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for Presbyterian Women Leaders

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Presbyterian Women Churchwide

A new triennium begins; new board sets direction

By Susan Jackson Dowd

The PW, Inc., Board of Directors met September 19–22 in Louisville, Kentucky. Moderator Jyung In Lee convened the first board meeting of the 2018–2021 triennium on Thursday morning, September 20. Four hours of staff-led orientation followed, and committee meetings began after lunch. Search Team members, who attend a board meeting once in a triennium, were present for orientation and the meeting.

Tom Taylor, president/CEO of the PC(USA) Foundation, and Greg Rousos, Foundation executive vice president/COO and president of New Covenant Trust Company, brought greetings and an introduction to PW's giving history and work with the Foundation. The Stewardship Committee will be in touch with the Foundation as they plan their work this triennium.

On recommendation of the Administration Committee, the board elected corporate officers as mandated by the bylaws: Susan Jackson Dowd, president; Rhonda Martin, vice president and treasurer; April Davenport, vice president and secretary; and Hannah Truxell, assistant secretary.

The board welcomed the Rev. Cheri Harper, PW mission associate, who began her work in August. Cheri returns to the PW staff after a 12-year hiatus. The meeting ended with worship and Communion led by Danilie Hilerio-Villanueva, Jane DeFord and Marvella Lambright. An offering of \$1,880 was collected for the PW Mission Pledge/Annual Fund.

Administration Committee

The Administration Committee, led by Jyung In Lee, brought several recommendations to the board, including a new PW, Inc., social witness policy and a revised contract policy. The social witness policy provides guidance for when and how PW speaks to issues that concern church and society. The contract policy adds some needed daily operations detail to the contract stipulations in the bylaws. Both policies will be added to the board's handbook. The committee also recommended changing the name of the Antiracism Committee to the Racial Equity Committee and relocating it in committee structure to a subcommittee of Justice and Peace. Both recommendations were adopted.



Photo by Yvonne Hileman

Beverly Roselieb, synod representative from Southwest, and Mary Ellen Ausenbaugh, chair of the Stewardship Committee, confer during the fall board meeting for Presbyterian Women in the PC(USA), Inc. (what we used to call the Churchwide Coordinating Team meeting).

In a similar action, the Leadership Development and Seminarian Grant Committee was relocated from a subcommittee of Finance to a subcommittee of the Inclusive Community Committee.

The Administration Committee recommended that the board conduct the spring 2019 meeting by Zoom, a video and audio conferencing software. The action was unanimously adopted. A referral from the 2018 Business Meeting regarding sexual and gender based violence was referred to the Justice and Peace Committee. The committee accepted a rotation model for the six young women representatives that reflects the corresponding bylaw.

Bible Study Committee (BSC)

The BSC, led by Danilie Hilerio-Villanueva, met for orientation regarding their spring task of selecting an author and theme for an upcoming Bible study. Most board members have an opportunity to serve on the committee during their tenure because membership rotates annually. The chair is the only member who serves twice.

Communications Coordination Committee (CCC)

The CCC (Anita Coleman is chair) has a representative from each of the other churchwide committees. CCC meets before the board meeting begins in case there is

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Stewardship had its "Cultivating PW" prototype kit on display.

business to bring to the board's business session. It also meets afterward to discuss communication-related actions and on-going work. The committee reviewed the graphics strategy currently in use by PW. CCC circulated a form to all committees to gather feedback on communication issues. The committee requested that board members provide stories, photos, and videos of Presbyterian Women in action for use in *Horizons* magazine, the website, and social media.

Creative Ministries Offering Committee (CMOC)

The CMOC, led by Jane Deford, met just prior to the board meeting to select the 2019 Birthday Offering grant recipients. CMOC had \$439,159 available from the 2018 offering for the grants. The committee selected four recipients out of 26 applications considered. Information about the recipients will be provided after all applicants are notified. CMOC met with PMA Regional Liaison Doug Tilton and learned more about conditions in Southern Africa and Madagascar. In addition, Debbie Braaksma, World Mission area coordinator for Africa, provided a thumbnail sketch of the Presbyterian presence in Africa, including an introduction to the Presbyterian partnerships currently making a difference there. She indicated the importance of sustainability and best practices as considerations for PW's international grant applications going forward. CMOC will meet in the spring to select Thank Offering recipients.

Finance Committee

Deanne Newland, chair, recommended that the board accept the audited financial statements and report for the period of August 1, 2013–December 31, 2016, completed by Blue & Co., LLC, independent auditors. The board accepted the audit, which was brought to the 2018 Business Meeting as a clean audit draft but with two outstanding items. These items were resolved after the churchwide business meeting and before the board meeting. The audit will be attached to the corporate minutes of the meeting and posted to the board's Google site when ready. Deanne provided an overview of the 2019–2021 budget adopted by the 2018 voting representatives at the churchwide business meeting.

Inclusive Community Committee (ICC)

ICC, chaired by Marilyn Stone, recommended that the board allot \$8,000 from Leadership Development Funds, \$500 for each synod, as part of a leadership development incentive packet. This one-time grant will provide an incentive

for synod coordinating teams to develop methods for connecting presbytery leaders to meetings and opportunities. ICC will collaborate with the Leadership Development and Seminarian Grant Committee to develop criteria and an application form specific to this purpose. The grant opportunity will be shared on an upcoming Synod Moderator Network conference call. The committee is now responsible for coordinating worship for board meetings.

ICC is also asking for stories and ideas! Circle stories—how did your circle get started?—are needed for the upcoming new resource on starting new PW groups (send these to Susan, susan.jacksonowd@pcusa.org). Ideas/questions are needed for the PW 101 column in the Quarterly Newsletter (send these to yvonne.hileman@pcusa.org). This fall, ICC will begin offering Zoom workshops for the board on various topics: Technology 101 and 201; Stewardship; and the PW/PC(USA) Relationship.

Justice and Peace Committee (J&P)

J&P, chaired by Joy Durrant, reminded the board that PW, Inc., now has consultative status with the United Nations—as of mid-July, PW, Inc., is recognized as a nongovernmental organization (NGO) by the UN. The committee urges participation in the Commission on the Status of Women and Ecumenical Advocacy Days, both in the first quarter of 2019. In this triennium, the committee will work on building relationships with the National Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches. The committee will also address justice issues surrounding the substance abuse crisis in the U.S. and is planning a renewed focus on ecojustice. J&P will provide a follow-up resource/activity for "The Ninth Street Divide" for use in cities all over the country. The committee considered the resolution referred to J&P from the Churchwide Business Meeting that asks PW to partner with We Will Speak Out and IMA World Health by distributing their resources on violence against women—"Sacred Spaces" and other material. Following review of these materials, the committee decided to pursue this partnership.

Mission Relationships Committee (MRC)

MRC, led by Jane Deford, recommended a new Together in Service (TIS) project for the Synod of Boriquén (Puerto Rico). The board adopted this action to establish a partnership, part of which will involve a new TIS project to send aid and assistance to PW in the synod. Funds will be distributed for special projects as determined by the PWS. All projects will be monitored by the PWS of Boriquén and MRC to allow for appropriate follow-up and accountability. The board also adopted an MRC resolution to explore a PW peace and reconciliation trip to South Korea. MRC will work to strengthen the list of suggestions for TIS hands-on mission projects. The committee hopes to promote an intergenerational hands-on project that will connect with Presbyterian Youth Triennium and will benefit ongoing mission efforts in Puerto Rico. Stories needed! Please provide mission content for the PW website, the quarterly newsletter, and *Horizons* magazine. Stories from local PWs are encouraged! Follow-up stories from previous Birthday and Thank Offerings recipients are an excellent resource (send to Cheri, cheri.harper@pcusa.org).

Racial Equity Committee (REC)

REC, chaired by Jo Ann Burrell and Joy Durrant, changed the committee name from Antiracism to Racial Equity and

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edited the committee job description to reflect a new member rotation—all board members will rotate through the committee during this triennium, each serving one year. All PW staff will participate in REC learning activities. Denise Anderson, coordinator of racial and intercultural justice for Racial Equity & Women's Intercultural Ministries and former co-moderator of GA, joined the committee by videoconference to talk about racism and her ideas on how to help PW move forward. REC discussed the possibility of using books similar to a book club. The first book is *Anxious to Talk About It: Helping White Christians Talk Faithfully about Racism* by Carolyn B. Helsel. The discussion began in October and meets every other week.

Stewardship Committee

Stewardship, led by Mary Ellen Aussenbaugh, successfully recommended stewardship resources: reprinting "Love Grows" bookmarks and creating a non-digital and a digital "Cultivate PW" toolkit. Rosemary Mitchell, senior director, Mission Engagement and Support, PMA, visited the group and provided information on PMA's scholarship fund to honor the name and legacy of the late Rev. Dr. Katie Geneva Cannon. For more information, visit presbyterianmission.org.

USA Mission Experience Committee (USAME)

The USAME Committee, chaired by Jo Ann Burrell, selected participants from 13 synods. The trip will be July 12–22, 2019. The scriptural focus is based on Galatians 5:1, "For freedom, Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery." The trip will include visits to three presbyteries in the Synod of the Northeast.

Churchwide Gathering

Mary Martin, 2018 Churchwide Gathering chair, reported that 1,646 people attended the Gathering. Evaluations show that many are willing to return to Louisville in 2021, but not to the Galt House! Mary reported on Gathering giving:

- Gathering Offering to Mission Pledge/Annual Fund, \$38,733
- Gift cards, \$32,470 (cards go to the Diaper Project, Kentucky Refugee Ministries, and Lily's Place)
- Silent Auction, \$10,478
- Cents-Ability, \$1,659

For more Gathering information, see the third-quarter 2018 newsletter and the November/December issue of *Horizons*.



What gifts are you willing
to share with your Lord?
With PW?

Information and churchwide nomination forms are
available at www.presbyterianwomen.org/search.

Moderator's Message

What a fantastic board meeting we had in September!

We had such a fun time getting to know one another. There were 20 new board members added to the 12 continuing members. Together with staff members, more than 30 of us occupied the large board room at the Hampton Inn in downtown Louisville. As we opened the meeting, we prayerfully sang "Here I Am, Lord," and learned community building songs like "Baby Shark." We shared stories through our t-shirts and paired up with prayer partners to share concerns.

That is not all. We worked very hard in committees. The packed schedule required us to manage our time efficiently and begin and end on time. We got good work done. Many exciting decisions came out of this meeting.

- The board approved a Together in Service trip to Puerto Rico; tentative plans are for this trip to take place in 2019.
- The board also approved the availability of Leadership Development Grant monies to enable PW in the Synods to implement and facilitate meetings through teleconferencing.
- The Antiracism Committee, now named the Racial Equity Committee, will have the entire board members participating on a rotating basis. The committee recommends a list of books to read and engages in the discussion. You can check out the reading list in *Horizons* magazine and the next issue of this newsletter, if you would like to read along with us.

I feel that there is palpable energy on the PW board as we dive into our 11th triennium. I am excited to be part of this creative and passionate group of leaders. I invite you to join us and contribute in any way you can, whether it be your brilliant ideas or inspiring stories.

More than ever, if we are going to be an inclusive and caring community, we need to bring in different perspectives, look through each new lens, and exercise our flexible necks as we look around us. The world is a beautiful mosaic and it is bountiful. God's love and grace are abundant and never in short supply as we seek to share that love and grace far and wide. We must be flexible agents of God's grace and love as we look around to see who is our neighbor, to see who is missing at our table!

As the season brings Christ the King Sunday and Advent, may abundant blessings be with you and may you be energized by the Holy Spirit for God's ministry through Presbyterian Women.



PW Giving for the Year, End of Third Quarter

Mission Pledge	\$ 469,988
Birthday Offering	282,753
Thank Offering	191,262
Honorary Life	71,776
Together in Service	12,053

We ask that you faithfully consider your gifts in 2019, realizing that dollars don't go as far as they did a generation ago. We appreciate everything you do to support the work of PW!

Substance use disorder a justice issue

At the J&P Committee meeting in September, substance use disorder was raised as a justice issue. When asked how many on the committee had a friend or family member fighting addiction, nearly everyone raised their hand. The committee realized that this is an issue that needs our attention.

In the U.S., we have not only neglected substance abuse disorder; we have stigmatized it and criminalized it. Those actions have not solved the problem. In fact, they have made it worse, leading to mass incarceration and other injustices.

Addiction is often viewed as a moral failing, stigmatized by words like *dirty*, *clean*, *abuser* and *addict*. But it is a public health issue that requires compassion and healing action. Very often, undiagnosed/untreated pain is at the root of addiction. In an attempt to ease the pain, the user ends up addicted, as the brain changes in response to drugs. In the case of opioid use disorder, four out of five times, the drugs were legally prescribed. Other things to know:

- Overdose is the #1 cause of accidental death in the U.S., surpassing even car accidents.
- Substance use disorder is a chronic disease.
- The stigma of addiction often prevents people from getting the treatment they need.
- A person with opioid use disorder loses their power of choice; their freewill becomes hijacked along with the opioid receptors in their brain.
- Only about 10 percent of the opioid-addicted population has access to care and treatment for a disease that has roughly the same incidence rate as diabetes.

Resources

- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)—www.samhsa.gov/faith-based-initiatives
- Health and Human Services resources—www.hhs.gov/about/agencies/iea/partnerships/opioid-toolkit/federal-resources/index.html
- Sources for this article: NOVA: *Addiction*; PBS's *Dopesick*; and Shatterproof, www.shatterproof.org.

Join us for a Tea for Peace event on January 1, 2019!

Five women gathered at Warner Memorial PC in Kensington, Maryland, on August 26 to pray for peace in concert with other PW groups around the country. (Four are pictured here.) Others prayed at home during PW's Tea for Peace ob-



servance. Prayers for peace are needed always, but especially during these trying times! Join us for our next Tea for Peace Day, January 1, 2019. Download the invitation at <https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/downloads/tea-ceremony-card/>, attach Equal Exchange tea or other fair trade tea, distribute, then gather to sip tea and pray together. If you aren't able to meet in a group, sip at home and pray with us!



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

January

National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month

- 6–13 PW Together in Action Days to End Human Trafficking
- 11 National Human Trafficking Awareness Day
- 16 National Religious Freedom Day
- 18–24 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- 20 Racial and Intercultural Justice Sunday
- 20 Criminal Justice Sunday
- 21 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 25 Orange Day
- 27 International Holocaust Remembrance Day

February

African American History Month

- 1 National Freedom Day
- 3 Souper Bowl of Caring
- 12 International Day against the Use of Child Soldiers
- 10–16 National Random Acts of Kindness Week
- 14 One Billion Rising for Justice
- 25 Orange Day

March

Women's History Month

- 1 World Day of Prayer
- 3 Celebrate the Gifts of Women
- 8 International Women's Day
- 8–22 PW Together in Action for Women's Empowerment
- 11–22 UN Commission on the Status of Women
- 22 World Water Day
- 24–30 National Farmworker Awareness Week
- 25 Orange Day
- 29–A.7 Ten Days of Prayer and Thanksgiving for the Roma

April

- 5 Compassion, Peace and Justice Training Day; pcusa.org
- 5–8 Ecumenical Advocacy Days; www.ead.org

PW 101

Help for those new to PW!

PW 101.9: PW Is Voluntary and Inclusive!

How many amazing organizations or volunteer activities are you a part of that require no membership fees or even an enrollment sheet? Presbyterian Women requires neither! How is that for relying on the generosity and faithfulness of its "membership"? Being an elected PW leader (at the presbytery, synod and national level) does require membership in a PC(USA) church, and two-thirds of the PWC leadership must be member of the PC(USA).

Participation in Presbyterian Women is open to all women who choose to be supportive of Presbyterian Women in any way. Presbyterian Women intentionally seeks the inclusion of all ages, races, ethnicities and geographic locations so that it reflects the rich diversity of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). All women who are members of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) are considered part of Presbyterian Women (PW Manual: A Guide for Groups, 5).

And anyone—male or female—"who supports the PW Purpose . . . is welcome and encouraged to participate in all activities" (PW Manual, 6). Participation may include attending a gathering, volunteering at a mission event, or participating in a Bible study!

Even so, participation in PW is intentionally welcoming. So feel free to invite your Lutheran neighbor, your "none" granddaughter, or even your a capella vocal quartet to your next Bible study or Together in Service (TIS) project!

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

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

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Call for Bible study proposals

PW's churchwide 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 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 and expansive language, active membership in the church, and working knowledge of PW. Deadline for proposals is January 31, 2019. Contact Betsy Ensign-George for more: betsy.ensign-george@pcusa.org; 844.797.2872, ext. 5366.

Denominational Partnerships

Mission co-worker Cathy Chang, based in Southeast Asia, has offered us a unique opportunity to participate in regional work to end human trafficking. A gift to E052147 with the memo line note "Migration and Human Trafficking Programs" can assist the United Church of Christ in the Philippines as they address forced migration and human trafficking. For example, it can enable participants from countries such as Mexico, Ecuador, Brazil, Uganda, and Jordan to attend the Churches Witnessing with Migrants consultation in Morocco, which has as its objective to strengthen solidarity with churches and other groups working on migration in Morocco. Give at <http://pma.pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/E052147/>.

Cultivating PW



Will you be a sustainer?

PW is seeking sustainers! The green envelope enclosed with this newsletter is a reminder to remember PW in your giving plans. You will also soon receive in your mailbox or email in-box a request for your support. PW is a nonprofit organization that relies almost completely on the financial support of those who rely on PW! If you cannot give financially, please continue to give participation and prayers!

New tools available for cultivating PW!

Don't miss the "Love Grows by Giving" bookmark and the "Cultivating PW" placemats (see page 6). And watch for the "Cultivating PW" toolkit, coming in early 2019!

Upcoming PW gatherings

Women's Conference—May 31–June 2, 2019; learn more at www.moranch.org/attend-a-conference/adult-conferences/womens-conference/ or call 800.460.4401, ext. 246.

Synod of Mid-Atlantic—June 6–9, 2019; Massanetta Springs, VA

Synod of Living Waters—June 13–15, 2019; Tupelo, MS

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

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

Synod of South Atlantic—October 25–27, 2019; Epworth by the Sea, GA; theme: "Love Carved in Stone"; Eugenia Gamble, 2019–2020 PW/*Horizons* Bible study author, keynote speaker

NEW! "Love Grows" bookmarks!

Presbyterian Women respond to God's love by offering our many gifts to ensure wholeness for all. Share PW's "Love Grows By Giving" bookmarks with circle members and at PW gatherings as a joyful reminder and celebration of the many ministries that PW makes possible—from Thank Offering grants to award-winning publications. "Love Grows By Giving," indeed! Item PWR18431, free.



Cultivating PW

The "Cultivating PW" placemat provides an informative and fun way to consider the mission and ministry of PW. Using the garden as a metaphor (PW are caretakers of God's abundance), Presbyterian Women "dig deep," "plant," "tend the garden" and "celebrate the harvest," ever mindful that this cycle of care and concern is the work of each generation of faithful women. The first side of the placemat tells the PW stewardship story with whimsical illustrations. The second side provides "things to do" to tell the story of PW giving through cultivation of the Mission Pledge, PW's annual fund, so that the PW garden can continue to flourish and provide. (The placemats are not just table ready, but bulletin board ready too!) Item PWR18100, \$5.00, from www.presbyterianwomen.org/shop or toll-free 800.533.4371. (Watch for a "Cultivating PW" kit in time for spring!)



Also note . . .

- The fall/winter 2018 PW resource catalog is available on the PW website—www.presbyterianwomen.org!
- There are a few 2018 Churchwide Gathering program books available! Item CWG18060, \$5.00 each (while supplies last!) And while you are there, why not order a Lilly pin or two? Item CWG18033, \$3.00.
- Beverages warm or cold travel in style in PW's new blue insulated stainless steel water bottle. It's never been easier to support PW's commitment to refill bottles instead of create trash. PWR17405, \$10.00.

Horizons Reps' Corner

Dear Horizons Reps,

I type this on the eve of Thanksgiving, which is a perfect time to say "thank you"! Thank you for promoting *Horizons* at circle events, gatherings—anytime you find an opportunity to say "subscribe"! You know that *Horizons* is not just a magazine but an important ministry of Presbyterian Women. PW is connectional and PW publications keep those connections informed and strong. Thank you for sharing this message!

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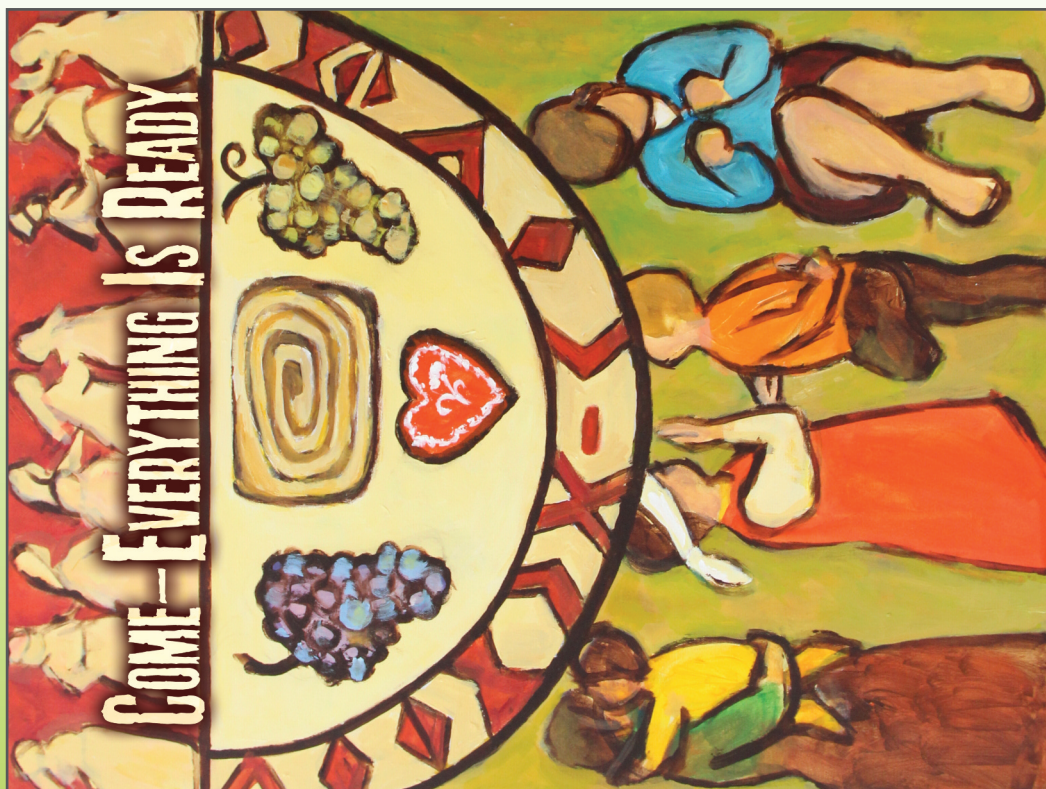
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Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments

By Eugenia Anne Gamble

Suggestions for Leaders by Joyce MacKichan Walker



How do we live out our relationship with God and with one another in a world that is often ruled by other standards? What is the pain from which God seeks to protect us in the Ten Commandments? How can a fresh embrace of the Ten Commandments contribute to the restoration of ourselves, our communities, and the furthering of the gospel in the world?

The author notes that nowhere in the Hebrew text does the word for “commandment” appear. She says, “In the Bible, these utterances are called just what they are:

‘words.’ I’ve chosen to use the term ‘Ten Words’ because it is the biblical form and opens us up to looking at the Ten Commandments in fresh ways.”

Each lesson begins with an exploration of one of the Ten Words in its biblical context. From there we consider a moment from Jesus’ life that shows us how he lived out that Word. We then consider the Word for our own lives and contexts. We conclude with an invitation to pray with the Word in our circles or study groups and in our personal devotions.

About the Author

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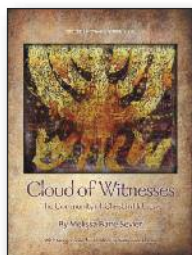
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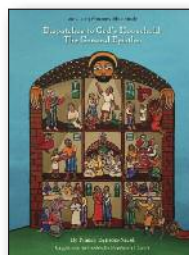


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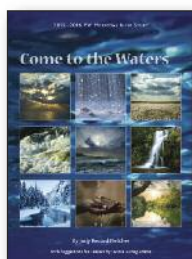


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By Nancy Benson-Nicol
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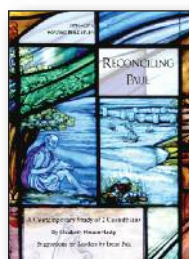


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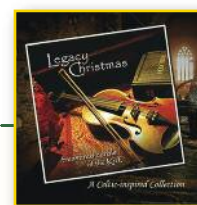
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The Grace of God Has No Boundaries

BY JANA CHILDERS

Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday

March 3, 2019



In 2019, on Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday, we honor women who exhibit grace that knows no boundaries. Though Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday is March 3, 2019, your congregation or women's groups may use this resource on any day that you choose.

The idea that God is a boundary-crosser is not new. Nor is the thought that God's grace flows through the world unhampered by human borders. These ideas were part of Jewish thought long before Peter had the boundary-busting vision recorded in Acts 10. Ancient Israel worshipped the stranger-loving "God of Gods" (Deut. 10:17–18) who "remove(d) boundaries" (Is. 10:13) and exemplified "impartiality" (2 Chron. 19:7). Certainly, by the time Peter came along, the idea that God might choose to cross the kind of barriers human beings

tend to erect—the kind William James referred to as accidental fences we build against the stream of our connectedness¹—was not new.

But transcending boundaries must have felt completely new to Peter. How do we know that? Because it feels that way to most every one of us when we see God's love transcending boundaries.

The Celebrate the Gifts of Women resource, written by Jana Childers, includes a worship service with

- a gathering prayer, call to confession, prayer of confession, an assurance of pardon, suggested hymns and scripture readings,
- spiritual practices, and
- a litany for women who carry God's grace across boundaries.

The Celebrate the Gifts of Women resource is available in the November/December 2018 issue of *Horizons* magazine, as a free download from www.pcusa.org/women and free from the PC(USA) store, 800/533-4371 or www.pcusastore.com; item 27501-19-001.

Note

1. William James, *Writings*, 1902–1910 (New York: Library of America, 1987), 1264.

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