



# Cultivate PW Flowers

## A Community Building (Heart-Stretching!) Exercise

How do you tell the PW giving story in a way that makes PW understandable and important? With a fun-filled, community-building, flower-shaped, heart-stretching experience! The ultimate goal is for your group to learn more about one another and each woman's faith journey through PW.

### Supplies

- Petals\* (see opposite page)
- A 6"-diameter circle\* made of felt or construction paper
- A flat surface
- Tape
- Markers

*\* Feel free to unleash your creativity! You may want to build a tree with leaves, a cactus with arms or some other plant. Craft stores or the internet have templates for many plants!*

### Set-up

Place the paper or felt circle in the center of a bulletin board, poster board or other flat surface. This will be the middle (or head) of the daisy your group is building. Provide each participant with a petal.

Recite the PW Purpose (as a group or one voice).

Ask participants to reflect on the parts of the PW Purpose that speak to them today.

Share with participants that Presbyterian Women is organized at all levels of the denomination—from the local church level to the presbytery, synod and national levels. Ask them to reflect on what it means to be a connectional women's faith organization. Share that their gifts to the annual fund, PW's mission pledge, and other PW ministries (Thank and Birthday Offerings, *Horizons* magazine and Bible studies) make PW possible. Inform participants that Presbyterian Women is a nonprofit organization and that PW relies on their support.

### Discussing a Thriving PW

Each woman will share her experience of PW by adding words or images to her petal. Here are a few choices for prompts:

- Ask participants to write a word or sentence about their best PW experience.
- Ask participants to write a word or sentence on the petal that reflects their hopes for PW.
- Ask participants to write a word or sentence about why they are PW.

Take a few minutes and ask each woman to share her petal and give a brief statement of why she chose that word, image or sentence. Ask her to tape her petal to the flower.

The completed flower can remain part of your community throughout the year. Each time you gather, bring the flower, blank petals and markers so that more petals (or flowers!) can be added.

PW is connectional! Share photos of your group with PW-inspired petals! Email an image of your flower to [carissa.herold@pcusa.org](mailto:carissa.herold@pcusa.org) or post on [www.facebook.com/presbyterianwomenpcusa](http://www.facebook.com/presbyterianwomenpcusa).



