



Quarterly News

for Presbyterian Women Leaders

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August–October 2019

Presbyterian Women Churchwide

Summer busy with synod gatherings, USA Mission Experience, pillowcases and more

It has been a busy summer for PW in the PC(USA)!

- Most PW Synod groups have held gatherings. Visit PW's Facebook page to see photos from some of them. The "Cultivating PW" toolkit was a big hit at these gatherings. Download instructions for making your own at www.presbyterianwomen.org/downloads/cultivating-pw-toolkit/. Or order a kit with stakes and signs (www.presbyterianwomen.org/shop; item PWR19102; \$10).
- Women from 13 synods visited the Finger Lakes Region of New York during the 2019 USA Mission Experience (see photo below). Learn more in the November/December issue of *Horizons* magazine.
- PW held its first annual "PW Gives" Day. Learn more on page 6.
- Pillowcases have arrived by the dozens for the Together in Service pillowcase project. More than 2,000 pillowcases have been received at PW's national offices (see photo, right). Women demonstrated their love, concern and prayers for children affected by Hurricane Maria by creating personalized pillowcases to be distributed through churches and schools in the three presbyteries on the island of Puerto Rico. Pillowcases are being sent to Puerto Rico this month. If you still have some, contact cheri.harper@pcusa.org for additional information.



USA Mission Experience participants—Front rows, from left: Carissa Herold, staff; Erma Jones, Synod of South Atlantic; Lois Carter, local planner; Corinne Quinn, Synod of the Pacific; Jo Ann Burrell, vice moderator for mission; Lisa Gray, Synod of the Northeast; Avys Massey, Synod of Mid-Atlantic; Rita Hooper, local planner; Yvonne Hileman, staff. **Middle rows**: Julie Launey, Synod of the Sun; Jyungln Lee, moderator, PW in the PC(USA); Joanne Schuetz, Synod of Living Waters; Virginia Champlin, local planning coordinator; Linda Werts, local planner; Margaret Mitsuyasu, synod staff, Synod of the Northeast. **Back rows**, from left: Carol Main, Synod of the Southwest; Beth Kochheiser, Synod of the Covenant; Laurie Peil, Synod of Alaska-Northwest; Martha Manning, Synod of the Trinity; Jan Albert, Synod of Living Waters; Rhoda Frasier, Synod of Mid-America; Gail Heimbuck, Synod of the Rocky Mountains; Chris Evans, Synod of the Sun; Cheryl Mayo, Synod of Mid-America; Jeri Joy, Synod of the Rocky Mountains; and Gayle Timilione, Synod of Southern California/Hawaii.

Don't miss what's inside! • Thank Offering flier • Moderator's message • Justice calendar • Mission message • and lots more!

We Will Speak Out! offers resources for congregations seeking to address violence against women

By Marilyn Collins, PW moderator
Synod of the Rocky Mountains

"It's an epidemic! We are helpless to stop it!" These words are used for many crises these days, but we are not helpless! Domestic abuse, also known as sexual and gender-based violence, is one epidemic to which Presbyterian Women has chosen to respond. One in three women in the U.S. experience sexual assault or stalking during their lifetime; one in four has been physically assaulted/battered/beaten. We can help.

Domestic abuse often includes isolation, whether from a sense of worthlessness assumed by the abused or as a weapon of the abuser. When we choose to act, we break a cycle and provide hope. As women together in faith, we can strengthen our circles, congregations and friendships, and become a more loving community.

Quality resources abound. For an excellent all-around introduction, **Texas Impact**, a not-for-profit social justice advocacy group, has compiled a detailed, user-friendly toolkit, **Responding to Family Violence**, which offers definitions, information and resources for recognizing abusive situations, advocacy opportunities, and tools for supporters and those at risk. See <http://texasimpact.org/2019/04/responding-to-family-violence-a-toolkit-for-congregations>.

First responders and local and state specialists are also excellent resources.

For practical awareness raising and skill development turn to a program entitled **We Will Speak Out**, published by IMA World Health. PW continues to

partner with **IMA World Health** and **Faith Trust Institute** to raise awareness of the symptoms of abuse, and more importantly, teach us to respond to the crisis, to listen to a survivor and support her in her hour of need.

Survivors may also be men, but our focus is on the women who sit around and among us in the pews and chairs of our churches, at worship and in circles and gatherings. These are places they feel safe enough to relax a few moments, among women they trust.

Who are they? Anyone. Smartly dressed or shabbily dressed, smiling or sad, slumped and in pain, those who never look you in the face, and those who used to be regular visitors but now are rarely seen. Some masks are hard to decipher, don't ignore them. At the same time, don't rush to give them a big hug. They may be fragile.

Learn to listen, present an attitude of trust and compassion, refuse to offer opinions; be a friend and willing support, accompanying her to the hospital, if needed. Most of us have no idea what our friends go through on a daily basis. Survivors come to us believing that the friendly shoulder of a sister in faith is a starting place.

Presbyterian Women and pastors often hear the first cries for help. And few of us know what to do when we hear it. Pastors receive little or no formal training; PW friends even less.

Materials compiled by IMA World Health offer us a beginning. They are also excellent resources for circle and gathering programs. **Sacred Spaces: A Resource for Faith Communities to Prevent and Respond to Sexual and Gender-based Violence** is an online

five-step resource designed to be used to educate church leaders (including PW members!) about the best ways to confront the isolation, shame and silence that surround survivors. Download the **Sacred Spaces** resource kit for free from wewillspeakout.us. And use it!

The site also offers a prayer resource, sermon guide, statistics, and other resources for education. A resource specifically for clergy, **Broken Silence 2.0: Pastors' Attitudes and Actions Around Domestic and Sexual Violence in the #metoo Era**, has recently been updated. Commend it to your pastor.

As we reach out to those in crisis, the first steps are welcoming, listening and believing. The woman has chosen you for a reason! You are trusted. Respond to that trust by paying full attention, offering assurance, and encouraging her to seek help. Do not send her home or tell her to "work it out." Use the recommended resources. Be ready when you hear your sisters crying for help!

Go to <https://imaworldhealth.org> and <https://wewillspeakout.us/> resources for the above-mentioned resources/tools. Also see **One in Three: Preventing Sexual Violence in Our Communities** from We Will Speak Out.

Other resources

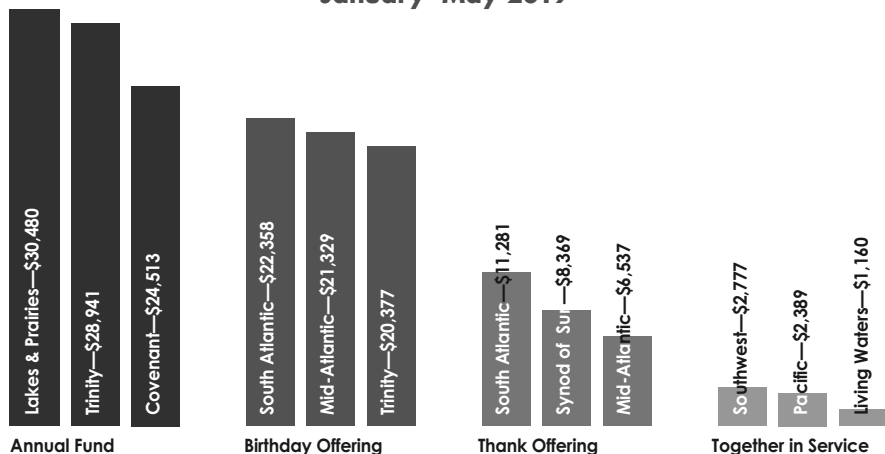
- **Thursdaysinblack.com**, an effort of the World Council of Churches
- **Turn Mourning into Dancing: A Policy Statement on Healing Domestic Violence** (PC(USA), 2001)—www.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/oga/publications/dancing.pdf.

Thank you to all PW who have given to Together in Service Puerto Rico!

Following Hurricane Maria, Presbyterian Women in the Synod of Puerto Rico quickly mobilized to serve their communities and churches. Though the island's infrastructure was badly damaged, PW in Puerto Rico continue to work toward long-term recovery. Through Together in Service Puerto Rico, women from every synod can offer support to women in the Synod of Puerto Rico. Donations are being used for recovery efforts in three key areas: water supply, community building, and home reconstruction. For more information, contact PW's mission associate, Cheri Harper, at cheri.harper@pcusa.org. Give at www.presbyterianwomen.org/give.

Top Synods in Each Major Giving Category

January–May 2019



Justice and Peace Calendar*

October—Domestic Violence Awareness Month

- 6 World Communion Sunday
- 6 Domestic Violence Awareness Sunday;
- 11 International Day of the Girl Child
- 14 Indigenous Peoples' Day
- 16 World Food Day
- 20 Children's Sabbath: Educate a Child, Transform the World
- 24 United Nations Day
- 25 Orange Day

November—Native American Heritage Month

- 10 Caregiver Sunday
- 13 World Kindness Day
- 17 Hunger and Homelessness Sunday
- 20 Universal Children's Day
- 25 Orange Day
- 25 Int'l Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women
- 25–D.10 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence
- 28 Thanksgiving

December

- 5 International Volunteer Day
- 10 International Human Rights Day
- 18 International Migrants Day
- 25 Christmas; Orange Day

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

Upcoming PW/Women's gatherings

Synod of Rocky Mountains—August 9–11, 2019; Sheridan, WY

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

PW Mission Partners: PC(USA) World Mission

Interested in short-term mission experiences?

With good planning and leadership, a mission trip or study tour can be an engaging and meaningful experience, with mutual benefit to the people who go and to the people hosting the group. Participation in a mission trip offers you and your church group a chance to share your time and talents with mission partners from other cultures and realities. The new *Short-Term Mission Trip Toolkit* is available for trip leaders seeking resources for discerning whether to go, where to go and how to prepare for and guide a group. Through the trip you will learn from each other and worship and serve God together. To learn more about the toolkit, visit pcusa.org/toolkits/short-term-mission.



A group prays at the U.S.-Mexico border.

Moderator's Message

By **Jyungln (Jenny) Lee**



Fasting from coffee?

Summer is here, blooming, steaming and sometimes blazing. But the summer has its own flowers and fruits. My husband buys watermelons; I try not to run out of nectarines. And the summer flowers are truly spectacular!

The summer also seems to bring irregular rhythms to life for a lot of people. It may be a slow time for some and a hectic time for others. When life is hectic, I create to-do lists to tackle it. It brings me great joy to cross things off my to-do list. I am sure some of you are nodding in agreement.

The problem is, I don't have just one to-do list, I have many! I have things listed on small memo pads, scribbled on scratch papers, and written on assorted colors of Post-It notes. Each Post-It color means something different. Things I need to remember "when the time comes" go on the blue Post-Its. Things I need to do (or would like to do) "eventually" are written on pink Post-Its. If something requires my immediate attention, it goes on a gold Post-It. "PW Finance" is one of those things on a gold Post-It.

All of PW's work is supported in full or in part by our annual fund (Mission Pledge). I am grateful that our endowments have increased this year because of generous new donors and bequests, but I am concerned that the national operating budget is still a bit strained. Together, we can keep PW's operating budget . . . operating!

I noticed in a recent financial report that PW giving to our ecumenical partner Fellowship of the Least Coin totaled more than \$80,000 over 12 months! We can see that prayer and small financial contributions add up to big impact, in this case, for FLC-supported projects around the world.

Then I started to imagine how much we could collect for PW if each PW passed up iced cappuccino or bubble tea this summer and gave to PW, instead! Our first annual "PW Gives" Day on July 31 was a great opportunity to do just that, and many of you responded. Those gifts provided more than \$12,000 for PW's annual fund. Thank you to all who participated!

There are lots of ways to support PW, the organization—pledges to the annual fund (collected in circles throughout the year); gifts over and above regular, sustained giving (such as gifts made using the green individual giving envelope or through the website); and gifts made on special occasions like "PW Gives" Day, Grateful Monday and Giving Tuesday. We must continue making PW's annual fund a priority for all Presbyterian women. Gifts to the annual fund are an important way of participating in PW. Giving to the Offerings and other mission giving is important, too, but those programs don't function without the framework of the organization. Imagine if every Presbyterian woman participated in PW through support of the annual fund, in today's dollars. Think what impact our giving could have!

I don't know how you organize your to-do list. But please remember PW. Give to PW not just once a year or in a circle, but every chance you get. If you need some gold Post-Its, I will be happy to send some! Enjoy the fruits of the summer!

Honorary Life Memberships

Did you know you can fill out Honorary Life Membership applications on our website? Go to www.presbyterianwomen.org/giving-funding and follow the links to HLM.

Vice Moderator's Message

By Jo Ann Burrell, *Mission Relationships*

Happy summer 2019! Earlier in the year, I said I would be sending you good wishes for 2019, and messages of things on my mind. Here are a few of my thoughts.



I hope all of you are enjoying the rains that make the plants, fruits and vegetables grow; the sun that makes all beings on the planet thrive; the beauty of our land; and most of all, the life that God has given us. Some of us have had a little bit more rain than we need, but overall, the benefit outweighs the excess. Too much rain has been my nemesis this year. Well, that and ants! But I'm still smiling even though I know I can't win in the rain department. I am still working on the ants!

I have been reading, reading, reading these past few months, mostly for PW. I'm reading a book right now called *The Second Mountain: The Search for a Moral Life* by David Brooks (Random House, 2019). My readings have expanded my mind. I have been awakened to new ways of serving God. I realize I must be a catalyst for change. Our PW Purpose reminds us of this. I want you to be a catalyst, too.

Be catalysts for change

Read some (or at least one) of the books on the Racial Equity Committee's resource list (see www.presbyterianwomen.org/racial-equity). After reading *Anxious to Talk About It* by Carolyn Helsel (Chalice Press, 2018), *Neither Wolf Nor Dog* by Kent Nerburn (New World Library, 2019) and *Into White* by Randi Pink (Feiwei & Friends, 2016), I have learned a lot about racism (which I thought I knew about, but really didn't). I am now a catalyst, encouraging racial equity. I am encouraging all to speak up in kindness and share stories, so we can understand each other and enjoy our uniqueness.

Let's be catalysts in support of our organization, too, through our support of PW's annual fund (the Mission Pledge). Your support enables us to continue to be an organization that touches hearts and leaves permanent marks on people around the world. When you support PW financially (individually and as a group), you nurture relationships through shared action. Let's encourage investment in our annual fund, and give others the opportunity to be shareholders in the legacy of PW.

Here's another way to be a catalyst. Read and use the new resource flyers from our Justice and Peace Committee on substance use disorder (SUD) and eco-justice. You can raise awareness, be an advocate for someone who needs help, work toward changing legislation and policies, pray for those affected by SUD, and act faithfully to bring awareness to climate change.

Practice kindness

We can all be catalysts in some way. Let's make a conscientious effort to work toward doing things together as Presbyterian Women. Let's pay attention to each other, listen to each other, be cognizant of facial expressions and body movements when listening. Let's withhold judgement and be kind. Let's take the church's Matthew 25 challenge and be Matthew 25 people!

I encourage everyone to study the upcoming PW/Horizons Bible study, *Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments*. You will find new insights into God's Words. I recommend a group (a group could be just two people). Give someone a Bible study as a gift, then ask

them to study with you. Reconnect with a friend and study together, whether in person or over the telephone.

My final message is that all women who attend a PC(USA) church are part of the Presbyterian Women organization. You can be active, and take part in one or all of the programs and projects sponsored by Presbyterian Women in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Inc. If your church does not have an active PW group or circle, you can still participate in PW. You can be a Presbyterian woman who advocates for others, addresses issues and concerns, informs her congregation of opportunities and issues that affect them, and supports the organization through gifts to the annual fund. You can be a catalyst by informing others of ways they can serve. Share your mission activities with your church and everyone around you. Get a friend to work with you. A partnership or team usually draws others in. Next thing you know, you could have a PW circle or group! In everything you do by yourself and with others, give honor to God, and acknowledge your home church. Remember, Presbyterian Women in the PC(USA) have a Covenant with the PC(USA). There is also a covenant you can use for church sessions, if you need one.*

Spend some time learning about the structure and work of PW at www.presbyterianwomen.org. Find your way around the website. You will be amazed at the content. Take your time. Click on each of the headings: Nurture Faith, Support Mission, Work for Justice and Peace, Build Community, and Develop Leaders. Read what is underneath them. Click on areas that interest you. Go deeper. Find a cause, a subject, something that touches your heart, then be a catalyst for change on that issue!

* For more information, order the *PW Manual: A Guide for PW Groups* at www.presbyterianwomen.org/shop (\$6; item PWR16120).

PW Peace Trip to Korea planned for April 19–May 1



Don't miss this opportunity to join PW sisters from across the U.S. on PW's Peace Trip to Korea April 19–May 1, 2020. The deadline for application is September 19, 2019. The cost is \$2,500 not including air travel. Learn more and download the application at www.presbyterianwomen.org/korea.

The purpose of the trip is three-fold: 1) strengthen our relationships with Presbyterian partners in Korea and establish solidarity with our sisters for peace in the Korean Peninsula; 2) learn the untold history of Korea and the impact of the United States upon the lives of Koreans before and after the Korean War by visiting historical sites and engaging in conversations with our Korean partners; and 3) gain a better understanding of the context of the Korean conflict and prepare to be better equipped advocates and participants in a peaceful solution.

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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Nurturing Faith: Bible Study

Ten ways to participate in PW/*Horizons*' Bible study

By Betsy Ensign-George

The PW Purpose calls us to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study. In honor of *Love Carved in Stone* (and the Ten Words), here are ten ways you can participate.

- Use a PW/*Horizons* Bible study in your PW group or Sunday school class.
- Think about what you'd like to study next time and suggest a Bible study theme.
- Invite a pastor, teacher or author—someone whose work has led you to understand scripture, faith and life in new ways—to submit a proposal for consideration as an upcoming study.
- Form a group to field test the first draft of an upcoming study and apply to do so.
- Use the Workshop for Leaders (HZN19101) to train your Bible study leaders to facilitate a study group.
- Personalize the poster (HZN19410) found in the middle of each study book (free from www.presbyterianwomen.org/shop) and display it. Let folks know when you meet.
- Have each person who attends regularly bring someone new to a meeting.
- Send personal notes to people who have not been attending Bible study meetings and invite them; send notes to people who do attend and tell them how much

you appreciate that they were there.

- Order PW/*Horizons* Bible studies and Bible study products at 800/533-4371 or www.presbyterianwomen.org/shop.
- Suggest a theme or author or learn more about field testing, the Call for Proposals process, or PW/*Horizons* Bible studies by emailing betsy.ensign-george@pcusa.org.

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Justice and peace news briefs

By Yvonne Hileman

Presbyterian Women's Justice and Peace Committee recommends the following resources on issues of concern to PW.

Substance use disorder

See the video conference between Synod of the Sun and 222nd General Assembly Co-moderator Jan Edmiston held on June 23, 2019. Also read Jan's blog post "Serving Jesus with Narcan." Both at www.synodsun.org/opioid.

Gun violence

Read the World Council of Churches' article "Latest gun violence in U.S. poses challenges for churches." Visit www.oikoumene.org/en/press-centre/news/latest-gun-violence-in-us-poses-challenges-for-churches. Also screen the PC(USA)'s award-winning documentary *Trigger: The Ripple Effect of Gun Violence*. See <http://triggerdoc.com/>.

Women's empowerment

Plan to attend the 64th session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women at United Nations headquarters in New York, March 9–20, 2020. PW and the PC(USA) will be organizing a delegation, with the application process to open in September. The deadline for applications will be late October/early November. Stay tuned for more information—Facebook and www.presbyterianwomen.org.

Violence against women

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. PW recommends *Sacred Spaces: A Resource for Faith Communities to Prevent and Respond to Sexual and Gender-based Violence*. *Sacred Spaces* is an online, five-step resource from We Will Speak Out. It is designed for church leaders (including PW

members!) to learn the best ways to confront the isolation, shame and silence that surround survivors. Anyone can download the *Sacred Spaces* resource kit for free from wewillspeakout.us. The site also offers a prayer resource, sermon guide, statistics and other resources for education. Learn more on page 2!

Reproductive rights

- Watch a webinar on reproductive justice held by the PC(USA)'s Office of Public Witness on July 2, 2019—bit.ly/Reproductive_justice_webinar.
- Read the *Presbyterian News* article about the webinar—www.presbyterianmission.org/story/reproductive-justice-probably-isnt-what-you-think-it-is/.
- Read the Advocacy Committee on Women's Concerns' statement on abortion rights at www.presbyterianmission.org/story/advocacy-committee-for-womens-concerns-issues-statement-on-abortion-rights/.

Mental health

In recognition of the need to advance and expand mental health ministries, the PC(USA) has announced a grant program for that purpose. See www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/compassion-peace-justice/mental-health-ministry/.

Hunger

Concerned about hunger and children's nutrition worldwide? Join Bread for the World's 2019 Offering of Letters: "Better Nutrition, Better Tomorrow." Learn more at bread.org.

Immigration

Synod of the Sun has compiled a list of agencies/organizations helping at the border. See bit.ly/sun_agency_list.

Cultivating PW

Experience PW in new ways

My mother is a Presbyterian woman. She has proudly participated in Bible studies, coffee hours and mission events. But in 2018 she experienced PW in a new way by becoming a first-time attendee of the Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women in Louisville! Her eyes, she says, were newly open to the breadth and depth of Presbyterian Women. And this summer she experienced a new first by accompanying me to her first synod gathering! We spent wonderful days and evenings at the PW Synod of Living Waters gathering in Tupelo (where she was serenaded by a very talented and gentlemanly Elvis tribute artist—who says PW don't have fun?!).

Thousands of women, like mom, faithfully live out our PW Purpose every day. Our connectional church with global reach allows us to journey together in faith—whether our windows overlook a country meadow or a bustling street in a metropolitan city—and in lots of ways. We are linked through faith in Christ as a Reformed sisterhood. Presbyterian Women, for us, is home.



First annual "PW Gives" Day

I hope you participated in the first annual "PW Gives" Day on July 31. That date commemorates the inauguration of PW as a reunited organization (The reunion happened in July 1988). We hope "PW Gives" Day will inspire action, reflection and celebration of PW year 'round. Put another way, "PW Gives" Day is not just a day for financial support—although our organization depends on each of us to participate; it is a day to truly see with new eyes the breadth and depth of Presbyterian Women, and to share that vision through stories and photos of your work. Inspire other PWs! Send stories/photos to carissa.herold@pcusa.org.

By the way

As the chair of PW's stewardship committee, I am overjoyed that so many Cultivating Presbyterian Women planters are popping up at PW gatherings all over the country! My mother made one too! The Cultivating PW planters are a visual way to tell the PW Stewardship story. My heart is warmed by the enthusiastic embrace of sharing our story in this way.

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



CSW participant inspired to share with all who will listen

By Kay Woods

When I returned from the Commission on the Status of Women back in March, I started telling my friends about the magnificent experience we had all anticipated for months. We were so excited, my friends and I, my congregation and my family. There I had been, among more than 5,000 women and some men, focused on making lives more fair, more just, more peaceful and fulfilling, safer for women and girls around the earth. We were from all over the world! Determined, caring, brilliant, creative, strong women and girls working

together and walking together toward social justice. Delegates were there from 45 countries.

In the nine days of the Commission, we chose from more than 400 workshops/forums, each from one to two hours long. The 18 of us in the Presbyterian delegation were advised ahead that we would find the number challenging. I attended 22 events over the nine working days, plus a weekend of training and exposure to world class activists on women's issues.

We weren't all Presbyterians. Nor were we all Christians. We didn't even all believe in a God. You know what linked us? The Golden Rule (and it's implied love of self and other)...

Read the rest of this story at presbyterianwomen.org/stories.

PW 101

Help for those new to PW!

Note: If you have an idea to share or a question you'd like answered in this series, email yvonne.hileman@pcusa.org.

PW 101.11: Presbyterian Women Programming

Presbyterian Women's work is meant to fulfill the PW Purpose. Each mission and ministry of PW is aligned with at least one of the points of the Purpose.

Take, for example, *Horizons* magazine and Bible study (critical pieces of the publishing ministry of PW). These nurture faith and build community. They also support and work for justice and peace. In fact, all aspects of PW's publishing mission, including PW's website, social media and e-blasts build community, nurture faith, support mission, witness for justice and peace, and strengthen the PC(USA) by promoting the programs, resources and connectionalism of the church.

Here are the overarching programs of PW and the points of the Purpose that they help fulfill.

- **Celebration Giving**—Supporting mission, building community. Includes Birthday and Thank Offerings; ecumenical prayer and offering partners; annual fund (Mission Pledge) giving; and extra giving opportunities such as Together in Service Puerto Rico.
- **Publishing Mission**—Building community, nurturing faith, working for peace and justice, supporting mission, strengthening the church. Includes *Horizons* magazine, the Bible study, website, PW social media, quarterly newsletter and email communications.
- **Mission Matters**—Supporting mission, building community. Includes mission trips, Together in Service (the hands-on component of PW mission), the Offerings (grants program) and disaster-relief trips/training.
- **Justice and Peace**—Working for justice and peace, building community, strengthening the church. Includes Together in Action days, *J&P Links* (newsletter), Courageous Conversations, participation in Ecumenical Advocacy Days and UN CSW, and more.

You do not have to actively engage in all of PW's programming to be considered a PW. But there are so many ways to engage that all women in the church can engage in some way—using the *Horizons* Bible study, giving to support the structure of PW through the annual fund (Mission Pledge), holding a "Tea for Peace," hosting a conversation about substance use disorder, supporting the Birthday and Thank Offerings, organizing women to work in a soup kitchen or women's shelter, and sharing stories of what women are accomplishing together!

LOOKING FOR THAT SPARK OF JOY?

Find it by serving Presbyterian Women!

Nominate a gifted woman to serve at the national level (yourself or someone else!). Find nomination forms at www.presbyterianwomen.org/search. Due by November 1, 2019.

PW in the Congregations



At their March PWC meeting, PW of Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church in Lexington, Kentucky, mounted a congregational quilt display. They invited women active in PW, as well as other members of the congregation, to bring quilts for the display. Guest Karen May displayed the PW Bible study quilt that she won at the Churchwide Gathering silent auction in 2018. Other quilts on display included the one pictured here, a Japanese design made by a quilting group from the community using a Round Robin approach (members of the group took turns adding to the basic design. See the September/October issue of *Horizons* for the complete story.

By Carissa Herold

In honor of Love Carved in Stone (and the Ten Words), here are **ten** new/new-ish items to consider, order, download, or share!

1. PW-logo votive and pillar

Once upon a time, PW made available a battery-operated votive and pillar candle, perfect for gift-giving or for use as scent- and hazard-free candles for meetings and more. These very popular items were out of stock for a time but two new designs are now available! The **PW-logo battery-operated candle** is 4.5" tall; item PWR19412, \$9.00.* The **PW-logo battery-operated votive**, small, is 2.5" tall; item PWR19411, \$6.00.*

2. Meet me in St. Louis!

Visit the PW website to download a free vintage-inspired postcard to promote the 2021 PW Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women—www.presbyterianwomen.org/downloads/2021-churchwide-gathering-postcard.



3. "PW Gives" Day

The first annual "PW Gives" Day was July 31. This is a new day and way to celebrate all that "PW Gives"! Learn more on 6.

4. Resources for Presbyterian Women

The Spring/Summer 2019 edition of the *Resources for Presbyterian Women* catalog is available online. Visit www.presbyterianwomen.org/downloads.

5. Thank Offering coin boxes now free!

Placing an order for Thank Offering material? If so, consider Thank Offering coin boxes! The coin boxes are available in packs of 10 and are currently free. Item PWR07482.*

6. PW folder stickers

The PW large folder sticker is a very popular item! While stocking up on back-to-school supplies (for mission or for your PW group), consider purchasing school folders while they are offered at loss leader prices! Then purchase the PW large folder stickers for upcoming workshops, CT meetings, circle, and more. Item PWR19427, 25 cents each.*

7. PW's 2018 annual report

Annual reports are often a bit stuffy but PW's 2018 annual report is an unstuffy celebration of PW at work in the world. See enclosed copy; order additional copies (item PWR19224) free*; or download from presbyterianwomen.org/downloads.

8. PW's 2018 annual fund/Mission Pledge promo materials

PW's annual fund (Mission Pledge) packet is in the mail; also available for download at www.presbyterianwomen.org!

9. Look for USA Mission Experience coverage in Horizons

Within minutes of this writing, PW's USA Mission Experience to the Finger Lakes region of New York set off. See posts on PW's Facebook page from the trip. Participants are now taking speaking engagements. Make sure your *Horizons* magazine subscription is up-to-date so you can read more about the USAME in the November/December 2019 issue. **

10. Smile when you use Amazon!

Visit smile.amazon.com and select Presbyterian Women as your favorite charitable organization. Shop as you normally would through "regular" Amazon, and a portion of the purchase of eligible items is donated to PW.

* Order PW materials on line at www.presbyterianwomen.org/shop or call 800.533.4371, Monday–Friday, 9 AM–5 PM EST.

** Subscribe to *Horizons* on line at www.presbyterianwomen.org/horizons or by calling 866.802.3635.

Horizons Reps' Corner

Dear Horizons Reps,

Persuasion and preparation

Salespeople (like *Horizons* reps, in a way) and others who are called to persuade are often instructed to develop and rehearse a

paragraph or two to comfortably share an idea or offer in a succinct way. This is a very helpful way (without forgetting a single point) to share about the matter at hand (*Horizons* subscription, perhaps?).

As you promote *Horizons*, how do you approach your task? Do you carefully plan a strategy to introduce potential readers (or re-subscribers) to *Horizons*? Or are you more casual in your approach? What would be most helpful to you? Please share! Three randomly selected reps will receive a token of appreciation (and her idea may appear in a future *Horizons* Reps' Corner of the PW newsletter)! Send your responses to carissa.herold@pcusa.org.

Horizons offer for new readers still stands!

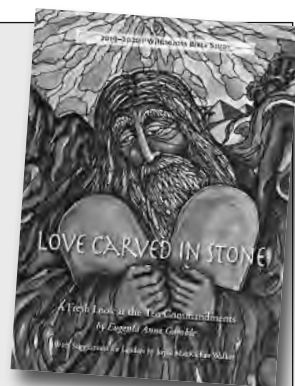
Send your list of potential new *Horizons* magazine readers to Carissa Herold and she'll see that they receive three free issues of *Horizons* (just the magazine, not the Bible study). Email your list to carissa.herold@pcusa.org; or use a stamp and envelope and mail to Carissa Herold, 100 Witherspoon St., Louisville, KY 40202-1396.

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

PW's 2019–2020 Bible study resources

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."



- EnglishHZN19100; \$10
- Spanish.....HZN19120; \$10
- EcumenicalHZN19102; \$10
- Large printHZN19150; \$12
- Audio editionHZN19172; \$15
- Companion DVDHZN19103; \$20/set
- Pendant/charm.....HZN19300; \$10
- Promotional poster.....HZN19410; free
- Promo flier *HZN19411; free
- Workshop for Leaders *HZN19101; free

Order Bible study resources on line at www.presbyterianwomen.org/shop or call 800.533.4371, M–F, 9 AM–5 PM EST. Subscribe to *Horizons* by calling 866.802.3635.

* Also a free download at www.presbyterianwomen.org/bible.

Don't miss the "Building Buzz" e-blast series.
Email patricia.longfellow@pcusa.org
to be sure you are on PW's email list.

Cultivating Presbyterian Women 2018

YEAR IN REVIEW



WE BLOOMED!

- We celebrated 30 years of Presbyterian Women and started plans for our next 30 years!
- More than 1,600 women attended PW's 2018 Churchwide Gathering in Louisville; thousands more joined in spirit!
- Gathering attendees gave generously, donating \$1,659 for hunger ministries; \$32,470 in gift cards for three organizations supporting women, children and refugees; and \$38,733 to PW's annual fund!
- Presbyterian Women elected our first Korean American churchwide moderator, JyungIn Lee!

WE REACHED NEW HEIGHTS

- PW gained official status at the United Nations, thus strengthening our global witness.
- Through our Offerings, PW awarded nearly \$1 million in grants for mission and ministry (five international and sixteen domestic ministries)!
- PW's publications—Offering packets, website and *Horizons* magazine and Bible study—earned awards.
- Almost 800 individuals were recognized with Honorary Life Memberships!
- PW gained representation on the new PC(USA), A Corporation, board.

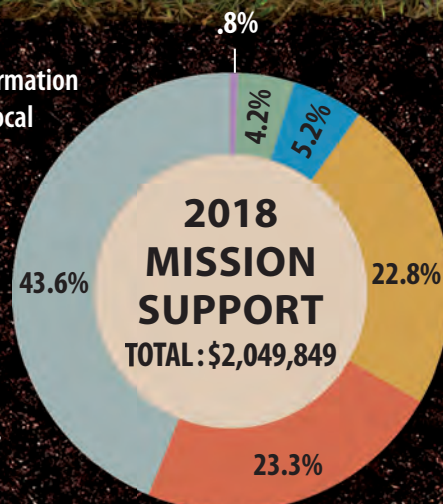
WE GREW STRONGER!

- Together in Service for Puerto Rico took root, allowing PWs everywhere to support Puerto Rico's recovery work financially and with pillowcases for the children.
- PW's Board of Directors began regular video conference board meetings, inspiring presbytery and synod coordinating teams to gather this virtual and cost-saving way, too!
- Two PW/*Horizons* Bible studies were translated into Mandarin Chinese by the Women's Ministry Committee of the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan: *Who Is Jesus?* and *God's Promise*.
- Forty-seven PWs rolled up their sleeves and became Presbyterian Disaster Assistance trainers.

PW: ROOTED IN LOVE, STRENGTHENING OUR FOUNDATION

The seeds we cast locally are germinated nationally. In other words, information and programming move in all directions throughout the organization. Local and regional work impacts national work, and vice versa!

PW supports mission through several giving streams. The largest—PW's annual fund (the Mission Pledge)—makes PW possible at every level, and ensures that the other streams have shape and depth consistent with PW's Purpose. This graph provides a glimpse at the funds received by PW Churchwide as mission giving. These gifts, along with other sources of revenue, make possible PW's grants, leadership development, resource and program development, and support of the mission of the church worldwide.



\$894,236—Annual Fund/Mission Pledge

\$478,593—Thank Offering

\$469,049—Birthday Offering

\$106,770—Honorary Life Membership

\$85,541—Fellowship of the Least Coin

\$15,660—Together in Service

A Case for Support: Taking Root



More than 40 volunteers (including many current and retired teachers) have helped the tutoring program succeed.

Every dollar and dime dropped in a basket, envelope or jar—or given online—matters to Presbyterian Women's many ministries. For example, Presbyterian Women's generous gifts to the Thank Offering in 2017 allowed PW to award a grant of \$22,250 in 2018 to Safe Haven at Sea Island Presbyterian Church in Beaufort, South Carolina. Inspired by the PW/*Horizons* Bible study, *Come to the Waters*, which suggested looking within a mile of the church for mission needs, Safe Haven was created to offer tutoring to neighborhood children, and showering and laundry facilities to people who are experiencing homelessness.

SAFE HAVEN AT SEA ISLAND

During extreme weather, Sea Island Presbyterian Church has been the only location in Beaufort County to offer housing to people who are homeless. Cots and a warm place to rest were all that could be offered. The church wanted to do more, especially considering that they host homeless families who are clients of Family Promise, a local shelter. Sea Island hosts the families for a week at a time on a quarterly basis. A Thank Offering grant helped fund construction of an expanded "safe haven" with two showers, a laundry area and a tutoring program. The staff hope that feeling safe and welcome will bring the families back for the tutoring services. Safe Haven's tutoring program offers academic support to children of single parents and those being raised by grandparents. Monday through Thursday, 3–6 PM, volunteers (who include many current or retired teachers!) tutor children who are in kindergarten through eighth grade. While the students receive support, so do parents and grandparents. They enjoy tea with other caregivers; they talk with volunteers about school expectations and how to best support children; they rest, shower and do laundry.

UPDATE!

Safe Haven's director Kay Keeler says, "We are happy to report that we will start our second year of tutoring in September 2019. We will have 25 students from two local schools participating in our after-school tutoring program. This past year, we had 40 volunteers (who include many current or retired teachers!). More volunteers from a nearby Lutheran church will help in the fall. We currently have a waiting list for new students and have been contacted by several congregations—local and outside of South Carolina—who are interested in the possibility of implementing a similar program in their own churches. Please know that we remain grateful for this most generous grant provided by Presbyterian Women."



Children from three schools in the district ride the bus to Sea Island Presbyterian Church for tutoring.



Children in Safe Haven's tutoring program have received praise from their schools for their academic improvement.

Ways to give to PW's annual fund

Just as there are many reasons to give generously to Presbyterian Women—to ensure PW's future, to honor a special person or to celebrate any heart-filling joy—there are many ways to give to Presbyterian Women! Please take into consideration that the dollar given in 2005 no longer stretches as far in 2019.

- Give through your circle.

- Use the green envelope tucked into the *Horizons* magazine and/or send your check to Presbyterian Women, Inc., Remittance Processing—Giving, PO Box 643652, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3652.
- Give on line (where you can also set up a recurring gift) at www.presbyterianmission.org/give.
- Include PW in your estate or trust. Contact Rhonda Martin, 844/797-2872, ext. 5596.



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Thank Offering

OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you.

When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart . . .

—Jeremiah 29:12–13, NRSV*

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Thank Offering

OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Resources for Promoting the Thank Offering

ITEM #	ITEM	PRICE
PWR19230	July/August <i>Horizons</i> magazine	\$4/COPY**
PWR19475	Promotional booklet* Booklet includes a poster/placemat, invitation letter, dedication service, recipients list, ideas to support the Thank Offering, and more.	FREE
PWR16479	Group giving envelope (pkg. of 25) Traditionally used in PW circles and congregations	FREE
PWR16456	Individual giving envelope (pkg. of 10) For those outside PW circles, those who want to give over and above their normal offering, those who wish to give with a credit card and those who need a receipt for their gift	FREE
PWR19473	Poster/Placemat (11" x 17") One side is a poster, the other side is a placemat	FREE
PWR07482	Coin/bill boxes (pkg. of 10)	FREE
DOWNLOAD	Promotional booklet (Spanish and Korean) Download at www.presbyterianwomen.org/thank .	FREE
DOWNLOAD	Resource flier Download at www.presbyterianwomen.org/thank .	FREE
DOWNLOAD	Bulletin cover (8 1/2" x 14"; pkg. of 20) Download at www.presbyterianwomen.org/thank .	FREE
DOWNLOAD	Bulletin insert (one design; two per page) Download at www.presbyterianwomen.org/thank .	FREE
AVAILABLE ONLINE	Promotional video (English, Spanish, and Korean) View on PW's YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/presbyterianwomen .	FREE

Two Ways to Order from the PW Shop

1. Online: Go to www.presbyterianwomen.org/shop (type "Thank Offering" in the search box).
2. By phone: Call 800/533-4371.

*Mailed to all PC(USA) congregations, as well as PW moderators in the presbyteries and synods, PW leadership coordinators, members of PW's Board of Directors, presbytery and synod resource centers, Celebration Giving representatives, PW treasurers and members of the Creative Ministries Offering Committee.

**Prices do not include shipping and handling (based on weight of order; \$5.91 minimum). There are no shipping charges for free/promotional offering materials. Order online at www.presbyterianwomen.org/shop or call 800/533-4371, Monday-Friday, 9 AM to 5 PM EST.