



# Quarterly News

## for Presbyterian Women Leaders

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February–April 2019

*Presbyterian Women Churchwide* .....

## Fresh emphases on mission, justice, community emerge in 2019

By Yvonne Hileman

The PW, Inc., Board of Directors meets toward the end of February and in preparation, committees are firming up work for 2019.

**Stewardship.** *Stewardship* has an exciting new direction, the “Cultivating PW” campaign, which is being retooled even as we speak. This campaign reminds us that the work of PW does not happen in a vacuum. It needs healthy soil in which to grow, and that soil needs enrichment. Learn more on page 5. In addition to the “Love Grows by Giving” bookmark already available and the “Cultivating PW” toolkit now in development, the “Cultivating PW” placemat presents an engaging visual of the campaign. You may also view/share the charming “Cultivating PW” video available on PW’s YouTube channel.

**Bible study.** Bible study has been using a new model for selecting topics and authors for a couple years now, and the result is a fresh look at the Ten Commandments in 2019! Eugenia Gamble proposed this topic back in 2016, and it is coming to fruition this year. See the enclosed flier for details.

**Communications.** Communications is collecting stories of PW in action—stories about how PW’s annual fund (the Mission Pledge) makes possible the work of PW at all levels, stories of PW’s mission activities improving lives, stories of advocacy and peacemaking, PW circle stories, stories of women in leadership—in short, any and all PW stories can be used to interpret the work of women in the church. Send circle stories to [susan.jackson-dowd@pcusa.org](mailto:susan.jackson-dowd@pcusa.org); send justice and peace action stories to [yvonne.hileman@pcusa.org](mailto:yvonne.hileman@pcusa.org); send Mission Pledge stories to [carissa.herold@pcusa.org](mailto:carissa.herold@pcusa.org); send mission stories to [cheri.harper@pcusa.org](mailto:cheri.harper@pcusa.org); send stories for the magazine to [sharon.gillies@pcusa.org](mailto:sharon.gillies@pcusa.org).

**Inclusive community.** As for nurturing and developing leaders, the Inclusive Community Committee (ICC) is offering a leadership development incentive package that includes a one-time, synod-specific leadership development grant. The grants will provide an incentive for synod coordinating teams to develop methods for connecting presbytery leaders to meetings and opportunities.

**Justice and peace.** In March, for the first time, PW will send delegates to the UN Commission on the Status of Women under PW’s own accreditation as a registered



Photo by Yvonne Hileman

*PW staff members Patricia Longfellow and Cheri Harper decorate pillowcases for children in Puerto Rico as a sign of love and solidarity. The pillowcase project accompanies a new giving fund for PW in Puerto Rico’s presbyteries. The women of Puerto Rico are working to rebuild their communities in the wake of Hurricane Maria.*

NGO (nongovernmental organization) recognized by the UN’s Economic and Social Council. In the past, PW delegates have attended using the PC(USA)’s status as an NGO. Having both PW and the PC(USA) recognized by ECOSOC means an amplified voice at the Commission, which is the premier global advocacy body for women.

PW is adding even more tools to its justice and peace box with a focus on substance use disorder during this triennium. The J&P Committee is developing a toolkit to raise awareness and refer folks to resources that can be used by PW in congregations to start conversations, share information and take action to address this issue.

The committee is also preparing an information/action sheet on creation care that focuses on single-use plastic and ways to participate in preventing further global warming. These new directions in PW’s justice and peace work do not replace initiatives already in place such as Together in Action to end human trafficking and improve children’s literacy, or our efforts to end violence against women. Those initiatives and resources remain in place. During this triennium, PW is offering additional resources for families and communities suffering from substance use disorder and for those concerned for creation justice.

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**Racial equity.** The Racial Equity Committee, using modern video-conferencing technology, ran a successful series of meetings in December and January to discuss the book *Anxious to Talk About It: Helping White Christians Talk Faithfully About Racism* by Carolyn Helsel. These conversations will continue, with other books as the foci of discussion. You could follow the committee's lead with a group in your area.

**Supporting mission.** We have previously discussed the new directions that PW mission is taking—alternating triennia for the USA Mission Experience and international Global Exchange trips; fewer centralized and more local choice hands-on mission projects; a revised Together in Service guide that recommends partnership with national and international projects, but also recommends being responsive to local needs; phasing out some extra giving opportunities (development projects) and phasing in others; and so forth. In this triennium, PW will concentrate our Together in Service efforts on Puerto Rico in the wake of Hurricane Maria. See Jo Ann Burrell's column on 4 for more!

**Offerings.** Finally, the Birthday and Thank Offering programs continue to do what they have always done: support ministries that serve people struggling with poverty, hunger, disasters human-made and natural, marginalization, sickness, infirmity, lack of access to education, and more.

In 2019 we celebrate the Birthday Offering by supporting these four projects:

- Disaster Response Team, Presbytery of Charlotte—PW's grant will help provide a warehouse, parking and security

fencing for household goods, food, hygiene and school kits, clean-up buckets, mobile shower units and trailers.

- Effingham Child Development Center Playground, Illinois, will use PW's grant to improve the center's playground with a new play surface and all-inclusive play equipment.
- Presbyterian Homes and Services of Kentucky, Inc., will improve the quality of life and safety for residents in the Appalachian region of Eastern Kentucky with new wardrobes, bedside cabinets, over-bed tables, nursing beds, mattresses and lift recliners.
- Wings of Refuge Restoration Home, Iowa, provides a safe and healing space for women survivors of human trafficking. PW's grant will help fund a larger long-term safe home where many more women will find restoration, community, opportunity and hope.

Give online or learn more at [www.presbyterianwomen.org/birthday](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/birthday).

### "We got our refrigerated vehicle yesterday!"



One of PW's 2018 Thank Offering recipients, Dining with Dignity in Lexington, Kentucky, sent this note to celebrate the news that they just purchased the refrigerated truck that will allow them to pick up food previously outside their abilities. Thanks be to God and to all of you who help to turn these hopes into realities.

### Invite a mission co-worker to speak with your church



Mission co-worker Cathy Chang serves in the Philippines.

Planning your church calendar for 2019? Consider inviting a PC(USA) mission co-worker to speak with your congregation about their ministry. Call or email Destini Hodges (800.728.7228, ext. 5075; [destini.hodges@pcusa.org](mailto:destini.hodges@pcusa.org)) to find out which mission co-workers will be back in the U.S. in 2019.

### Eco-palms available through PC(USA) Hunger Program



Hugo Galban, Eco-Palms harvester in the Maya Biosphere Reserve in northern Guatemala

More than 300 million palm fronds are harvested each year for U.S. consumption alone—most of them for Palm Sunday. The PC(USA) is one of many denominations that participate in the Eco-Palms program. Through this project, 25 percent of the cost of each frond goes directly back to the communities that harvest them. Palm fronds are harvested in ways that protect the rainforest. Funds from sales of these palm fronds support infrastructure and social programs, including better health care and educational opportunities for youth. Learn more and order at [www.pcusa.org/ecopalms](http://www.pcusa.org/ecopalms).

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## Upcoming PW/Women's gatherings

**Synod of the Pacific**—April 5–7, 2019; Burlingame, CA

**National Asian PW**—April 26–28, 2019; Laguna Woods, CA; email janice.takeda@gmail.com for more information.

**Ohio Valley Presbytery**—April 27, 2019; Jeffersonville, KY

**Presbytery of the Palisades**—April 27, 2019; Hackensack, NJ

**Scioto Valley Presbytery**—April 27, 2019; Hanover, OH

**Transylvania Presbytery**—April 27, 2019; Lexington, KY

**National Korean PW**—May 2–4, 2019; Palisades Park, NJ; email Jean Ahn, jp2963@gmail.com, or call 336.263.2963 for info.

**Synod of Alaska-Northwest**—May 16–18, 2019; Richland, WA

**Mo-Ranch Women's Conference**—May 31–June 2, 2019; [www.moranch.org/attend-a-conference/adult-conferences/womens-conference/](http://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 Covenant**—July 12–13, 2019; Columbus, OH

**Encuentro**—July 12–14, 2019; San Juan, PR

**USAME**—July 12–22, 2019; in the Synod of New York

**Synod of So. California/Hawaii**—July 19–21, 2019; Orange, CA

**Synod of the Sun**—July 25–27, 2019, First Presbyterian Tulsa

**Synod of Rocky Mountains**—August 9–11, 2019; Sheridan, WY; Registration details and information available from kathleen.lundberg@gmail.com.

**Synod of the Southwest**—October 4–6, 2019; Tucson, AZ

**Synod of the Northeast**—October 18–20, 2019; Albany, NY

**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

## Moderator's Message .....

**By JyungIn (Jenny) Lee**



Recently, I visited PW in the Presbytery of New Brunswick (Synod of Northeast) for an Epiphany luncheon. The gathering was very well attended. The program included a story from a local Honduran congregation and a litany with candlelight. Did I mention it was a luncheon? Oh, the lunch itself was fabulous! All home-made by New Brunswick PW's resident chef Helen! I don't know how she does all that food preparation all by herself time after time. She simply is a saint. I feel the love flowing from her heart and soaking my heart with gratitude.

I met another lovely PW in the Presbytery of New Brunswick. Her name is Charity. Charity told me that she was at the Churchwide Gathering in Louisville last August and that she enjoyed it very much. Another person told me that Charity has been attending the PW Churchwide Gathering (CWG) for a long time, and that it has been her way of celebrating her own birthday. She considers going to the CWG as a birthday gift to herself, thus funding the trip all on her own. What a way to treat yourself and what a vivacious way to live!

I am so touched and moved by these and other saints and angels who have been faithfully sustaining Presbyterian Women all these years by participating in or supporting what we do. Women like Helen and Charity are PW heroes (or *sheroes*). I know there are many PW sheroes out there whom I have yet to meet! And I am pretty sure there are many sheroes in your presbyteries and synods.

March is Women's History Month nationwide. For Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) congregations, the first Sunday in March is "Celebrate the Gifts of Women" Sunday. In 2019, it is March 3. I urge you to look closely for sheroes in your congregation and in other areas of your life. Perhaps it is your mom, aunt or your friend. I encourage you to lift up those women in your congregation or elsewhere and truly highlight the gifts that women bring to the church. This may be an appropriate time to emphasize the works of PW since its predecessor's beginnings as a national organization in 1878, and ask others to support the work of PW. The Women's National Board was born out of many active women's mission circles and societies sprouting locally in the late 19th century. Active local groups have been the driving engine of PW then and now, while PW at the national level take on the larger and broader issues and the joyful task of connecting women from pew to national board and back.

PW's storybook is heavy and thick, yet let the PW stories from all over the PC(USA) keep coming. Celebrate the gifts the women bring in building God's *kin-dom* together!

**Note:** The "Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday" resource is available in *Horizons*' November/December 2018 issue and on the web at [allwomen.org](http://allwomen.org).

## PW 101 .....

### Help for those new to PW!

If you are reading these words, then you are probably a PW leader! And you probably know all things PW! But many of our faithful women are unaware of some of the finer points of their amazing organization. Each idea in the PW 101 series is presented in such a way that newsletter editors and circle leaders can paste into their own documents and presentations. And if you are so moved to share an idea or two (or three or four) that you think should be part of this series, please share with [carissa.herold@pcusa.org](mailto:carissa.herold@pcusa.org). This is the tenth in the series.

#### **PW 101.10: Who is gathering this year?**

Presbyterian Women is connectional, and that means we gather! We gather monthly (more or less) in our congregational circles for Bible study and mission. PW in the Presbytery gatherings tend to take place seminannually, in the spring and fall of each year.

This year, the year after the Churchwide Gathering, all PW in the Synod groups are meeting. Depending on which synod we are in, we may gather as a synod PW annually, semiannually or triennially, usually in the summer. Our national gathering—the Churchwide Gathering—occurs once every three years, usually during the summer. Whenever and wherever PW gathers, our gatherings strengthen community and affirm our connectional nature.

### Please Note!

Spring is an extraordinarily busy time for Honorary Life Membership applications. Please order early if you are making presentations for Mother's Day or Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday. To learn more, contact [jung.winner@pcusa.org](mailto:jung.winner@pcusa.org).

## Vice Moderator's Message

By Jo Ann Burrell, Mission Relationships

Each day is a new adventure for Presbyterian Women; we accept it with a smile. We have two new Together In Service (TIS) mission opportunities that everyone (women, men and children) can take part in. Both activities were developed in response to the overwhelming needs of the people in the Synod of Puerto Rico, following Hurricane Maria. Maria devastated most of the island and adjoining islands of Puerto Rico. More than a year later, federal government relief efforts still have left many parts of the islands without the necessary services for healthy living, without funding and actions needed for rehabilitation/rebuilding.

Presbyterian Women are mission action women who come through when we are made aware of issues! First, PW is offering women the opportunity to individually (or as a group) support our sisters in Puerto Rico with financial contribution(s) to be used for community buildings, water supply systems and home reconstruction. To this day, there are places in Puerto Rico that still do not have 24-hour water availability and areas that are not rebuilt after the storm.

The second opportunity is a hands-on project (PW pillowcases) for children in Puerto Rico. These pillowcases will demonstrate our love, concern and prayers for children who have suffered from the devastating results of Hurricane Maria. It can be fun for a family to decorate pillowcases together to be sent to children in need! We are hoping for at least 100 by August 2019. See the enclosed flier for more info.

More information on both Together in Service opportunities for Puerto Rico also can be found at [www.presbyterianwomen.org/tis](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/tis).

I thank all of you for your support of the Thank and Birthday Offerings. The efforts of our grant recipients are greatly improved by your support. I encourage you to continue supporting these two giving opportunities.

We do have another extremely important giving opportunity that needs ongoing support. The Mission Pledge (PW's annual fund) sometimes gets forgotten in our giving. Remember 2 Corinthians 9:8. I really like this passage, especially the part that says "you may share abundantly in every good work." Wow! That statement really fits with what our Mission Pledge does. Our annual fund is used for programming, publishing and staff support to PW groups in the congregations, presbyteries and in synods. It provides participation in events that develop and enhance PW leaders. It helps with continued mission partnerships with the PC(USA), past Global Exchange and USA Mission Experience partners, and it helps develop new partnerships through our other mission trips. The Mission Pledge plays a part in hands-on projects, directing prayer, supporting solidarity in ecumenical movements, and advocacy efforts for peace and justice. Yeah, it does a lot! Adding to the above, the annual fund supports the regular meetings of your PW board of directors, and it provides funds for operating expenses (rent, utilities, insurance, office supplies and staff salaries). The Mission Pledge is what keeps us going financially, that enables us to carry on the mission work of the Presbyterian Women organization, and allows us to have the Offering program.

Let me suggest that all of us have an annual celebration of the PW Mission Pledge (PW's annual fund) in our churches. A dedication service could be designed just like we do for the Birthday and Thank Offering. It would give women (and men) an opportunity to celebrate all the things that Mission Pledge funds enable us to do. This once-a-year dedication/fund raising service at our churches would encourage us to



do more, help us grow in faith and numbers, help make connections with church members, and strengthen PW.

There are opportunities for other forms of mission, too. You can encourage presbyteries and synods to give voice and vote to the Presbyterian Women moderators at each level. If you have voice and vote, help your sisters in other presbyteries and synods who don't have it. Encourage them to speak up and request it. Advise them on how you got voice and vote. Help them if they ask.

We can work with our sisters who do not have organized PW circles/groups in their congregation or presbytery. Invite them to your meetings, your teas, your gatherings, your book groups, your get-togethers. Include them in all your group activities. Treat them just like they are members of your group. Show them how the PW organization can benefit them in their activities. Show them that sharing stories can be faith strengthening and will open new doors for mission.

I pray for continued success in all of your work for peace, justice, ending hunger, eliminating racism, and in all areas of your mission. I celebrate you because you are doing the work that our Lord Jesus Christ would be doing here on earth, and I am proud to work with each of you.

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

#### 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

##### Sexual Assault Awareness Month

- 5 Compassion, Peace and Justice Training Day; [pcusa.org](http://pcusa.org)
- 5-8 Ecumenical Advocacy Days; [www.ead.org](http://www.ead.org)
- 7 World Health Day 2019
- 7 Self-development of People Sunday
- 8 International Roma Day
- 12 International Holocaust Remembrance Day
- 21 Easter
- 22 Earth Day
- 24 Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day
- 25 Orange Day
- 29-M.5 Children's Book Week; [www.bookweekonline.com](http://www.bookweekonline.com)

#### May

- 1 May Day
- 5-11 PW Together in Action Days for Children's Literacy
- 6-10 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 11 World Fair Trade Day
- 11 Stamp Out Hunger drive
- 12 Mother's Day
- 22 International Day for Biological Diversity
- 25 Orange Day
- 26 Disability Inclusion Sunday



**Troubling the Waters for the Healing of the World**  
**Compassion, Peace and Justice Training Day, April 5**  
**Ecumenical Advocacy Days, April 5-8 | Washington, D.C.**

Learn more at [www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/compassion-peace-justice/washington/advocacy-training-weekend/](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/compassion-peace-justice/washington/advocacy-training-weekend/)

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

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

You may donate each time you renew, subscribe or

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This list reflects gifts to the publishing mission of PW processed from November 1 through December 31, 2018. Many have given to other ministries of PW and they are thanked, too, but are not listed below.

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Rev. Diane S. Vorhies

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Dottie B. Whitesides  
Shelda Wills  
Beth Wood

### PW Giving Year-end 2018

Mission Pledge	\$ 894,236
Birthday Offering	469,049
Thank Offering	478,593
Honorary Life	106,770
Together in Service	15,660

Thank you for giving from the heart! Please 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!

### Cultivating PW

There's a new committee in town—the Stewardship Committee—whose mission is to cultivate PW. In other words, this amazing team promises to promote the many ways the Presbyterian women can financially engage with their organization! So saddle up and get ready to be inspired by the many opportunities and reasons to, well, cultivate PW!

#### Tools for cultivation

A perfect accompaniment to the placemat at your next gathering or circle meeting is the Cultivating PW toolkit (pictured at right) which is in the works! This toolkit provides a bit of inspiration (and a few floral stakes) to build the story of PW giving using a visual: a PW planter (the "Mission Pledge") with garden stakes that are labeled with the many amazing Celebration Giving ministries (for example, the Birthday Offering). The kit includes floral stakes, graphics and words to share—you provide the planter and flowers that tell your PW story (for example, terra cotta and cacti in the southwest, perhaps?). The toolkit will be available in March; item PWR18102, \$10.

#### New! "Love Grows by Giving" 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.

#### Widening the Circle endowment

The Widening the Circle Endowment Fund was established when PW was a preteen—on PW's tenth anniversary! Twenty years later and this amazing endowment continues. "Through this fund, critical and innovative ministries that are above and beyond the current funding

pattern of the church will be made available to wider circles of women. Revenue generated from the fund will enable the community of women in the PC(USA) to serve and witness to the promise of God for a just and peaceful world."

Help "widen the circle" with a financial gift to Widening the Circle. Visit [www.presbyterianwomen.org/giving-funding/give/](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/giving-funding/give/) or send your check (made payable to Presbyterian Women) to Presbyterian Women, PO Box 643652, Pittsburgh PA 15264-3652; please note "Widening the Circle" in the memo line of your check.



## Resources for PW

The Spring/Summer 2018 Resources for PW catalog is available on the PW website! Print and share at your circle meetings, gatherings, or over coffee! And check back often! Since this item is now strictly a download, revisions (including adding new items) are easy to make!

## Gathering treasures on sale

A few treasures from Churchwide Gatherings past remain available for purchase! The enclosed sale flier lists Gathering goodies at very good prices.



## Smile when you use Amazon!

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## "Welcome, Presbyterian Women" garden banners perfect for gatherings, gardens, bulletin boards, walkways!

Welcome Presbyterian women to circle meetings, luncheons, book club get-togethers, mission days—anytime that PW makes plans to be at work and play!—with an inviting welcome banner. Available in English, Spanish and Korean, each "Welcome" banner measures 12" x 18" and is suitable for a serene outdoor garden as well as for the fellowship hall bulletin board. Banners are of polyester and include a half-inch pocket for hanging. Hardware not included.

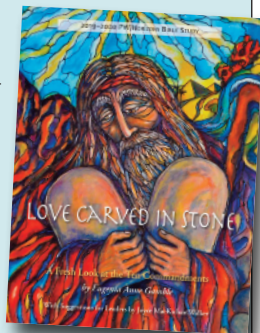
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## Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments now available for order\*

What would it mean to consider the Ten Commandments not as a harsh list of what *not* to do but, instead, as a letter from a loving God? A fresh embrace of the Ten Commandments, author Eugenia Gamble suggests, may ultimately contribute to the restoration of ourselves and our communities. "Moral behavior matters, not simply because immoral actions can anger or disappoint God, but because principled behavior is how love becomes real, both toward God and in community."

Look for the 2019–2020 PW/*Horizons* Bible study, *Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments*, with your March/April issue of *Horizons* magazine. For additional details about ordering the study and related resources, see the enclosed flier (also available at [www.presbyterianwomen.org/upcoming-bible-studies/](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/upcoming-bible-studies/)) and don't miss the "Building Buzz" e-blast series. Email [patricia.longfellow@pcusa.org](mailto:patricia.longfellow@pcusa.org) to be sure you are on PW's email list.



## Horizons Reps' Corner

Dear *Horizons* Reps,

On my way to town, I drive past a little Methodist church that has a large digital sign. I am so glad someone gave the thumbs up to make that purchase.

Passersby like me are greeted with inspired and fresh messages on a routine basis, thanks to faithful and creative servants of this little church who take on this big task. Messages are amusing with a healthy dollop of truth, such as "Come as you are. You can change inside."

As Presbyterian women and *Horizons* reps, I think we can learn much from this mighty team. Over the years, they have been unwavering in their commitment to posting messages that are friendly, truthful, engaging and fresh. And even though they must be terribly clever, I suspect that the writers unearth musings and messages from all sorts of places. That brings us to us!

PW is connectional. That means we freely and happily inspire one another in all things we do. And that includes the work we do as *Horizons* reps!

Here's a plea! As gatherings take place where you are asked to set up a display, please take a photo of your display and share a few words about the gathering. How could your display inspire other *Horizons* reps? For example, what resources do you have on display and how are they presented? Is your table based on the theme of the gathering? What props did you use to carry that message? Do you have any tips for how to easily set up and pack up your *Horizons* kit? Do you provide treats? If so, what are your favorite things to share? Why?

Gathering planning teams, are *Horizons* reps recognized and supported in the gathering program? Are attendees made aware in registration materials that the rep will be available to take subscriptions? How are *Horizons* reps supported in their ministry? Do they have an opportunity to speak or perform a skit? Does the team budget for a free subscription or other incentive?

Please share your photos and comments! We'll post them to the PW Pinterest page and perhaps in a future newsletter or *Horizons* article. (Yes, there is a PW Pinterest page! Visit [www.pinterest.com](http://www.pinterest.com), sign up, and then search for Presbyterian Women.)

Here are two ongoing promotions to encourage subscriptions:

**Bible study.** Share with potential subscribers that the PW/*Horizons* Bible study is part of the *Horizons* subscription! If they subscribe by April 1, 2019, then they will receive a copy of the 2019–2020 PW/*Horizons* Bible study *Love Carved in Stone* by Eugenia Gamble in March 2019. Win-win! Purchased alone, the Bible study (regular edition) is \$10.00 plus shipping.

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# 2019 BIRTHDAY OFFERING

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# God is Faithful

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Loving us still,

God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.  
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,  
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,  
God is faithful still.

—“A Brief Statement of Faith”<sup>1</sup>

God has been faithful to us and we are called to faithfully respond. When we listen to others' stories, pray for their needs, and give generously, we follow the example of our creator who is, in the words of “A Brief Statement of Faith,” “Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home.”

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# Love Carved in Stone

## A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments

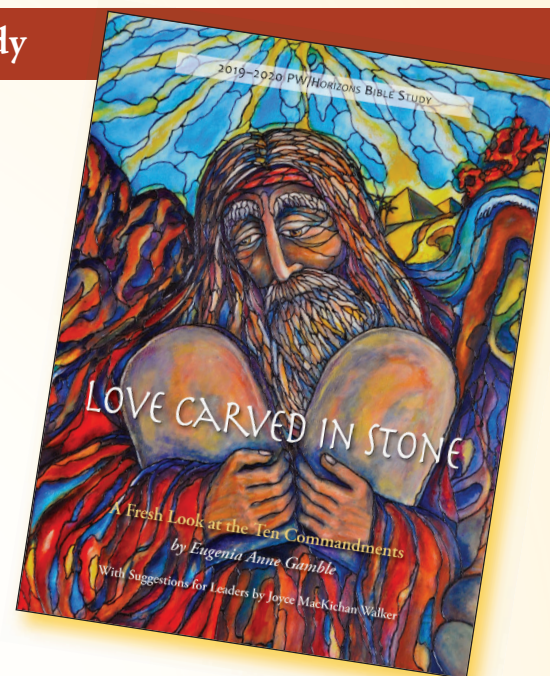
By Eugenia Anne Gamble

With Suggestions for Leaders by Joyce MacKichan Walker

What would it mean to consider the Ten Commandments not as a harsh list of what not to do but, instead, as a “love letter” from a loving God? A fresh embrace of the Ten Commandments (or Words), author Eugenia Gamble suggests, may ultimately contribute to the restoration of ourselves and our communities and the furthering of the gospel in the world. “Moral behavior matters, not simply because immoral actions can anger or disappoint God, but because principled behavior is how love becomes real, both toward God and in community.” *Love Carved in Stone* is a Bible study that helps us reframe the way we look at and live in the world.

Why the Ten Words? 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.



### Summary of the Ten Words

The **First Word** calls us to allow God to be our One and Only.

The **Second Word** asks us not to be fooled into substituting other things for God.

The **Third Word** summons us into deep and honest intimacy with God for who God is and not for what God can do for us.

The **Fourth Word** calls us, regularly and without fail, to stop and rest in the beauty and provision of God for us and for the whole human family.

The **Fifth Word** calls us to honor that which is honorable in our heritages and give a place of precedence to those who bring us to the fullness of life.

The **Sixth Word** calls us, as individuals and as a society, to refuse to “take life,” whether in literal or metaphorical ways.

The **Seventh Word** reminds us that life-long commitments matter, not just to us but to the whole community.

The **Eighth Word** reminds us not to take from others—not their possessions, their self-esteem, or their livelihood. This word asks us to ponder how our choices take from or lift up others.

The **Ninth Word** calls us to fundamental honesty in all of our dealings and in the institutions of our society.

The **Tenth Word** calls each of us to trust God’s provision and to welcome the unique lives that we live.

### About the authors



**Eugenia A. Gamble** is a PC(USA) pastor who has served the church for more than thirty years. She is an author, speaker, preacher, and retreat leader who loves nothing more than to help the Bible come alive in people’s lives. In addition to *Love Carved in Stone*, Eugenia wrote *Glimpses of Home*, the 1995–1996 PW/*Horizons* Bible study. Eugenia is

married to Rob Phillips; they live on the central coast of California with their beloved keeshond, Abigail. Eugenia joined her first PW circle in seminary and says she would not have been able to negotiate life without her sisters.



Suggestions for Leaders writer **Joyce MacKichan Walker** recently retired as the minister of education and mission at Nassau Presbyterian Church in Princeton, New Jersey, where she served for thirty years. A 1979 graduate of the Presbyterian School of Christian

Education (now Union Presbyterian Seminary), her first love has always been teaching. She enjoys consulting in education ministry, writing, and traveling—she’ll go almost anywhere!

# Order Form

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# Together in Service Hands-on Project for Children in Puerto Rico

## PW Pillowcases

Presbyterian Women can demonstrate love, concern and prayers for the children affected by Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico. PW, Inc. is partnering with the three presbyteries on the island of Puerto Rico to create personalized pillowcases and distribute them through Presbyterian churches and schools. PW will send personalized pillowcases to the PW of the Synod of Puerto Rico in August 2019. We are hoping for at least 100! How can you help? Create a special pillowcase for a child!

### Purchase a “blank” pillowcase and . . . get creative!

- Create a pattern with fabric paint or dip-dyes and stencils or stamps. Glue on buttons, felt or ribbons.
- Embroider designs or use iron-on appliques. Stitch on lace borders or a crocheted edging.

### Or make your own pillowcases!

- Sew, quilt, crochet or knit a whole pillowcase with fun colors.
- Choose child-friendly designs; skilled sewers can make them reversible!

### Be sure to include a message.

- Write a note telling a child in Puerto Rico that you are sending love and care with the pillowcase.
- Send a prayer or special bible verse; send a picture of yourself, your church or your PW group.
- Sew in a label that identifies the group or shares a word of hope (perhaps in Spanish).

### Make it an intergenerational project.

- Invite a young person to decorate a pillowcase with you; use the time to teach a new hands-on skill.
- Talk about the importance of mission while you're working.

### Or, you may choose to donate craft supplies

During Presbyterian Youth Triennium in July 2019, we will use the PW exhibit space to create pillowcases.

We need the following supplies:

- Pillowcases, fabric glue, appliques, fabric markers and stamps

### Where to send completed pillowcases

- Presbyterian Women, Attn: Cheri Harper, 100 Witherspoon St., Louisville, KY 40202-1396
- Send pillowcases with youth who attend the Presbyterian Youth Triennium at Purdue University July 16-20, 2019. They can deliver the pillowcases to PW in the Exhibit Hall

### Where to send donated craft supplies

- Presbyterian Women, Attn: Cheri Harper, 100 Witherspoon St., Louisville, KY 40202-1396
- Or order supplies through Amazon (use AmazonSmile and donate a portion of your supplies to PW in the PCUSA—win-win!) and have them shipped directly to Louisville

### Going beyond

- Together in Service is PW's hand-on mission program, supported, in part, through financial gifts. Send your contribution of any size to PW, Inc., Remittance Processing, PO Box 643652, Pittsburgh PA 15264-3652; or give online (<https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/giving-funding/give/>). Indicate the project name in the notes line of the check.
- Share your pillowcase ministry online! Visit the PW Facebook and Pinterest page and post your ideas!

For more information, contact PW's mission associate, Cheri Harper, at [cheri.harper@pcusa.org](mailto:cheri.harper@pcusa.org). To give to this Together in Service project, go to [www.presbyterianwomen.org/tis](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/tis).

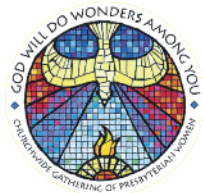


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# Timeless PW Gathering Treasures!

Presbyterian Women's Churchwide Gatherings, which take place every three years, bring PW sisters together in one place to worship, fellowship, vision and explore our lives of faith as Presbyterian women. A few treasures from Churchwide Gatherings past remain available for purchase! Order soon as quantities are limited!

**SALE ENDS MAY 1, 2019**



## 2009 Churchwide Gathering

July 11–15, 2009 • Louisville, Kentucky

**"God Will Do Wonders Among You" (Joshua 3:5)**

### Cross-stitch tote bag

Created by the Women's Handiwork Project of Prachakittisuk Church in Huai Khrai, Thailand, this lovely plain black tote (no Gathering logo) includes a distinct needlework "ribbon" on the front. Keep items secure in the main pocket with a Velcro closure or inside a zippered pocket on the outside of the bag. The bag itself is black, but the ribbon patterns and colors vary.

Item CWG09037 ~~\$15.00~~ **\$7.50**

### Crystal ornament/suncatcher

This lovely ornament/suncatcher will brighten any window; display as a reminder that *"God will do wonders among us."*

Item CWG09039 ~~\$12.00~~ **\$3.00**



## 2012 Churchwide Gathering

July 18–22, 2012 • Orlando, Florida

**"River of Hope" (based on Psalm 46:4–5)**

### 2012 River of Hope t-shirts

The very soft 2012 Gathering tees were dyed (a lovely dark berry), sewn and signed by the women of Freeset—a bag and manufacturing company in India whose mission is to bring real hope through vocational training for at-risk women. Please note that the sizes do not match standard U.S. sizing. The plus cut shirts run very large; all other tees run small. A sizing chart is included for you to determine the fit that fits!



#### Misses' cut has scoop neck and cap sleeves

Item CWG12119	Misses' small	<del>\$15.00</del>	<b>\$3.00</b>
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Item CWG12122	Misses' XL	<del>\$15.00</del>	<b>\$3.00</b>

#### Women's cut is looser in chest and waist, with a scoop neck and regular sleeves

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#### Plus cut runs larger than women's; regular sleeves

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## 2015 Churchwide Gathering

June 18–21, 2015 · Minneapolis, Minnesota

**“One Body, One Spirit” (based on 1 Corinthians 12:12–13)**

### 2015 CWG tote bag—one remaining!

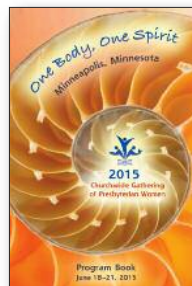
This eco-friendly and eye-catching tote bag features the bright Nautilus-inspired Gathering logo.

Item CWG15037 ~~\$25.00~~ \$12.50

### 2015 Churchwide Gathering program book

Relive the 2015 Gathering or get ideas for event programming through the pages of the 2015 program book!

Item CWG15060 ~~\$5.00~~ \$2.50



## 2018 Churchwide Gathering

August 2–5, 2018 · Louisville, Kentucky

**“Arise, shine, your light has come!” (based on Isaiah 60:1)**



### 2018 Churchwide Gathering name badge holder

The 2018 Churchwide Gathering name badge holder is as lovely as it is practical! This commemorative item celebrates 30 years of PW and includes a breakaway lanyard (for safety) and a zippered pocket. Although designed for use as a name badge holder, its unique design provides ample room to store small items such as business cards, notes and so forth. It even has a loop for a favorite pen!

Item CWG185 ~~\$3.00~~ \$1.50



### 2018 Churchwide Gathering “Lilly” pin

Lilly the Filly was an official greeter for the 2018 Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women in Louisville, Kentucky. The “Lilly” pin features a very handsome Lilly (in a dashing Derby hat) encircled by the words “2018 Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women, Louisville, Kentucky.” Find a place for the Lilly pin in your PW jewelry stable! While supplies last!

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### 2018 Churchwide Gathering program book

The program book is more than a guide through the days of the Gathering—it finds new life in regional gatherings by inspiring worship, workshops and ministry of PW. The book includes liturgy and plenary highlights (including full hymns); ads honoring PW sisters; lists of workshop and PW board leaders; and much more!

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