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Presbyterian Women Churchwide

PW, Inc., national board churns with energy around new initiatives

By Susan Jackson Dowd

The PW, Inc., Board of Directors met February 20, 2019, via Zoom, a videoconferencing alternative to in-person meetings. During the September 2018 meeting, the Board decided to conduct the winter/spring board meeting by Zoom, except in the Business Meeting year (2021). Zoom meetings save the organization about \$30,000. Committees also met by Zoom prior to the Board meeting.

On recommendation of the Administration Committee, the Board elected corporate officers. This action is mandated by the bylaws and is regularly taken at the fall meeting, but was revisited because Hannah Truxell, elected as assistant secretary in the fall, resigned her position with PC(USA), A Corporation (A Corp). The officers are Susan Jackson Dowd, president; Rhonda Martin, vice president and treasurer; April Davenport, vice president and secretary; and Mike Kirk, assistant secretary. Mike, along with April, is legal counsel for A Corp.

The videoconference began with worship led by Kathy Terpstra, Mary Ellen Aussenbaugh and Roxann Porter.



Photo courtesy of JyungIn Lee

PW Moderator JyungIn Lee led the PW delegation to the UN Commission on the Status of Women March 11–16. PW is celebrating its first year as a nongovernmental organization (NGO) accredited by the UN. For the Presbyterian News Service story, visit <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/pcusa-un-ministry-opens-commission-by-welcoming-presbyterian-women/>.

The meeting ended with prayer and a litany in honor of outgoing synod representatives and the 2015–2018 national moderator, Carol Winkler. Outgoing reps who will finish their terms this summer: Jane DeFord, Trinity; Anita Coleman, Southern California/Hawaii; Danilie Hilerio-Villanueva, Boriqüén; Toni Spieth, Mid-America; and Shelagh Wirth, South Atlantic. Carol received an Honorary Life Membership from the Board.

The Administration Committee, led by JyungIn Lee, recommended several actions, some mentioned above: board officers, a housing allowance for PW staff member Cheri Harper, a 2021 Churchwide Gathering, and a new task group—the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) Task Group. This task group will recommend an ongoing strategy and timeline for facilitating and maintaining PW's status with ECOSOC as a nongovernmental organization (NGO), will determine the process for sending PW-affiliated delegates to CSW, and will identify other aspects of PW's consultative status that need to be addressed. JyungIn invited Kristen Campbell, Pam Snyder, and Marvella Lambright to serve on the committee. Joy



Thank you and Godspeed to the synod rep class of 2019, who will complete their terms on the PW Board in July. Left to right, they are Jane DeFord, Trinity; Anita Coleman, Southern California/Hawaii; Danilie Hilerio-Villanueva, Boriqüén; Toni Spieth, Mid-America; Shelagh Wirth, South Atlantic, and Francena Willingham (in photo), who died during her term.

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Board energized, continued from 1

Durrant will chair and Susan Jackson Dowd will provide staff support. The task group will meet by Zoom and will complete its work by June 30, 2019.

The Bible Study Committee (BSC), led by Danilie Hilerio-Villanueva, met March 20. The committee looked at proposals for the 2022–2023 Bible study and will choose one at a second meeting in May. To be sure you are on our e-news mailing list, which includes the “Building Buzz” eblast series for the 2019–2020 Bible study, *Love Carved in Stone* by Eugenia Gamble, contact patricia.longfellow@pcusa.org. This study was published and mailed in March. It also is available for order on the PW Shop and PC(USA) Store. Visit the PW Shop at www.presbyterianwomen.org/shop, or call 800.533.4371.

The Communications Coordination Committee (CCC), Anita Coleman, chair, is made up of representatives from each board committee. CCC heard updates on committee projects, including J&P’s substance use disorder launch, Search Committee’s nomination form uploads, Stewardship’s workshops, HEC’s PW social media audit and MRC’s Together in Service update. Staff continues to need stories, photos and videos of PW in action and contributions for the quarterly newsletter.

The Creative Ministries Offering Committee (CMOC), led by Jane DeFord, met just prior to the Board meeting to select the 2019 Thank Offering recipients. Eighteen projects were chosen from 75 completed applications. This includes 12 domestic projects for a total allocation of \$238,825 and 6 international projects for a total of \$152,987. Of the money granted, \$170,237 was allocated to health-related projects. The total dispersed for the Thank Offering will be \$391,812.

The Finance Committee, Deanne Newland, chair, recommended that PW, Inc., raise flat rate shipping costs from \$5.25 per order to \$5.91 per order, the same rate that the Presbyterian Publishing Corporation charges. PW has also begun calculating shipping charges by shipment weight, rather than by a percentage of the cost of shipped items. This change also reflects PPC practice.

The Inclusive Community Committee (ICC), chaired by Marilyn Stone, has completed the Leadership Development Grant application for the synod incentive package. The application was provided to synod moderators in March. ICC is looking for more circle stories—How did your circle get started?—for the upcoming resource on starting new PW groups (send to susan.jackson-dowd@pcusa.org). In March, ICC began offering webinars for the board on various topics: Technology 101/ 201; Stewardship; and PW/PC(USA) Relationship. These are being recorded for reuse.

The Justice & Peace Committee (J&P), Joy Durrant, chair, has created a substance use disorder (SUD) resource and an eco-justice resource for PW in the Congregations. The eco-justice resource is focused on the harm of single-use plastics

and the crisis of global warming. PW continues to fight the injustice of sexual and gender-based violence, advocate for an end to hunger, and focus on children’s literacy. Staff and committee members have met with representatives of the World Council of Churches and the World Communion of Reformed Churches to discuss ways to engage with one another and share efforts.

The Mission Relationships Committee (MRC), led by Jane DeFord, reported that financial gifts for Together in Service, Puerto Rico, will address three key needs: water supply, community building, and home reconstruction. These needs were identified by PWs in Puerto Rico with the assistance of their synod representative, Danilie Hilerio-Villanueva. Information about the pillowcase project for Puerto Rican children has been shared in *Horizons* and the quarterly newsletter. Jyung-In Lee visited PW and PC(USA) partners in Seoul earlier this year to discuss a possible PW peace and reconciliation trip to South Korea. The purpose of the trip will be learning history, visiting PW offering sites, connecting with partners, and sightseeing. Watch for details.

The Racial Equity Committee (REC), chaired by Jo Ann Burrell and Joy Durrant, reviewed the committee’s responsibilities and discussed current work in light of those responsibilities. The committee was satisfied with the *Anxious to Talk About It* book discussion held over the winter by Zoom and encourages board members who participated to write about their experiences of racism for possible posting on PW’s website. Joy Durrant’s essay, “Wrestling with My Complicity in Racism,” has been posted. This essay will also be printed in a future issue of *Horizons* magazine.

The Stewardship Committee, led by Mary Ellen Aussenbaugh, is partnering with the PC(USA) Foundation on a 2019 stewardship plan. The Foundation is providing stewardship-related workshops. Committee members, JyungIn Lee, and staff attended a workshop on March 5 with Foundation Vice President of Communications and Marketing Robyn Sekula Davis, and had a funds development workshop with Kevin Garvey, senior vice president for development, on March 27. “Cultivate PW” toolkits have been distributed to synod reps.

The USA Mission Experience Committee (USAME), chaired by Jo Ann Burrell, has selected participants, who have been notified and have now received itineraries, reading lists, and payment and travel instructions. The local and national committees are preparing a devotional and bookmark for participants. The USA Mission Experience will visit New York July 12–22 to learn about women’s suffrage and more.

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Upcoming PW/Women's gatherings

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/ 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

Native American PW—July 12–14, 2019; Suquamish, WA

USAME—July 12–22, 2019; in the Synod of the Northeast

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 18–19, 2019; Stony Point, 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

Birthday Offering recipient receives boost from county

PW recently received the following note from a 2018 Birthday Offering grant recipient in Oregon. It warmed our hearts.

Dear PW,

Our Cottage Village project has received a tremendous boost from Lane County. The county has given us a \$500,000 grant! We will be able to use the money for site development as well as building tiny houses. Our biggest hurdle has been finding funds for site preparation and this grant will allow us to move forward as fast as the weather and logistics permit.

Thanks once again to Presbyterian Women for having faith in our project and seeding it. We continue to leverage your \$100,000 grant whenever we seek additional support.

In appreciation and celebration,
Bruce



Moderator's Message

By **JyungIn (Jenny) Lee**



I am writing this message looking at the hyacinth flowers through my dining room windows. They sprang up last week in my front yard. Hyacinths are the first to thrust through the hard winter soil in my little garden and announce hope and good news of warmer weather. Year after year, I am so happy to greet them at the same spot in my yard where they burst into the early spring air.

I have been to many places in the last three months. Being a delegate and attending the UN Commission on the Status of Women in New York City is a hard job, but always an eye-opening and challenging experience. At this CSW, I learned to look at the social infrastructure through the lens of elderly people whose population is growing not only in the United States, but in many other countries, as well. I heard from women from Korea, Japan and China about the "Me Too" movement in their countries. We need to be in solidarity to change the culture and environment for women to work, worship and live freely. Worshiping with ecumenical partners is always rejuvenating which we get plenty of opportunity at UN CSW.

At the end of March, I got to visit PW in the Presbytery of South Alabama at their spring gathering. There I met a PW who told me that she attended CWG 2018 in Louisville for the first time. Not only was she impressed that CWG offered so much exciting opportunities, but she came back energized by PW! And it was such a pleasure to install her along with many other dedicated PW as a CT member in PW of South Alabama. It truly was a lovely experience meeting faithful women in South Alabama who are continuously interested in what PW is doing, what PW can do and will do. It was worth every mile to Andalusia from New Jersey, especially when I learned that this was the first time a PW moderator was present at their Gathering and participated in the installation of their Coordinating Team members.

I can't help thinking that PW groups and their spring gatherings are like hyacinths that burst open the harsh ground and thrust their flowering beings into the world to bring hope and good news. So, here is my charge to PW everywhere—burst open your nest, thrust into the community of Presbyterian women, and thrive! Thrive in doing mission, peace and justice work. Thrive in building the larger community by being inclusive and kind. Thrive together amongst yourselves, enjoying each other and laughing with one another. And let the world see your joy and your radiant colors!



International Peacemakers

A group of 15 peacemakers representing 14 countries will be itinerating in PC(USA) presbyteries this fall. Applications for hosting them are available on the PC(USA) website at <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/peacemaking/international-peacemakers/#tab-1>.

Honorary Life Memberships

Did you know that you can fill out Honorary Life Membership applications on our website? Go to www.presbyterianwomen.org/giving-funding and follow the links to the HLM page. If you have questions, contact jung.winner@pcusa.org.

Vice Moderator's Message

By Joy Durrant, Justice and Peace Concerns

I never imagined myself visiting my national senators' and representatives' offices in Washington, D.C., to advocate for legislation, yet I recently found myself doing just that!

JyungIn Lee, Jo Ann Burrell, Susan Jackson Dowd and I were among 1,000 other participants in Ecumenical Advocacy Days (EAD), April 5-8 in Washington, D.C. It truly was an ecumenical group, with both Protestants and Catholics worshipping, learning and advocating together. Our worship services and plenaries felt to me like a taste of heaven. This year's EAD theme, "Troubling the Waters for the Healing of the World," was based on John 5:1-9.

There were a plethora of workshops designed to help us to learn more about domestic and international issues. I attended the following:

- White Allyship: Building Solidarity, Relationships and Partnering for Justice—Restructuring a society where there is social, political, economic, and gender identity justice and equity for all means dismantling white patriarchal supremacy and eradicating racism and xenophobia on a national and global level.
- Deconstructing the Criminal Industrial Complex—The U.S. has five percent of the world's population, but more than 25 percent of the world's prison population. Our criminal justice system is fed by a combination of racial discrimination, class discrimination and corporate influences. We shared our dreams of a world where we would instead focus on restoration, rehabilitation and reconciliation.

In plenary, we learned about, and were trained to advocate for, the following legislation before Congress:

- Voting Rights Bill, which would eliminate all barriers to voter participation, implement fair and just election oversight to protect the voice of every voter, and restore the voting rights of returning citizens. In the House, the bill has already been passed as HR-1. At the time of this writing, it appears that Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell is stalling the bill by not allowing it to come to the Senate floor.
- Global Fragility Bill, which would enable the USAID, the Department of State and the Department of Defense to work together to address violent conflict around the world. It has bipartisan support—S.727 and H.R. 1580.
- Senate Resolution 80 would create a Human Rights Commission in the Senate to complement a similar, existing commission in the House of Representatives, and would make human rights issues and protection of human rights defenders around the world a more central part of our national debate and policymaking.

On the final day of EAD, I went to Capitol Hill. After a rally with gifted speakers, over 100 participants went to Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell's office, humming "Wade in the Water" as we walked through the hallways of the Senate office building. We advocated for the above legislation and presented his aides with a scroll and poster that each of us, including Presbyterian Women, had signed, requesting that he let the Voting Rights Bill advance to the Senate floor.

Afterward, we advocated for the legislation listed above at the offices of our senators and representatives. For me, it was a timely and meaningful reminder of my citizen's rights and the ready access we all have for contributing our voices to our legislators' decision making.

Next year, EAD will be held April 17-20, 2020. Please consider attending. You'll be glad you did! Information about EAD 2020 (and a video of our march to Senator McConnell's office) may be found at <https://advocacydays.org/>.



Thirty Presbyterians learn global advocacy at the UN



Thirty women and men served as Presbyterian delegates to the 63rd session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women March 11-16. They are shown here during the Presbyterian orientation at Church of the Covenant, just a block from the UN. (Thank you for hosting, Covenant!) They learned about the focus of the Commission on the social protections, public services and infrastructure needed to ensure women's empowerment and equality worldwide. They worshiped together, attended high-level panels on UN grounds, and wrote about what they learned. See the May/June issue of Horizons to learn more about the delegates' experience. PW attendees were led by PW Churchwide Moderator JyungIn Lee and Vice Moderator for Justice and Peace Concerns Joy Durrant.

Justice and Peace Calendar*

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

June

- 2 Intercultural Church Sunday
- 16 Father's Day; Men of the Church Sunday
- 19 Juneteenth
- 20 World Refugee Day
- 23 PC(USA) World AIDS Sunday
- 25 Orange Day

July

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

August

- 6 Hiroshima Day
- 11 Day of Prayer for the Peaceful Reunification of the Korean Peninsula
- 19 World Humanitarian Day
- 25 Orange Day
- 25 Public Education Sunday

September

- Thank Offering of Presbyterian Women
- 1 Season of Peace begins
- 1 World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation
- 2 Labor Day
- 21 International Day of Peace
- 25 Orange Day
- 27 Native American Day (In Tennessee, it's on the 23rd.)

* See presbyterianwomen.org/justice for a pdf with links to resources.

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Nurturing Faith/Working for Justice and Peace

Flyaway Books nurture faith, build confidence, provide another resource for PW literacy efforts

Children's literacy and faith and moral development are ongoing concerns for Presbyterian Women (see literacy resources at www.presbyterianwomen.org/justice). Flyaway Books, an imprint of Westminster John Knox Press, is on the forefront of publishing truly delightful children's books with truly outstanding authors (including Carol Wehrheim, Amy-Jill Levine, Katherine Patterson) and illustrators on topics that are of consequence. The "Pages Worth Turning" department in *Horizons* magazine routinely features Flyaway Book titles.

Two new titles will be available this fall (in time for Advent!):

- *The Night of His Birth* by Newbery Medalist Katherine Patterson, illustrated by Lisa Aisato—During the silent hours after Jesus' birth, mother Mary holds her precious infant and considers the wondrous gift of this child: not just Mary's own but a gift that God has shared with everyone.
- *The Worst Christmas Ever* by Kathleen Long Bostrom, illustrated by Guy Porfirio—Now that his family has moved to California, Matthew has doubts as Christmas approaches. Palm trees? No snow? It's all wrong. When his beloved dog Jasper disappears, Matthew is fully convinced that it will absolutely be the worst Christmas ever. Of course, a happy ending and a lesson about home is in store for him.

Preorder these titles from www.pcusastore.com. Or, share your own PW story in order to (perhaps) receive a copy of

one of these titles; six randomly selected entries will receive one of these books. Details follow.

Share your PW Story*

Six randomly selected Presbyterian women who respond to one or both of the following questions will receive a copy of one of these books (*The Night of His Birth*, *The Worst Christmas Ever* and the currently available *Home by Another Way* by Barbara Brown Taylor) sometime in Fall 2019. Feel free to share this opportunity anywhere that PW gather—circle meetings, coffee hour, and pillowcase embellishing get-togethers. (Particularly awesome answers will definitely appear in future PW publications or promotions. And since PW are asked to share their PW story, PW (the organization) may return the favor and share via email or mail various goings-on and opportunities of interest.

My most cherished PW memory is . . .

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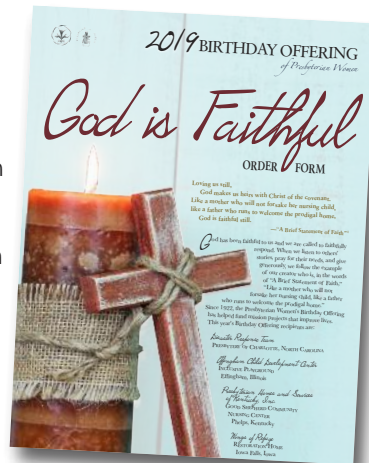
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2019 Birthday Offering of Presbyterian Women funds safe, healing space for women survivors of human trafficking

By Cheri Harper

Wings of Refuge in Iowa Falls, Iowa, is a 2019 Birthday Offering recipient. Wings of Refuge provides a safe and healing space for women victimized by human trafficking. One of their staff members shared this story:

Every other week the women attend a wellness group where they learn to take back possession of their bodies. For far too long their bodies did not belong to them, but instead to anyone who could pay to use them. One afternoon, we got ready to go to the gym and when we got there, each woman chose a machine to start on. One woman found the leg press machine and started doing a few repetitions. As she continued to increase the weight she was pressing, a smile grew bigger and bigger on her face. The other women crowded around to cheer her on and she surprised everyone, herself included, when she maxed out at 380 pounds! Within a few weeks, she could leg press the entire maximum weight—400 pounds! After that day, she was excited to work out to see what else her body could do, which



strengthened her capacity to see past her exploitation in other areas of her life. Instead of hating her body, she realized that it could do amazing things. She realized that strong is beautiful.

PW's 2019 Birthday Offering grant will help fund a larger long-term safe home at Wings of Refuge so more women will find restoration, identity, community, opportunity and hope, and transition into independent living. To learn more about Wings of Refuge, visit www.wingsofrefuge.net/.

To give online to Presbyterian Women's Birthday Offering or to learn more about PW's giving and funding programs, visit www.presbyterianwomen.org/give.

PW Giving First Quarter 2019

Mission Pledge, PW's annual fund	\$ 148,077
Birthday Offering	27,922
Thank Offering	107,899
Honorary Life	36,365
Together in Service	4,854

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. Presbyterian Women support 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 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!

Cultivate relationships

How exciting it is to experience spring! For most of us, winter has retreated and given way to longer days, trees dressed in green and the anticipation of Easter joy. The blooms and new growth from plants cultivated in years past greet us in their splendor today. We plant seeds now in anticipation of later blossoms.

Relationships work much the same way. We plant the seeds of friendship by inviting someone to enjoy a cup of coffee or engaging in conversation about a mutual interest. Perhaps you treasure relationships that started at a PW gathering—years ago or just last week. As we cultivate our relationships, they support and sustain us in many ways.

For Presbyterian Women—individually, collectively, locally, nationally, and even globally—relationships are key to cultivating our shared mission and ministry. Those relationships become a PW network, which provides almost limitless opportunities for community, worship, nurture and service to others. By financially supporting PW through PW's

annual fund, the Mission Pledge, PW networks are strengthened. A vibrant and engaged PW provides opportunities and resources for worshipping, nurturing and serving in support of women worldwide.

As we move into the season of synod gatherings, we are excited about cultivating our relationships and sowing the seeds of new ones with our PW sisters. Please make a point to say "hello" and "thank you" to visiting PW staff and synod representatives who will deliver the "Cultivate PW" message. As you think about how PW relationships have enriched your life, consider making a

one-time or recurring gift to support the ongoing work of PW. You can give securely on line at www.presbyterianwomen.org or with an envelope from *Horizons* magazine.

And, if you've enjoyed the "Cultivate PW" placemats, great news! Placemats and posters with the same beautiful artwork are now available for download on the website www.presbyterianwomen.org at no charge. (Would you prefer to purchase printed placemats? The "Cultivating PW" placemats, \$5.00 for a pack of 25, are back in stock; item PWR18100; order on line at www.presbyterianwomen.org/shop or call 800/533-4371, M–F, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.)

May the hope that comes with spring bloom into Easter blessings!

—Mary Ellen Ausenbaugh
Chair, PW Stewardship Committee
and board representative from Living Waters



Dust off those letter-writing skills and put them to use fighting global hunger and malnutrition

Besides the Presbyterian Hunger Program, PW's closest partner in hunger activism is probably Bread for the World.

Each year, Bread for the World asks congregations (not just Presbyterian congregations) to write letters of advocacy to lawmakers in Washington, DC, to end hunger.

Bread for the World is an ecumenical organization that provides information and offers advocacy in Washington to address hunger. Church members play an important role in this advocacy.

This year, the ask is \$281 million in the national budget to fight global hunger. The theme is "Better Nutrition, Better Tomorrow." Bread is asking congregations (and PW groups, BTW) to hand write letters to members of Congress and the Senate asking them to protect and increase funding for global nutrition. Without it, one in four children will grow up affected by stunting, which has irreversible consequences.

According to Bread, the U.S. contributes 40 percent of all hunger efforts worldwide. Despite that, 11 percent of the world's population remains hungry. In Uganda, 40 percent of children are stunted physically because of hunger and malnutrition.

Learn how you can help end hunger at bread.org.

PW 101.....

Help for those new to PW!

Note: This is the tenth in the series but we are calling it 101.8, since we skipped 101.8 (oops!). If you have an idea to share or a question you'd like answered in this series, please email carissa.herold@pcusa.org.

PW 101.8: Resources for Presbyterian Women

PW resources are available in many forms, some for purchase, some free to download or view, and even some to wear or share. Everything that PW offers—from video introductions for the Bible study (the annual companion DVD), to *Glimpses in Time* videos (available on PW's YouTube channel), even items such as PW pins and aprons—promote and support Presbyterian Women at all levels of the organization. Here is your guide to finding the resources you need.

- The free catalog, *Resources for Presbyterian Women* is available for download; this resource brims with items to consider, order and download; because the catalog is downloadable, the content is current. Visit www.presbyterianwomen.org and type "resource catalog" in the search box to find the most up-to-date edition.
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As you plan PW events in the congregations, presbyteries and synods, you will want to provide PW resources that interpret the mission and programming of Presbyterian Women, that support the life of PW, provide access to the nurturing publications of PW, and celebrate the community of PW. Contact carissa.herold@pcusa.org for guidance in sourcing your event.



South Carolina is the home of a stunning Atlantic Ocean shoreline. It also is the home of peaches, pimento cheese, boiled peanuts and the winner of the 2018–2019 Bible study art quilt, Sheila Lenz of Florence! PW's vice moderator for J&P, Joy Durrant, pulled Sheila's name from a basket of contenders just weeks ago. Each year, the Bible study includes a card readers can fill out for a chance to win a creative piece crafted by textile artist Debbie Paris. Congratulations, Sheila!

Call for Bible study proposals

PW's churchwide Bible Study Committee will meet in early 2020 to choose the author and theme of the 2023–2024 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, 2020. Contact Betsy Ensign-George for more: betsy.ensign-george@pcusa.org; 844.797.2872, ext. 5366. Find the proposal form at www.presbyterianwomen.org/downloads/bible-study-writer-nomination-form/

New! PW large folder sticker

We welcome! We witness! We work (and play)! Putting faith in action is what we do! And the large (4" x 4") PW folder sticker is a happy affirmation of who we are as Presbyterian Women. Guaranteed to add PW pizzazz to store-bought folders, notebooks and displays (or other sticker-safe surfaces). Item PWR19427, \$.25 each.



New justice and peace program resources available

PW has just introduced new resource fliers for two important justice and peace initiatives—substance use disorder (SUD) and eco-justice. PW's SUD initiative focuses on justice issues related to SUD, including mass incarceration of people of color, stigmatization and marginalization of those suffering from SUD. Women are asked to advocate for treatment resources and policy changes. The eco-justice initiative focuses on the dual crisis of single-use plastic pollution and the crisis of global warming, which disproportionately affects people living in poverty, and threatens the survival of all God's creatures. Find these resources (*and the 2019 justice and peace calendar*) at presbyterianwomen.org/justice.

Green envelopes

Tucked into every issue of *Horizons* magazine is a large green envelope. Why? These lovely mint green envelopes, officially known as **PW individual giving envelopes** (item PWR16456), provide an easy way for Presbyterian women to support PW by check or credit card. Anyone making a gift to PW's many ministries outside of a circle, over and above a circle gift, or by credit card are encouraged to use these pre-addressed envelopes (or give on line at www.presbyterianwomen.org/giving-funding/give). Synods and presbyteries receive credit for gifts made via the envelopes. Bulk orders of the 2019–2020 PW/*Horizons* Bible study, *Love Carved in Stone*, will receive the green envelopes along with their order. Having the envelopes in hand will provide a good opportunity to discuss the many ministries of Presbyterian Women.

Horizons Reps' Corner

Dear Horizons Reps,

Thank you for all that you do to spread the word about all things *Horizons*!

2019 is a big year for PW gatherings! As you go about being an awesome *Horizons* rep, please remember to take a photo of

your display and share a few words about your gathering. Pinterest is built on cool ideas and best practices—so do post to the PW Pinterest page (visit www.pinterest.com, sign up, and then search for Presbyterian Women). Not feeling technically inspired? Then send a photo or note by mail and we will see that your best practices and ideas are pinned to Pinterest! Mail to Carissa Herold, Presbyterian Women, 100 Witherspoon St., Louisville, KY 40202-1396. Please make a copy of your photo or note (just in case).

The three-issue free sub (magazine only) continues to be available for new readers. Collect names and addresses (email and telephone are helpful, too) and send to Carissa Herold at the PW offices (email is fine; carissa.herold@pcusa.org). Please include your name and identify the event (if applicable). And feel free to sign up your dentist if she would benefit from *Horizons*!

Finally, if you have a skit to share, send it on! We will make it available to all PW groups to enjoy! Contact carissa.herold@pcusa.org for a list of available skits.

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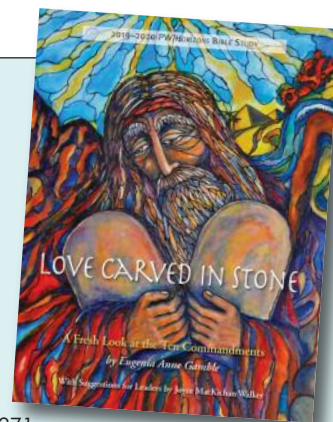


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Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments now available

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." Each lesson of the 2019–2020 PW/*Horizons* Bible study, *Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments* begins with an exploration of one of the "Ten Words" in its biblical context. Why "Ten Words"? The author says, "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."

Horizons subscribers receive the Bible study with their subscription (mailed with the March/April issue). To order additional copies and related materials (or if you are not a subscriber), call 800.533.4371, or order on line at www.presbyterianwomen.org/shop (see item numbers below). Prices do not include shipping and handling (\$5.91 minimum). Although not anticipated, prices and availability may change without notice. To subscribe to *Horizons*, call 866.802.8635 or visit www.presbyterianwomen.org/horizons. Those who subscribe after April 1 will receive a copy of next year's Bible study with their subscription.



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Presbyterian Women's Substance Use Disorder Initiative

Raise awareness

- Read and discuss *Dopesick* by Beth Macy (New York: Little, Brown & Co., 2018)
- Screen PBS's *Nova* episode "Addiction"—www.pbs.org/video/addiction-afsxne
- Share the resources of Shatterproof.org, a national nonprofit dedicated to ending the devastation that substance use disorder (SUD) causes families.
- Learn more about faith-based initiatives from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration: www.samhsa.gov/faith-based-initiatives
- Access and use the opioid toolkit available from Health and Human Resources: www.hhs.gov/about/agencies/iea/partnerships/opioid-toolkit/index.html

Pray

- Pray for those affected by SUD. See www.presbyterianwomen.org/justice for prayers you can use.
- Pray for wisdom and discernment for your PW group's efforts to intercede for those affected by SUD.

Advocate

- Support recovery and training groups meeting at your church—See, for example, www.starttalking.ohio.gov.
- Talk about SUD within PW and other groups at your church. Invite people willing to share their stories.
- Share the church's stance on drug policy reform developed by the Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy. See www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/compassion-peace-justice/acswp/drug-policy/.
- Learn more the church's position by reading "A View from the Inside/Outside," by J. Bryan Page at justiceunbound.org.
- Advocate for SUD avoidance education in your schools and church youth group.

- Join a Prevention Action Alliance.
- Advocate for safe storage and disposal of drugs—<https://drugfree.org/article/secure-dispose-of-medicine-properly/>
- Google and share your state's drug take-back program—See <https://nabp.pharmacy/category/medication-collection-and-disposal> and <http://bit.ly/2tzx9b5>.
- Determine whether your church, workplace or volunteer organization could serve the community by having Naloxone on hand—www.drugabuse.gov/related-topics/opioid-overdose-reversal-naloxone-narcan-evzio.

Work for policy change/legislation

- Call for legislation that treats substance use disorder as a disease, not a moral failing.
- Call for legislation that makes the appropriate intervention (including scientifically proven medication-assisted treatment [MAT] for opioids) readily available and affordable.

Prayer*

Loving God, we ask your comfort and healing for those among us struggling with substance use disorder. We know their suffering is great and their isolation sometimes unbearable. May they experience the love and support of their family and community. Give us the courage to reach out to them in love and help them experience the effective treatment they need from doctors and caregivers. We ask for your grace and mercy for their journey as they face the many challenges of living with substance use disorder and the underlying pain that often leads to addiction. Bless those who work to provide services for those struggling with addictions. By your grace, may we be a community that shows compassion for people who are suffering. Amen.

*Adapted from a prayer by Dr. David Litts of Your Life Matters! for those affected by mental health and substance use disorders.





Prayers for Recovery

Presbyterian Women's Substance Use Disorder Initiative

Prayer for the Congregation¹

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Prayers of the People²

Leader: For those who through addiction to alcohol and other drugs have lost their health and freedom, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For those in our communities who are in pain, whether physical, emotional or spiritual, who are vulnerable to substance misuse and addiction, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For those who suffer as a result of another's addiction or abuse of alcohol and other drugs, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For those who care for the victims of addiction; for professionals and members of support groups; for all those in our churches who make a difference for good as they minister to the addicted and the afflicted, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For those who are recovering from addiction, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: That we may all live our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection and all those living in the hope of redemption, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Prayer³

O blessed Jesus, you ministered to all who came to you. Look with compassion upon all who through addiction have lost their health and freedom. Restore to them the assurance of your unfailing mercy; remove the fears that attach them; strengthen them in the work of their recovery; and to those who care for them give patient understanding and persevering love, your mercy's sake. Amen.

Notes

1. Adapted from a prayer for those affected by mental health and substance use disorders by Dr. David Litts of Your Life Matters!, an initiative of Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention (<https://theactionalliance.org>).

2. Adapted from *Addiction, Grace and Healing*, an alcohol-drug awareness resource for congregations produced in collaboration by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)/Presbyterian Network on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the Church of the Brethren's Addictions Network, and the National Episcopal Coalition on Alcohol and Drugs; download the resource from www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/addiction-grace-healing/.

3. Ibid.





Presbyterian Women's Eco-justice Initiative



"Within the next 10 to 15 years, the human race will largely determine its own survival, and that of countless other species . . . We are at a crossroads, and radical changes in current energy policies, capitalist economies and collective and individual lifestyles are required to mitigate and prepare for an ecological collapse never experienced in all of human history."

—William Brown, Columbia Seminary

Did you know?

- Caring for God's creation is an act of faith.
- God's creation is suffering from waste and reckless consumption of earth's resources. That consumption and waste has led to a crisis for the world's oceans and marine life.
- **10 million tons** of trash (mostly plastic) get dumped in the ocean each year. How much is 10 million tons? That is the weight of **4 billion** five-pound bags of sugar (or 66,667 adult blue whales). By 2050, the weight of plastic in the ocean will surpass the weight of fish in the ocean.¹
- Plastic waste kills wildlife, especially in the ocean. Marine life is literally choking on plastic. Scientists have found microplastics inside 114 different aquatic species.²
- There is a patch of garbage, mostly plastic, in the Pacific Ocean that is two times the size of Texas.³ It's one of four.
- There is now **9.2 billion tons** of plastic in the environment, of which **6.9 billion tons** are waste.⁴ How much is 6.9 billion tons? Nearly 14,000,000,000,000 pounds, or 14 trillion pounds! And half of that was made within the last 15 years!⁵
- **One trillion** plastic bags are used **each year** worldwide (2 million each minute!) Fewer than one percent get recycled.⁶
- Since China has stopped taking recyclables from western nations, the waste is piling up. Amy Brooks, the lead author of a study published in *Scientific Advances*, says it is ending up in landfills, being incinerated or sent to other countries "that lack the infrastructure to properly manage it."⁷
- How long does it take plastic to decompose? It depends on where it ends up, but scientists estimate about 450 years.⁸
- Plastic waste contributes to climate change.
- Some species are being driven to extinction by plastic pollution and global warming.⁹
- Ocean pollution cripples local economies that rely on the ocean's bounty for livelihoods.¹⁰

Learn about the urgency of climate change

- Fourth National Climate Assessment; www.globalchange.gov/nca4
- Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's Special Report on Global Warming; www.ipcc.ch/sr15/
- Coral Davenport, "Major Climate Report Describes a Strong Risk of Crisis as Early as 2040," *New York Times*, October 7, 2018; www.nytimes.com/2018/10/07/climate/ipcc-climate-report-2040.html
- Additional reports on the UN climate change website: www.un.org/en/climatechange/reports.shtml
- Screen *An Inconvenient Truth* by Al Gore.

Call for change

- Call for legislation that replaces fossil fuels with sustainable sources of energy.
- Ask for legislation that requires a language change on plastic products from "disposable" to "recyclable."
- Work for local ordinances that discourage or outlaw the use of plastic bags by local retailers (including chains).
- Ask state legislatures to fund recycling facilities in each state (enough to handle the volume of waste generated in each state). Ask federal lawmakers for funding to support this.
- Tell corporations to end plastic pollution of oceans. Some of the largest producers of plastic packaging are Coca-Cola, Nestlé, PepsiCo, Unilever, Starbucks, Procter & Gamble, and McDonald's. You can join Greenpeace.org in putting pressure on these companies to find alternatives to single-use plastic.

Act faithfully

- Participate in the Presbyterians for Earth Care 2019 Conference; "Peace for the Earth: From the Bible to the Front Lines," set for August 6–9, 2019, at Stony Point Center. See <https://presbyearthcare.org/events/>.





Presbyterian Women's Eco-justice Initiative



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"All day in a tropical rainforest, not one insect was captured. It was just astonishing. It marked a 98 percent loss of biomass for insects captured this way."

—Brad Lister¹¹

- Pray for wisdom and discernment for your PW group's efforts to intercede on behalf of God's creation.
- Give up plastics for Lent. Find a calendar at <http://rupertslandnews.ca/less-plastic-for-lent/>. Use it any time of year!
- Become an Earth Care Congregation. See www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/environment/earth-care-congregations/.
- Plant trees. Make it a church/community project!
- Make better choices in your food consumption. Choose seafood that is fished or farmed in ways that have less impact on the environment (see seafoodwatch.org). Eat less (or no) meat. Grow more of your own food. Buy less-than-perfect fruits and vegetables. (See npr.org for stories on food waste and efforts to reduce food waste.)
- Bring your own takeout containers to restaurants. Ask the restaurant to consider alternatives to styrofoam and plastic. Suggest worldcentric.com products as alternatives.
- Avoid the use of single-use plastic straws. There are great alternatives available—metal, paper, washable rubber.
- Avoid driving when you can walk, bicycle or take public transportation.
- Connect with Creation Justice Ministries (www.creationjustice.org).
- Support groups working to clean up oceans, such as 4Ocean. Such groups provide jobs that benefit the planet. And there are others working on new technologies to break down plastic and remove it from the ocean.
- Get creative. Remember the mantra "Reduce, reuse, recycle"? Is there a use for discarded plastic bags? Weave a reusable shopping bag! Find other ways to reuse items.
- Spend \$50 to fix your sewing machine instead of replacing it. Wear your clothes another season before replacing them. Recover your sofa instead of buying a new one.
- Download an app to your phone that lets you check whether food products you buy use responsibly sourced palm oil. Learn more at www.cmzoo.org.
- Plant bee-friendly gardens. Certify your garden with the New York Bee Sanctuary (newyorkbeesanctuary.org). Join the National Pollinator Garden Network's efforts to create pollinator habitats (see millionpollinatorgardens.org).
- Recycle cell phones and batteries. Your congregation could partner with a local recycling agency and hold a "Cell Phone Sunday" or "Battery Collection Sunday."
- Search for alternatives to single-use plastics in your home and church life—communion cups, dinnerware and flatware at church suppers and family reunions, and so forth. See worldcentric.com for compostable alternatives.
- Support the work of groups such as Appalachian Wildlife Refuge in Western North Carolina, a nonprofit that takes used (and washed) mascara wands for use in rehabilitation.
- Purchase your electricity from a utility that uses wind power to generate electricity. Turn off the lights when you can.

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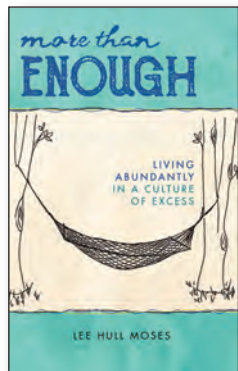
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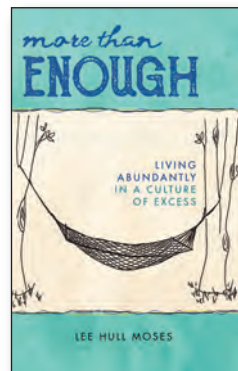
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