

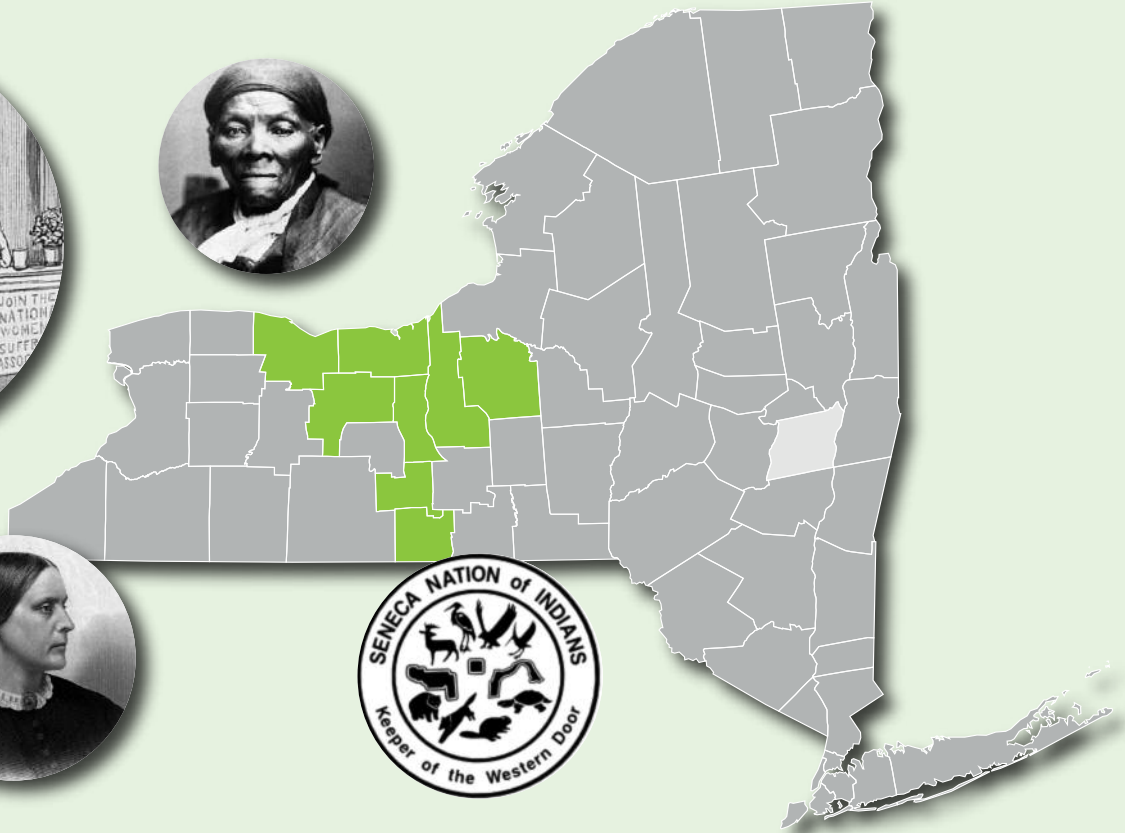


Standing on the shoulders of empowered women

“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. Partici-

pants 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 Cheri Harper, PW associate for mission, at 502/569-5402 or email cheri.harper@pcusa.org.

Return this application to your PW in the Synod moderator by September 10, 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.

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 September 10, 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 15, 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

I can travel with a large group of people. yes no

I can adapt to simple living arrangements. yes no

I can adapt to different accommodations each day. yes no

17. Stamina

I can walk three miles unassisted. yes no

I can carry my own luggage, and carry it up stairs. yes no

I am comfortable with a demanding schedule. yes no

18. I consider myself . . .

able to adhere to a schedule. yes no

adaptable. yes no

a team member. yes no

a listener. yes no

an effective public speaker. yes no

open to different viewpoints and new ideas. yes no

19. If selected, I will . . .

share my photographs and notes after the trip for the benefit of all participants. yes no

do a pre-trip study of materials provided or recommended by organizers. yes no

commit to two years' post-trip presentation of my experience to educate
Presbyterian women about U.S. mission issues. yes 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 **September 10, 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 September 10, 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 _____

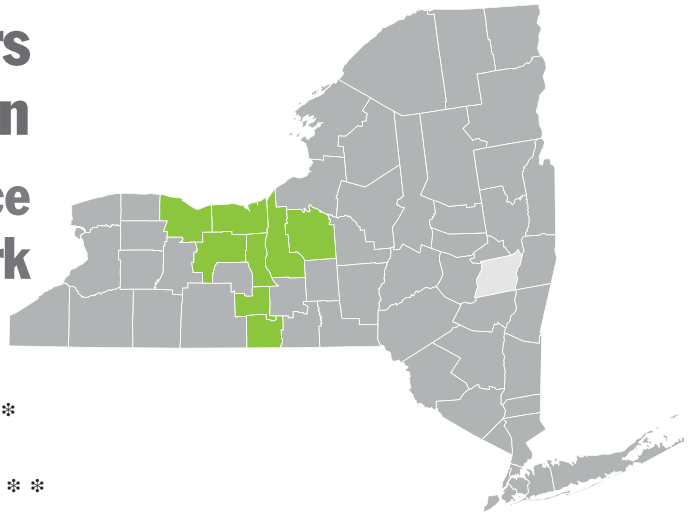
Synod moderator, send three copies of this completed application by **September 15, 2018** (including both reference letters), to PW USA Mission Experience Committee, c/o Cheri Harper, 100 Witherspoon St., Louisville, KY 40202-1396, fax to 502/569-8026 or email to cheri.harper@pcusa.org. Keep a copy of this application for your records.



Standing on the shoulders of empowered women

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 **September 10, 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 **September 10, 2018**.

Questions

- Will this person be able to effectively share/interpret her experience in a variety of ways and settings?
 yes no
- From your experience of this person, does she have the physical stamina to effectively participate?
 yes no
- Do you consider this candidate to be . . .

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

- What else would you like us to know?

Reference's contact information

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ FAX _____ Email _____

Signature _____ Date _____