



# Quarterly News

## for Presbyterian Women Leaders

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November 2019–January 2020

### Presbyterian Women Churchwide .....

## Directors approve smaller board, additional recommendations

Presbyterian Women, Inc.'s national Board of Directors met September 18–22, 2019, in Louisville, Kentucky.

Many board members shared prayers and devotions throughout the meeting. Closing worship was led by Charon Barconey, member at large representing the African American community.

The offering received for the PW Annual Fund during closing worship totaled \$3,601.

Committees and representative groups—young women, synod reps, and members representing racial ethnic constituencies—met during the week. The full board met on the weekend following committee meetings.

Mary Ellen Aussenbaugh, Living Waters synod representative and chair of the Stewardship Committee, and Shanea Leonard, associate for gender and racial justice, Racial Equity and Women's Intercultural Ministries (RE&WIM), Presbyterian Mission Agency (PMA), led education segments. Mary Ellen provided a stewardship overview and help on creating a PW "elevate" speech. Shanea provided a racial equity briefing.

J. Herbert Nelson, PC(USA) stated clerk; Diane Moffet, PMA executive director; and Rhashell Hunter, director of the PMA's Racial Equity & Women's Intercultural Ministries, brought greetings.

The board approved four recommendations from the PW's United Nations Economic and Social Council/Commission on the Status of Women Task Force (ECOSOC/CSW), voted on the Churchwide Gathering budget and policies, began work on making the Widening the Circle Fund income accessible, and created Ecumenical Advocacy Days (EAD) and Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) scholarships for young women. Details follow.

### Action without Meeting

Bylaws changes were passed by the 2018 Voting Representatives to the Triennial Business Meeting: 175 voting "yes," 5 voting "no," and 2 abstaining. The updated bylaws are on the Presbyterian Women website at [www.presbyterianwomen.org/downloads/presbyterian-women-inc-bylaws/](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/downloads/presbyterian-women-inc-bylaws/).

### Committees

#### Administrative Committee

#### CSW Scholarships

The Leadership Development Grant Committee (LDG) will create a CSW scholarship policy and procedure for young women, ages 18–30, that will provide up to \$2,000 per recipient from the Leadership Development Grant Fund for up to three young women to attend CSW annually.

#### Ecumenical Advocacy Days Scholarships

LDG will create an Ecumenical Advocacy Days (EAD) scholarship policy/procedure for young women, ages 18–30, that will provide up to \$1,000 per recipient from the LDG Fund for up to three young women to attend EAD annually.

#### Stopgap Scholarships

\$1,000 reimbursable LDGs will be available for up to three young women for both the CSW and EAD in 2020. This is a stopgap measure for CSW and EAD in 2020 only.

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Board members prepare to board the Mary M. Miller, one of three old-fashioned steamboats docked in Louisville, for an evening meal during the fall 2019 meeting of the PW, Inc., Board of Directors.

Churchwide

**Fall board meeting**, *continued from front page*

**ECOSOC/CSW Task Group**

The task group brought four recommendations that were forwarded to the board by the Administration Committee. All four recommendations were passed.

1. Create a CSW delegate team to manage the application and delegate process for attendance at the annual UN Commission on the Status of Women.
2. Create the ECOSOC and CSW advocate position. The advocate will oversee and facilitate the ongoing strategy for PW's ECOSOC status with the United Nations.
3. Adopt a process for completing the UN-required quadrennial report.
4. Create a CSW scholarship program through Leadership Development grants.

**Churchwide Gathering**

Each triennium, after the board votes to hold a Churchwide Gathering in that triennium, directors review and adopt a Churchwide Gathering budget. The budget is based on the number of anticipated fully paid registrations at a fee determined by the financials of the immediate past Gathering and venue costs, plus inflation. The registration fee for 2020 has been set at \$450. Additional information is forthcoming.

**Communications Coordination Committee (CCC)**

The CCC is revising PW's *Communication Basics* handbook to include more information about digital and social media.

**Creative Ministries Offering Committee (CMOC)**

**2020 Birthday Offering**

Four projects were chosen from 47 applications—three domestic and one international. Total disbursement: \$385,000.

**Finance Committee**

The Board approved and adopted a proposed update to the language of the Fully Accountable Expense Reimbursement Plan. To be consistent with Presbyterian Women, Inc., guidelines on inclusive language, the committee updated gender-specific language to inclusive language. Also, the committee clarified the policy regarding tips for housekeeping staff during hotel stays, requiring receipts for all reimbursed expenses.

**Inclusive Community Committee (ICC)**

The Leadership Development incentive package for synods is still available. In September 2018, the Board approved up to \$8,000 in leadership development grants (\$500 per synod) for improving communication and connectivity among PW presbytery and synod leadership. Synod rep/PWP moderator conversation responses continue to be received, identifying positive stories and ideas, as well as ways PW board support can be provided.

**Education**

ICC will

- provide PW 101 webinars and post on the PW website;
- bring website leadership workshops into alignment with the *PW Manual: Guide for PW Groups* and *Guide for PW Treasurers*;

- provide workshops on the website, beginning with "Telling our PW Story" and the "Elevate PW" activity;
- revitalize the alumnae network.

**Inclusive language**

ICC recommends the *Well Chosen Words* brochure, which provides inclusive language for people and expansive language for God. Download from the PC(USA) website ([www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/well-chosen-words/](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/well-chosen-words/)).

**Justice and Peace Committee**

The committee has written a resource for PWs called *Prayer and Beyond: Faithful Responses to Crisis*, to be made available later this year.

**PC(USA) Education Roundtable**

This roundtable is building on the Educate a Child initiative, which PW supported, and which prompted PW to institute Together in Action Days for Children's Literacy. The roundtable is proposing covenant relationships with congregations to advocate for quality public education for children. This is an opportunity for PW groups to deepen their engagement in public education, a traditional Presbyterian value.

**Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women**

The committee will provide more information on this organization and its work in coming months.

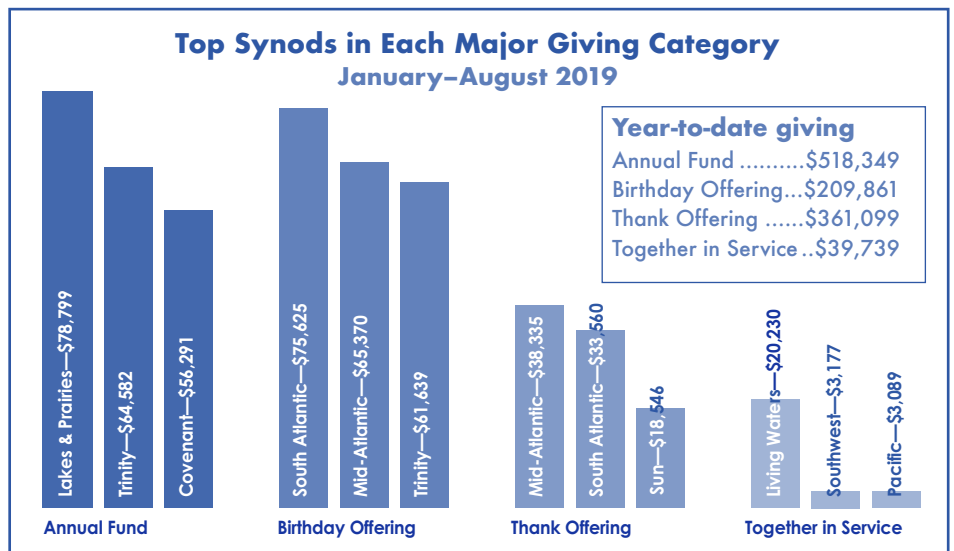
**Leadership Development Grant Committee**

The Committee updated policies to reflect practice regarding available grants. The program offers individual \$500 reimbursable grants (domestic), and \$1,500 (international) and event/project grants of \$2,500. The Committee has approved Leadership Development incentive grants for

- Synod of Lakes and Prairies
- Synod of the Sun
- Synod of Rocky Mountains
- Synod of the Northeast

**Mission Relationships Committee (MRC)**

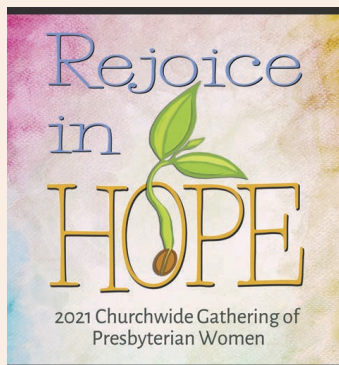
The MRC discussed offering support to one of the mission projects that the trip participants visited while on the USAME. MRC will gather more information on the project and discuss it further at its next meeting. MRC members will send thank-you notes to the churches and individuals who made the USAME possible.



## Upcoming PW/Women's gatherings

**Churchwide Gathering**—  
August 5–8, 2021; St. Louis,  
Missouri; theme: "Rejoice in  
Hope." Stay tuned to  
[www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering) as addi-  
tional information  
becomes available.

**Synod of the Sun**—July 21–23,  
2022; St. Charles Avenue  
Presbyterian Church, New  
Orleans, Louisiana



## PW 101

### Help for those new to PW!

If you are reading this, you are probably a PW leader and know all things PW! But many of our faithful women are unaware of some of the finer points of their amazing organization. Each idea in the PW 101 series is presented in such a way that newsletter editors and circle leaders can paste into their own documents and presentations. If you have an idea to share or a question you'd like answered, send to [yvonne.hileman@pcusa.org](mailto:yvonne.hileman@pcusa.org). This is the 12th in the series.

#### PW 101.12—PW Bylaws

A set of bylaws is a set of rules or guidelines established by an organization to regulate itself. Presbyterian Women in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has had bylaws since it became PW in 1988. Those first bylaws from 1988 set up a Churchwide Coordinating Team of Presbyterian Women that conducted the business of Presbyterian Women and reviewed its bylaws each triennium, periodically making changes approved by voting representatives at the triennial business meeting. PW's bylaws have been revised at least triennially since 1988. The biggest change came in 2009, when the organization became incorporated, and a completely new set of bylaws was adopted to reflect that Presbyterian Women in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) was a corporation with a board of directors. The mission and vision of the organization did not change but the legal language defining the organization did.

The most recent revision to the bylaws was approved in August 2019, when the voting representatives to the 2018 PW triennial business meeting passed changes recommended by the board to reduce the size of the board. (The national bylaws allow voting representatives to take an action without meeting between business meetings.) Because of the national Search Committee process and timeline for nominating directors for the board, the action had to occur before the fall of 2019 so that the Search Committee has time to prepare the slate for the 2021 board elections. The current board recommended eliminating five national positions beginning with the 2021–2024 triennium: one vice moderator, secretary/historian, new immigrant representative, two young women representatives. No current director will lose her position. The recommendation passed: 175 yes, 5 no, 2 abstentions.

PW provides sample bylaws for PW groups at all levels of the church (search "Bylaws" at [www.presbyterianwomen.org](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org)). If you are starting a new PW group, that is a good place to start. You will also want the *PW Manual: A Guide for PW Groups*, available on line at [www.presbyterianwomen.org/shop](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/shop).

## Moderator's Message

By **JyungIn (Jenny) Lee**

### Autumn in full swing

October, 2019



I am not sure when the summer came and left, but the autumn is in full swing where I am in central New Jersey. About two weeks ago, I was at Stony Point Center in New York. A giant tree stood right in front of the dining hall, transformed in yellow and gold. It stood still, serving as a dependable and generous background model for those of us wanting to take photos with it.

This past summer, I was grateful to be included in the USAME to the Finger Lakes Region in New York. In some sense, it was the trip I needed. It nurtured me spiritually, and it was inspiring in many ways. I learned a lot. Not only did I meet a lovely group of PW participants representing 13 of the synods, but we met gracious PW full of hospitality everywhere we went. We visited more than 20 churches and organizations in 10 days! We met a lot of inspirational people and learned about those already passed who paved the road we are standing on in terms of women's and human rights. In some cases, at least for me, it was like being reintroduced to the people I thought I already knew: Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony, Harriet Tubman, and Sojourner Truth, for example.

Of those re-meetings, one historical fact stands out and keeps me inspired. Most of us know that Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony were forerunners in the women's rights and suffrage movements. Some of us may also know that they worked together tirelessly for the rights of women. Their life circumstances and gifts seemed perfectly matched for their collaboration. Stanton was a gifted writer while Anthony was a gifted and powerful speaker.

While Stanton had eight children, Anthony was single which meant that Anthony was freer to travel. And here is my big point; they did not know each other, even though they basically lived in the same area and worked for the same women's causes, until they were introduced to each other. They were introduced to each other by Amelia Bloomer, another advocate for women's rights.

Despite the fact that I declared to myself about 10 years ago that I would not buy another houseware, I bought a mug while in Seneca Falls. It is decorated with a photo of the statue *When Anthony Met Stanton, 1851*. First, I resisted, but it is sitting on my desk now, reminding me to be the middle person whenever I can connect people to each other. It also reminds me that there are gifted people out there waiting to be met. Who knows what they might be able to accomplish together when they meet? Widening PW circles can be accomplished by paying attention to people's different gifts and by showing up to connect and to be connected. With whom have you connected lately?

By the way, I use the mug to keep the business cards I receive from other people. It is a desk organizer, not a houseware.

~ Blessings in this beautiful season. ~



## Vice Moderator's Message

### By Joy Durrant, Justice and Peace Concerns

Do you have a heart for the United Nations and the Commission on the Status of Women? Have we got a job for you! Last year, Presbyterian Women received consultative status at the United Nations. This status was the culmination of the efforts of dedicated women over numerous years—and PW is exceedingly grateful for them! The UN agency through which consultative status is granted is ECOSOC (the Economic and Social Council). Among its many benefits, ECOSOC consultative status affords PW its own ground passes to the UN for the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW).



Earlier this year, an ECOSOC and CSW Task Group was formed and met routinely for five months to chart PW's way for living into its UN consultative status. The Task Group members were Kristen Campbell, Marvella Lambright, Pam Snyder, Susan Jackson-Dowd (staff) and I (facilitator). Every member was dedicated to the rigorous schedule and provided valuable insight and recommendations. I am so appreciative of the unique talents and gifts that each of these women brought to the group. After the task group submitted its report, it was disbanded, as its job was complete.

At its September meeting, the PW Board of Directors approved the following recommendations from the ECOSOC/CSW Task Group:

- ECOSOC and CSW Advocate—to oversee the ongoing strategy and timeline for facilitating and maintaining PW's ECOSOC status at the UN. This is an unpaid position appointed by the moderator; expenses incurred by the advocate will not be reimbursed.
- A CSW Delegate Team—to organize all CSW work, including PW's delegate selection, orientation and support during the CSW. The team members will be appointed annually by a member of the Moderatorial Team.
- Quadrennial Report—a process for completing the UN-required Quadrennial Report was documented. The first report is due by June 1, 2022.
- Grants for Young Women—Beginning in 2021, the Leadership Development Grant Committee will provide up to \$2,000 for up to three young women to attend the CSW annually. The grants can be reimbursable or not, according to the grantee need, as determined by the LDG Committee. For 2020, reimbursable \$1,000 grants for up to three young women will be provided.

I want to especially draw your attention to the first bullet, the ECOSOC and CSW advocate position. This is a unique opportunity for someone with a heart for the UN and the CSW. If this position speaks to you, I encourage you to pray about it and email me (joydurrant28@gmail.com) if you are interested. I'll send you the ECOSOC/CSW advocate job description.

I look forward to hearing from you.

### Honorary Life Memberships

Did you know you can fill out Honorary Life Membership applications on the PW website? Go to [www.presbyterianwomen.org/giving-funding/give/](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/giving-funding/give/).

## Justice and Peace Calendar\*

### January

National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month  
5–11 PW Together in Action Days to End Human Trafficking  
11 National Human Trafficking Awareness Day  
16 National Religious Freedom Day  
18–24 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity  
19 Race Relations Day  
19 Criminal Justice Sunday  
20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
25 Orange Day  
27 International Holocaust Remembrance Day

### February

African American History Month  
National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month  
1 National Freedom Day  
2 Souper Bowl of Caring  
12 International Day Against the Use of Child Soldiers  
14 One Billion Rising for Justice  
17–23 National Random Acts of Kindness Week  
25 Orange Day

### March

Women's History Month  
Birthday Offering of Presbyterian Women  
6 World Day of Prayer  
8 Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday  
8 International Women's Day  
8–14 PW Together in Action for Women's Empowerment  
9–20 64th Commission on the Status of Women  
15 Self-development of People Sunday  
22 World Water Day  
24–30 National Farmworker Awareness Week  
25 Orange Day  
29–A.7 Ten Days of Prayer and Thanksgiving for the Roma

### April

Sexual Assault Awareness Month  
8 International Roma Day  
17 International Day of Farmer's Struggles  
21 Easter  
21 National Holocaust Remembrance Day  
22 Earth Day  
24 Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day  
24–27 Ecumenical Advocacy Days  
25 Orange Day

### May

1 May Day/International Workers' Day  
4–10 PW Together in Action Days for Children's Literacy  
4–10 Children's Book Week  
9 Stamp Out Hunger Drive  
9 World Fair Trade Day  
10 Mother's Day  
25 Orange Day

\* See [presbyterianwomen.org/justice](http://presbyterianwomen.org/justice) for a pdf with links.

### Got a minute (or more) for mission?

PW groups do amazing mission! Will you take a minute (or more!) and share what your group is doing? Whether it's a photo and caption, a few sentences or a few paragraphs, your mission story is important! First, each story or image helps tell the story of the many ways PW does mission, but it may also inspire another group! Email your photo and/or story to Cheri Harper, [cheri.harper@pcusa.org](mailto:cheri.harper@pcusa.org).

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

*Horizons* magazine is the magazine and Bible study by and for Presbyterian women! New readers, seasoned readers, and givers of gifts can add extra \$\$ over and above the subscription price to lend support to the publishing mission of Presbyterian Women. Choose to donate each time you renew, subscribe or give a gift subscription. You may also give a tax-deductible gift by sending a check payable to "Presbyterian Women" with "publishing mission" in the notes

line of the check to Presbyterian Women, Remittance Processing—Giving, PO Box 643652, Pittsburgh PA 15264-3652; or give on line by visiting the PW website ([presbyterianwomen.org](http://presbyterianwomen.org)); select Giving and Funding from the drop-down menu, then choose Publishing Ministry. This list reflects gifts sent with *Horizons* magazine subscriptions and renewals from July 1 through September 30, 2019. Many have generously given to other ministries of PW but are not listed below.

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Rev. Patricia Wolff  
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### Year-end appeal

Presbyterian Women is making an appeal—an appeal for individuals to make year-end financial gifts to PW's annual fund. Some of you will receive a letter in the mail or via email, asking for your support.

Please prayerfully consider supporting PW at year-end so that we can move into 2020 with renewed blessings. Share the appeal widely so that Presbyterian women can plan to share their financial blessings with their PW organization!

Give on line at [www.presbyterianwomen.org/give](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/give).



May you have a blessed Christmas and a happy new year!

**"Cone" we suggest the perfect gift?**

Buy one *Horizons* subscription for \$19.95 and get one **FREE!**

[www.presbyterianwomen.org/BOGO19](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/BOGO19)  
Hurry! Offer ends 2/1/20

Each subscription includes six issues of *Horizons* magazine and the annual Bible study in print, plus access to the online archive of magazines!

## Preschool puts Thank Offering grant to good use

Kenilworth Community Preschool is so grateful to have received a Presbyterian Women Thank Offering Grant. We are a cooperative preschool, which means that in addition to the teacher, there are two parents in the classroom each day. Parents also do the cleaning and fundraising, and this is what keeps our preschool affordable for families who are able to donate their time. It also creates a strong and vibrant community of families that includes grandparents and siblings, all supporting each other and the children in the preschool.

The preschool is part of the mission of Kenilworth Presbyterian Church, Portland, Oregon. We are supported and held by the church in many ways. The church does not charge the preschool rent and also provides tuition assistance for families that need financial help.

Because we are a small group of 24–26 families, at one of the least expensive preschools in the city, fundraising can be a challenge. We sell wreaths and pies, hold a small auction, and have monthly dine-out nights, but without this grant, a large, one-time expense like the Outlast Outdoor Block set would be out of our reach.

Our school is play-based and child-led, and we believe that it is through play and self-led exploration that children ages 3–6 learn best. The Outlast Blocks, which are non-toxic and durable, and made for outdoor use, will help us extend these ideas into the outdoor classroom, with child-directed, open-ended activities that encourage cooperation, language building, large muscle development, and experimentation with mathematical and scientific principles.

The large blocks are made to be carried together, and even in this simple way encourage interaction between students and the setting of common goals. This is the type of



Children at Kenilworth Community Preschool in Portland, Oregon, learn cooperation. One of the school's guiding principles says: "Children are fully capable, intelligent, creative thinkers, and play is their work."

work that our students most enjoy, and now, thanks to the grant from Presbyterian Women, all future classes at the preschool will be able to build large-scale constructions together for many years. Thank you for investing in us and the future of the preschool.

**Editor's Note:** Learn more about PW's offering grants program at [www.presbyterianwomen.org/giving](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/giving).

## Cultivating PW



### Sustained giving

God provides many forms of sustenance for our bodies and spirits. We have friends and family, leaders and teachers to guide our way and lift us up. Grace and mercy for every day, in just the right measure.

Autumn in particular is a time when we reflect on the abundance of God's blessings. Part of my spiritual journey has been the revelation of the importance of relationships to our growth, and how we minister to others in small ways. The lessons learned by cultivating relationships, such as those with women in my PW circle, continue to nurture me. Expanding those relationships to others within the presbytery, synod and churchwide encourage me to branch out, to grow beyond my comfort zone and forever expand my perception of the world.

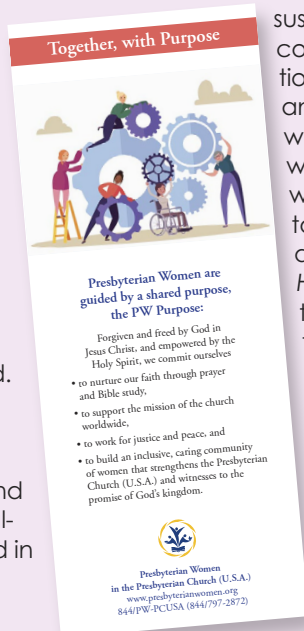
Based on many conversations with many of you during the past year, it is clear to me that Presbyterian Women, the organization, and PW resources are blessings that offer sustenance and growth for so many throughout the year. I am always amazed at the beauty and wisdom found in our Bible studies, and the insights and depth of writing in the bimonthly *Horizons* magazine. The lives of women and children throughout our communities and the world are enriched because of the gen-

erosity of PW sisters through our Thank Offering, Birthday Offering and PW's Annual Fund (the Mission Pledge).

Just as PW sustains us, we have an opportunity to sustain PW, ensuring that the work of blessing others continues to grow and thrive for the next generations. Choosing to make a recurring gift to PW's annual fund provides an easy way to support the work of PW throughout the year and is a faithful way to cultivate PW. (Visit [www.presbyterianwomen.org/give](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/give) or call 844/PW-PCUSA, ext. 5596 to set up a sustaining, recurring gift to PW.) Other actions, such as renewing your subscription to *Horizons* magazine (or gifting a few subscriptions to those who nurture you) is a great way to continue supporting and strengthening our legacy.

Presbyterian Women have always been the nurturers, cultivators . . . the "do-ers" of the church. If PW, or a special PW member, has sustained and nurtured you, we'd love to hear from you. Please join me in sustained giving to PW and preparing our organization for an impactful 2020!

—Mary Ellen Aussenbaugh  
Chair, PW Stewardship Committee  
Synod representative, Living Waters



## Justice and peace news briefs

### Together in Action to End Human Trafficking

January 11 is National Human Trafficking Awareness Day. PW encourages activities around that day to bring greater awareness to the problem. It can be as simple as a bulletin insert and Minute for Mission on recognizing the signs that someone is a trafficking victim, and how to respond to that. Learn more at [www.presbyterianwomen.org/what\\_we\\_do/work-for-justice/human-trafficking](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/what_we_do/work-for-justice/human-trafficking) and [polarisproject.org](http://polarisproject.org).

### Suicide prevention/mental health

The holidays are known to be a risky time for those who are at risk of depression. The pressure to recreate Norman Rockwell images of family security and harmony can be a reminder of how few families fit that image. Be especially alert to church members who might be struggling emotionally. Offer support and a caring ear. And refer to professional services if it seems that someone is overwhelmed or suicidal. For more information on simple techniques you can use to help prevent suicide, see <https://qprinstitute.com>. Their QPR training saves lives.

### Ecumenical Advocacy Days

The next Ecumenical Advocacy Days, April 24–27, will explore the intersection of climate change and economic injustice. Advocate on behalf of policies and programs that chip away at the systems of oppression keeping people in poverty and pushing all life on earth to the brink of destruction. Learn more at <https://advocacydays.org/> and watch for CPJ's Advocacy Training Weekend registration at [www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/compassion-peace-justice/washington](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/compassion-peace-justice/washington).

### Women of Faith nominations

The Women of Faith breakfast and awards, sponsored by Racial Equity & Women's Intercultural Ministries, will be held at the 224th General Assembly (2020). The 2020 theme is "Women Who Disrupt Systemic Poverty." Nominations are being sought for women who challenge systems of poverty and join in action and solidarity with low-income communities and individuals. Use the enclosed nomination form, also at [www.pcusa.org/women](http://www.pcusa.org/women). Nominations must be postmarked by January 8, 2020.

### Horizons Skit: "Grocery Store Revelations"

By Jane Iddings and Carolyn McBurney

**Cast:** Lady 1, Lady 2 and Lady 3

*(Ladies 1 and 2 are in the checkout line of their local grocery store. They are reading and commenting on tabloid magazines.)*

**Lady 1:** Did you read this about the royal family being in an uproar over the colors Meghan picked for the nursery?

**Lady 2:** Yes, I got that magazine last week. I'm trying to decide if it's worth another five dollars to get this one.

*(Lady 3 gets in line behind them.)*

**Lady 3:** Good morning!

**Lady 1:** Hi! *(turns back to Lady 2)* I don't know. . . . If I have to read another article about Angelina Jolie's next visit to the grocery store, I might just scream. Isn't there more to life than reading about their lives?

**Lady 3:** I think so . . . We need to keep up with what's going on in our world, but I've discovered a way more meaningful way to do it.

**Lady 1:** What is that?

**Lady 2:** Sign me up!

**Lady 3:** You're not going to find it in the checkout line. In fact, it is delivered right to your home! It's *Horizons* magazine, published by Presbyterian Women. It has wonderful articles from all over the world about things that really matter. My last issue had a recap full of pictures and stories from the Churchwide Gathering that so many of our Wyoming delegates attended last fall. It brought back good memories of my time there.



Left: Shirley Novak, Liz Potter and Judy Persons outside Nagley's General Store in Talkeetna, Alaska.

**Lady 1:** Is that where you got the material for our Celebrate the Gifts of Women worship service this year?

**Lady 3:** Sure is! And there are a ton of resources for all kinds of topics for Sunday School and Bible studies.

**Lady 2:** I'm looking for ideas for my book group's next book.

**Lady 3:** Look no farther. *Horizons* features book previews and reviews of books by well-known and not-so-well-known authors. Have you read *A Lens of Love: Reading the Bible in Its World?* I read the preview in *Horizons*. *Horizons* has also published reviews lately of several children's books that look really good.

**Lady 1:** Is it available on line?

**Lady 3:** Absolutely! Your subscription includes six issues, the PW/*Horizons* Bible study, and access to the fully digital issues. And it's only \$24.95 for a whole year!

**Lady 2:** I'd better add stamps to my grocery list so I can send in my subscription order!

**Lady 1:** I'll register on line when I get home. *(Puts the magazine back.)* Sorry Jennifer Aniston, I've got more important things to occupy my mind. Thanks for the reminder, Samantha!

**Lady 3:** See you at next week's PW meeting. Don't forget your paper products for the Domestic Violence Shelter drive this month!

**Keep the light on!**

The PW logo battery-powered pillar candle (4.5" tall, item PWR19412, \$9) and votive (2.5" tall, item PWR19411, \$6) are perfect for PW circles, gatherings and study groups. Cast a beautiful glow without the worry of fire, the smell of smoke or the mess of waxy spills with these charming LED items. Long-lasting batteries are included (and replaceable).



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**Upper Room extends discount period on *Beach Calling!***

Upper Room Books has extended an extension (!) of 30% off for their new release, *Beach Calling: A Devotional Journal for the Middle Years and Beyond*, by Missy Buchanan, through February 29, 2020. To receive a discount on this book, visit <https://bookstore.upperroom.org>; enter HZBEACH at checkout.

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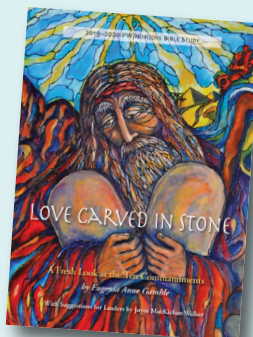
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**Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments resources still available**

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.”



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\* Also a free download at [www.presbyterianwomen.org/bible](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/bible).

**Horizons Reps' Corner**

Dear *Horizons* Reps,

**New *Horizons* skit available**

*Horizons* rep Jane Iddings and fellow P-dub Carolyn McBurney, both of Torrington, Wyoming, have put together a marvelous

skit, “Grocery Store Revelations,” that anyone who has ever flipped through a magazine in the grocery store line can relate to! Their skit is amusing, helpful and doesn’t require a staggering number of cast members or props! A perfect way to promote *Horizons* in Torrington, Tempe, and Tampa. (See previous page.) Thank you, Jane and Carolyn!

**Thank you for sharing your stories**

A big thank you to all who responded to one of these questions (from the second quarter *Quarterly Newsletter*):

“My most cherished PW memory is . . .”

“I came to Presbyterian Women because . . .”

Randomly selected entrants Kelly Weirich, Beverly Roselieb, Janice Curtis, Barbara Clark, Barbara Harden and Christine Fuller will each receive a copy of one of these amazing children’s book titles from Flyaway Books: *The Night of His Birth* by Katherine Paterson; *The Worst Christmas Ever* by Kathleen Long Bostrom; and *Home by Another Way* by Barbara Brown Taylor. Melissa Morris Phillips will receive a copy of the Flyaway title, *The Marvelous Mustard Seed* by Amy-Jill Levine and Sandy Eisenberg Sasso. And Kris Gerling will receive a copy of *When God Gave Us Words* by Sandy Eisenberg Sasso. Send your PW story to [info@presbyterianwomen.org](mailto:info@presbyterianwomen.org).

**Pssst, PW readers!**

An upcoming issue of *Horizons* will explore all the ways that Presbyterian Women read, encourage reading, and find enjoyment/challenge/inspiration/growth in reading. Whether it’s a book group, a PW sister who recommends the perfect book, a pastor who sends articles or biblical scholarship, or a program for Together in Service for Children’s Literacy project, we want to hear your bookish ways. We will share as many ideas as we can in *Horizons*!

**Looking ahead to the 2020–2021 *Horizons* Bible study**

The 2020–2021 PW/*Horizons* Bible study (art and text by Lynn Miller, *Suggestions for Leaders* by Dee Koza), revives lament as a proper theological response to the difficult situations of our world. One of the foundational points of the study is that, in scripture, lament usually leads to hope. After crying out to God, the one who laments remembers God. And while that doesn’t fix things in the moment—the injustice, the loss still exist—the lamenter is strengthened to face the world and to hope. And for us as Christians, hope is not just an emotional response or an attitude of pie in the sky. Hope implies movement: both God’s inherent movement toward justice and our movement toward God. Recovering lament may be one of the church’s most timely gifts to the world. Order the study, HZN20100, in March by going to [presbyterianwomen.org/shop](http://presbyterianwomen.org/shop) or calling 800.533.4371. Current *Horizons* subscribers receive the 2020–2021 Bible study with their March/April magazines. Subscribe now and you will, too. Call toll-free 866.802.3635 to subscribe.





# Honoring Women's Spirituality, Struggle and Survival

BY ROSEMARY C. MITCHELL

In 2020, on Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday, we honor women of faith, those who may have felt their faith falter at times and those who held fast to faith. We give thanks for their persistence—their witness, their words, their actions. We know we stand on their shoulders.

The theme for this year is based on Matthew 5:3: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” Or, in the words of Eugene Peterson in *The Message*, “You’re blessed when you’re content with just who you are—no more, no less. That’s the moment you find yourselves proud owners of everything that can’t be bought.”

Eugene Peterson’s words capture exactly how Rosemary experienced her life with her mother and grandmother. They both understood the limits of their own humanity and the incredible power of God in their lives. They knew that God is in charge, that everything happens in “God’s good time,” and that they were a part of God’s plan for creation.

The Celebrate the Gifts of Women resource, written by Rosemary C. Mitchell, includes a worship service with

- ♦ a call to worship, suggested hymns, call to confession, prayer of confession and scripture readings;
- ♦ time of reflection, activity and sharing in pairs or small groups; and
- ♦ a closing prayer and benediction.

The Celebrate the Gifts of Women resource is available in the November/December 2019 issue of *Horizons* magazine, as a free download from [www.pcusa.org/women](http://www.pcusa.org/women) and free from the PC(USA) store, 800/533-4371 or [www.pcusa.store.com](http://www.pcusa.store.com); item 27501-20-001.



*Peace Within*, Jenny Grant

Order the November/December 2019 issue of *Horizons* from [www.presbyterianwomen.org/shop](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/shop); item HZN19250; \$4 plus shipping.

While supplies last, a limited number of bulletin covers are available from the PC(USA) Store, 800/533-4371 or [www.pcusastore.com](http://www.pcusastore.com); item 27501-20-002; \$5 for a pack of 25 (plus shipping). The bulletin cover also may be downloaded free from [www.pcusa.org/women](http://www.pcusa.org/women).

# Together, with Purpose



## Presbyterian Women are guided by a shared purpose, the PW Purpose:

Forgiven and freed by God in  
Jesus Christ, and empowered by the  
Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves

- to nurture our faith through prayer  
and Bible study,
- to support the mission of the church  
worldwide,
- to work for justice and peace, and
- to build an inclusive, caring community  
of women that strengthens the Presbyterian  
Church (U.S.A.) and witnesses to the  
promise of God's kingdom.



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For help (or to have employee match forms completed), please contact Rhonda Martin, 502/569-5596 or [rhonda.martin@pcusa.org](mailto:rhonda.martin@pcusa.org).



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NOMINATION FORM FOR WOMEN OF FAITH AWARDS  
Racial Equity & Women's Intercultural Ministries

**Women Who Disrupt Systemic Poverty**

**224<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (2020)**

*"... I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me" (Matt. 25:35-36).*

**Purpose of award:** *This award recognizes women who disrupt systemic poverty.*

Name of nominee_____	E-mail_____
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Application should be submitted on this nomination form and typed, if possible. If application is computer generated, the format on this nomination should be followed. Both pages must be completed. (Additional pages can be attached as needed.)

Form must be received/postmarked by **January 8, 2020**. Submit nominations form to: Rebecca Dimon, 100 Witherspoon St., Rm. 3042-A, Louisville, KY 40202-1396. Nomination forms are also available on the All Women in the Church website at [www.pcusa.org/women](http://www.pcusa.org/women), or through the Racial Equity & Women's Intercultural Ministries ministry area, telephone 800-728-7228 ext. 5013, FAX 502-569-8824 or email [rebecca.dimon@pcusa.org](mailto:rebecca.dimon@pcusa.org). Award recipients will be notified one month prior to General Assembly. The Women of Faith Awards Committee will strive for geographical distribution and racial and cultural diversity.\*

\* Staff currently serving the General Assembly are not eligible for nomination.

