a new batch of skits, songs, pantomimes or puzzles (or other fun vehicles) to promote subscriptions! Feeling inspired? Send your creative contribution to Carissa.herold@pcusa.org.

Flyaway Books: Children's books from Presbyterian Publishing

Flyaway Books is a new imprint of Presbyterian Publishing that is devoted solely to amazing children's books! As children's literacy continues to be a focus of PW (and because children's books communicate big truths in sweet packages), you should take a moment to see what's new! (Order from pcusastore.com.)

- *Growing in God's Love: A Story Bible*, Elizabeth F. Caldwell and Carol A. Wehrheim, editors—Includes 150 biblical stories based on biblical scholarship and learning theory from more than 20 contributors. The book is divided into 13 themes: Strong Women and Men; Listening for God; Parables; Jesus; and more. It features diverse artwork that welcomes all kinds of families; each story includes three reflection questions to help children ponder the message.
- *Who Counts? 100 Sheep, 10 Coins, and 2 Sons*, by Amy-Jill Levine and Sandy Eisenberg Sasso—"A creative interpretation of the three parables, offering the satisfying conclusion that each person (or sheep or coin) matters and should be counted,"—Kirkus Reviews
- *No One Else Like You*, by Siska Goeminne—Playfully explores diversity and teaches children that they are wonderfully unique in a world full of many people.
- *Where Are You Hiding, God?* by Elizabeth Zarti—Where Are You Hiding, God? is the story of a girl trying to find God; it helps children understand that God is always with them.

Coming fall 2018

Home by Another Way: A Christmas Story, Barbara Brown Taylor
When God Gave Us Words by Sandy Eisenberg Sasso
What in the World Is Wrong with Gisbert? by Jochen Weeber
Baptism Promises by Carol A. Wehrheim

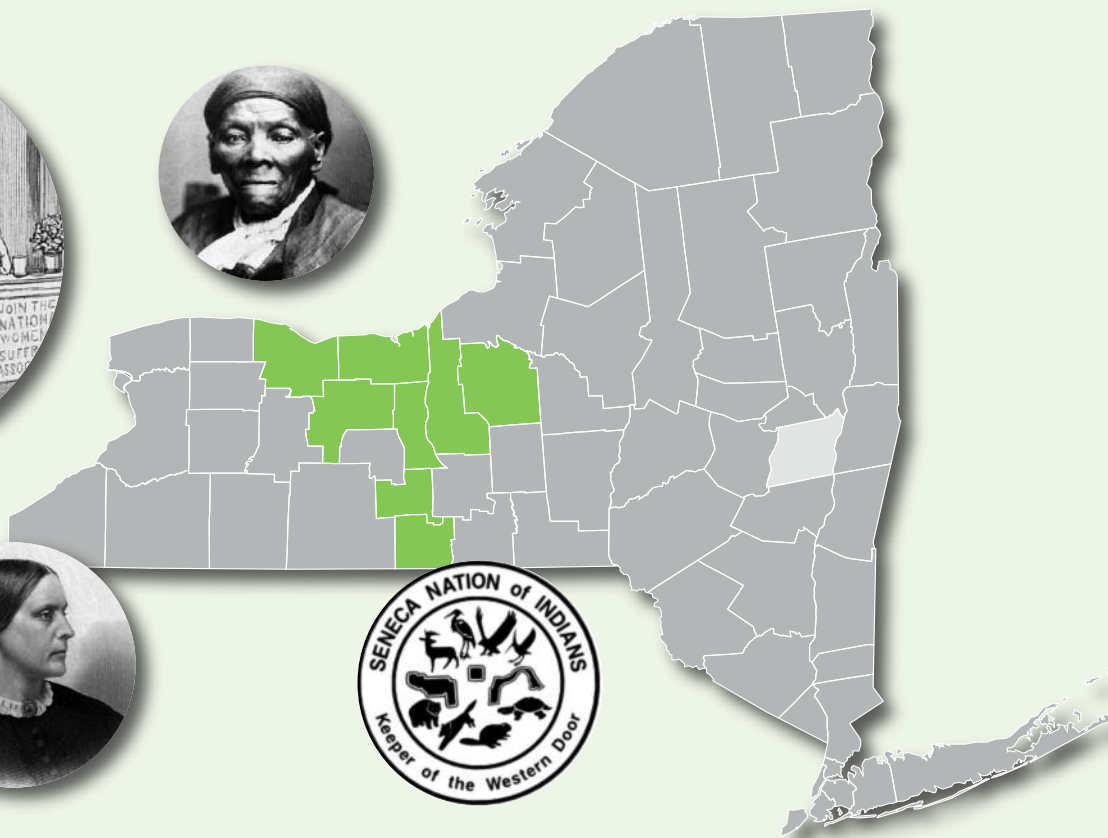


Standing on the shoulders of empowered women

“For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm.” (Gal. 5:1a, NRSV)

2019 USA Mission Experience • Finger Lakes Region, New York

Application for participation • July 12–22, 2019



A group of Presbyterian women will travel to the Finger Lakes Region of New York for the fifth USA Mission Experience. They will explore the rich history that Presbyterian women have in the women's and civil rights movements. These women will also have the opportunity to learn more about themselves and about some of the issues that confront the people of the Finger Lakes Region, including migrant workers and Native Americans.

Highlights of the journey will include a day in Seneca Falls at the Women's Convention at the National Women's Hall of Fame; a visit to the Susan B. Anthony home; and a visit to the Harriet Tubman House.

The USA Mission Experience equips women with an understanding of the region's history and culture, the existing ministry of the church there and the challenges faced by women and children living in the area. Participants serve as ambassadors for the region during two years of itineration following the experience.

Those interested in this experience will find additional reading about the region and these issues helpful. Book recommendations appear in each issue of *Horizons* magazine beginning with the July/August 2018 issue.

To learn more about PW's USA Mission Experience, visit www.presbyterianwomen.org/mission, call the PW associate for mission at 502/569-5402 or email katharine.reeves@pcusa.org.

Return this application to your PW in the Synod moderator by August 15, 2018. Also send a copy of this application to your PW in the Presbytery moderator and keep a copy for yourself. If you are not sure who your PWS and PWP moderators are, email patricia.longfellow@pcusa.org.

Additional applications are available at www.presbyterianwomen.org/mission and at the Churchwide Gathering, August 2–5, 2018.

2019 USA Mission Experience • Finger Lakes Region, New York

July 12–22, 2019 • Application for participation

Deadline: Send completed application to your PW in the Synod (PWS) moderator by August 15, 2018, with a copy to your PW in the Presbytery (PWP) moderator. Keep a copy for yourself. Your PWS moderator will submit to the USAME committee by September 1, 2018.

Contact/demographic information

Date _____

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____

Telephone (h) _____ Telephone (c) _____ FAX _____

Date of birth, including year _____

Racial ethnic background _____

Synod _____ Presbytery _____

Health information

(If space provided is not sufficient, please provide additional typed attachments.)

If selected, you must provide a physician's statement of health. Please note that you must be able to carry your own luggage, you must be able to walk up steep inclines. Expect long days.

1. General health ☐ excellent ☐ good ☐ fair

2. Allergies? ☐ yes ☐ no

If yes, please explain.

3. Dietary restrictions? ☐ yes ☐ no

If yes, please explain.

4. Physical challenges? ☐ yes ☐ no

If yes, please explain.

5. Emotional challenges? ☐ yes ☐ no

If yes, please explain.

6. Would it be a danger to your health if you had to miss a meal? ☐ yes ☐ no

7. Does your medical insurance cover travel? ☐ yes ☐ no

8. Are you currently under a physician's care and/or taking prescribed medications of which we should be aware?

☐ yes ☐ no If yes, please explain.

9. Are there any other conditions we should know about in considering your application (e.g., sleep disorders, diabetes, high blood pressure)?

☐ yes ☐ no If yes, please explain.

Personal Information (If space provided is not sufficient, provide additional typed attachments.)

10. Why do you wish to participate in the USA Mission Experience?

11. What is/has been your involvement in Presbyterian Women, your church and your community?

12. Keeping in mind the purpose stated on page 1, what are your expectations for this experience?

13. Describe an uncomfortable, unexpected situation you have experienced, and your response to it.

14. Give an example of how you manage conflict.

15. Describe an experience you have had with a culture other than your own and what you learned about yourself.

16. Accommodations

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| I can travel with a large group of people. | <input type="checkbox"/> yes | <input type="checkbox"/> no |
| I can adapt to simple living arrangements. | <input type="checkbox"/> yes | <input type="checkbox"/> no |
| I can adapt to different accommodations each day. | <input type="checkbox"/> yes | <input type="checkbox"/> no |

17. Stamina

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| I can walk three miles unassisted. | <input type="checkbox"/> yes | <input type="checkbox"/> no |
| I can carry my own luggage, and carry it up stairs. | <input type="checkbox"/> yes | <input type="checkbox"/> no |
| I am comfortable with a demanding schedule. | <input type="checkbox"/> yes | <input type="checkbox"/> no |

18. I consider myself . . .

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| able to adhere to a schedule. | <input type="checkbox"/> yes | <input type="checkbox"/> no |
| adaptable. | <input type="checkbox"/> yes | <input type="checkbox"/> no |
| a team member. | <input type="checkbox"/> yes | <input type="checkbox"/> no |
| a listener. | <input type="checkbox"/> yes | <input type="checkbox"/> no |
| an effective public speaker. | <input type="checkbox"/> yes | <input type="checkbox"/> no |
| open to different viewpoints and new ideas. | <input type="checkbox"/> yes | <input type="checkbox"/> no |

19. If selected, I will . . .

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|---|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| share my photographs and notes after the trip for the benefit of all participants. | <input type="checkbox"/> yes | <input type="checkbox"/> no |
| do a pre-trip study of materials provided or recommended by organizers. | <input type="checkbox"/> yes | <input type="checkbox"/> no |
| commit to two years' post-trip presentation of my experience to educate Presbyterian women about U.S. mission issues. | <input type="checkbox"/> yes | <input type="checkbox"/> no |

References

Name two references who can speak to the qualities described on the previous page. Send each of them one of the enclosed reference forms. They will fill out the form and send it to your PW in the Synod moderator by **August 15, 2018**.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ FAX _____ Email _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ FAX _____ Email _____

The cost of the trip is \$2,200, plus travel to the Rochester airport. Participants are responsible for their own expenses. It is hoped that your synod, presbytery and congregation will help cover the expenses.

Applicant, send the original application by August 15, 2018, to your PW in the Synod moderator. Send a copy to your PW in the Presbytery moderator. Keep a copy for yourself.

Applicant, please read and sign this agreement:

If selected, I agree to all the conditions relevant to the USA Mission Experience of Presbyterian Women. I will complete the required study in advance, take part fully in all aspects of the trips, including orientation and debriefing, and will give two years following the experience for interpretation. I will fulfill all my financial obligations related to this trip.

Signed _____ Date _____

Synod endorsement and signature (required)

Presbyterian Women in the Synod of _____
endorses _____ and agrees to

- assist the participant(s) in raising funds for the cost of participation in the Mission Experience,
- provide opportunities for participant(s) to share experiences throughout the synod for two years following the USA Mission Experience.

Signed _____ Date _____

PW moderator in the Synod of _____

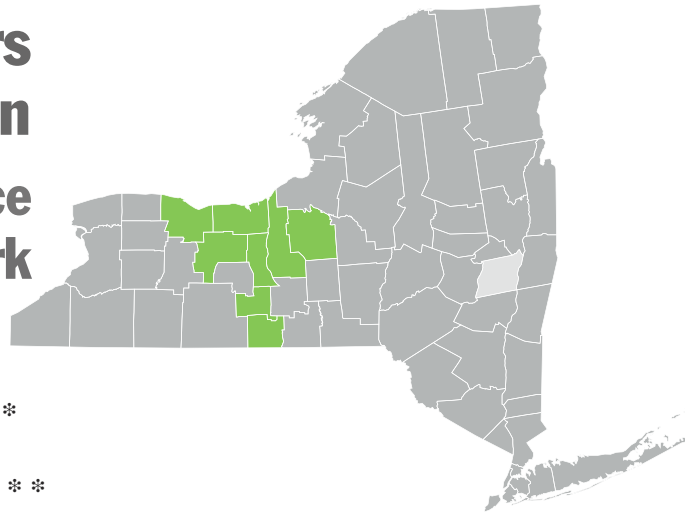
Synod moderator, send three copies of this completed application by **September 1, 2018** (including both reference letters), to PW USA Mission Experience Committee, c/o Kathy Reeves, 100 Witherspoon St., Louisville, KY 40202-1396, or fax to 502/569-8026. Keep a copy of this application for your records.



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2019 USA Mission Experience Finger Lakes Region, New York

July 12–22, 2019



Personal reference

Applicant, send a copy of this sheet to each of your references, asking them to return it to your PWS moderator by **August 15, 2018**.

Reference, thank you for serving as a reference for _____.
Please respond to the following questions. Attach additional pages, if necessary. Send the completed form to your PW in the Synod moderator by **August 15, 2018**.

Questions

1. Will this person be able to effectively share/interpret her experience in a variety of ways and settings?

☐ yes ☐ no

2. From your experience of this person, does she have the physical stamina to effectively participate?

☐ yes ☐ no

3. Do you consider this candidate to be . . .

	Very	Somewhat	Not at all
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a team member	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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a listener	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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a communicator	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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an effective public speaker	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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open to different viewpoints and new ideas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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4. What is your knowledge of her involvement in PW, her church, community and any crosscultural experiences?

5. What else would you like us to know?

Reference's contact information

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ FAX _____ Email _____

Signature _____ Date _____