



Quarterly News

for Presbyterian Women Leaders

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February–April 2020

Presbyterian Women Churchwide

At turn of new year, PWs resolve to take action, look ahead to Churchwide Gathering

By Yvonne Hileman

The PW, Inc., Board of Directors meets toward the end of February and in preparation, committees are firming up work for 2020 and looking at work accomplished since the last board meeting in September. Churchwide Gathering planners are also busy planning the program and finalizing contracts.

Churchwide Gathering. Plans for the 2021 Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women (CWG) are under way! The Gathering will be held August 5–8, 2021, in St. Louis, Missouri. “Rejoice in Hope” is the theme, based on Romans 12:12–13. Keep current with the latest by visiting (and bookmarking) www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering, where you will find a just posted two-minute “save the date” promotional video that you can share with your group! And do subscribe to PW e-newsletters, including the monthly “21 for 21” Gathering email series, by contacting Patricia Longfellow at patricia.longfellow@pcusa.org.

Inclusive Community. Inclusive Community plans to produce a “PW 101” video series in 2020. Stay tuned.

Stewardship. In 2019, Stewardship launched the “Cultivating PW” campaign, reminding us that the work of PW does not happen in a vacuum. It needs healthy soil in which to grow, and that soil needs enrichment. PW updated the “Love Grows by Giving” bookmark and issued the “Cultivating PW” toolkit in 2019. The “Cultivating PW” placemat presents an engaging visual of the campaign, and the charming *Cultivating PW* video debuted on PW’s YouTube channel. PW’s annual report flier reflected the many ways PW groups contributed financially to support the Purpose-ful work of PW. And a “Ways to Sustain PW” thank-you card now goes to each donor as a token of appreciation for support of the organization.

Stewardship also plans to observe Women’s History Month with regular social media posts and emails. “Standing on the Shoulders of Empowered Women” was the theme of the U.S.A. Mission Experience to the Finger Lakes Region of New York last July. Participants explored how this region and its people have shaped our culture and the way we relate to one another, namely through the abolition and women’s suffrage movements. The 2020 Women’s History Month theme is “Valiant Women of the Vote.” Who we are and the opportunities that are ours



Photo courtesy of PDA

Danilie Hilerio-Villanueva, a former member of the PW Board of Directors, shares love from PW with children in Puerto Rico, handing out pillowcases made to bring joy and comfort to children adversely affected first by Hurricane Maria and more recently by earthquakes in the southern region of Puerto Rico.

were nurtured by women who came before us and sometimes women who currently stand beside us. A series of emails will find their way into PW in-boxes around the globe during the month of March, sharing poignant stories of sisters in our historic organization who were loved into PW. In November, we cast our votes in a national election thanks to valiant women of the vote. But in March, we celebrate our historic organization and the women who empower us in living out the PW Purpose.

Bible study. For the second year in a row, PW is publishing the *Horizons* Bible study using its new model for selecting topics and authors; authors present proposals, the Bible study committee reviews the proposals (including proposed topic) and chooses one to be published three years hence. The result of the 2017 selection process is a courageous look by P. Lynn Miller at the role of lament in our spiritual heritage and its function in moving us toward hope. The study is called *Into the Light: Finding Hope in Prayers of Lament*. Dee Koza has written the suggestions for leaders. See details on page 8.

Communications. Communications is putting special emphasis on all of PW’s programs and resources through an enhanced social media strategy and would love to

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feature your PW group's activities, whether at the congregation, presbytery or synod level. In fact, PW staff love to share your photos and blurbs in all of our publications, including this newsletter! P-dubs everywhere appreciate seeing what everyone else is doing (getting new ideas).

We know you take pictures of your PW activities. Send in a photo with two or three sentences explaining the activity. You know the saying—a picture is worth a thousand words! With photos, you can help us tell stories of PW community-building, PW mission improving lives, PW advocacy and peacemaking, PW circles in action, stories of women in leadership—in short, any of your photos can be used to tell the stories of women's leadership in the church. Send stories to yvonne.hileman@pcusa.org.

Inclusive community. Has your PW in the Synod taken advantage of the opportunity offered by the Inclusive Community Committee (ICC) to update your communication channels? ICC is offering a leadership development incentive package that includes a one-time, synod-specific leadership development grant. The grants provide an incentive for synod coordinating teams to develop methods for connecting presbytery leaders to meetings and opportunities.

Justice and peace. In March, for the second time, PW will send delegates to the UN Commission on the Status of Women under PW's own accreditation as a registered NGO (nongovernmental organization) with the UN's Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). In the past, PW delegates have attended using the PC(USA)'s status as an NGO. Having both PW and the PC(USA) recognized by ECOSOC means an amplified voice at the Commission, which is the premier global advocacy body for women.

Delegates sponsored by each office will form the Presbyterian delegation, having orientations together, worshipping together, having dinner together, and interacting with Ecumenical Women, of which both the PC(USA) and PW are members.

PW has added yet another tool to its justice and peace box with a new issue of J&P Links on substance use disorder. (Download this and a list of resources to aid PW groups and congregations tackle this issue at www.presbyterianwomen.org/justice.)

In addition to this triennial focus and the focus on eco-justice (see the information/action published earlier in the year and updated in January), the J&P Committee is preparing a compiled resources list on several issues of concern to women of faith.

Triennial foci do not mean initiatives already in place such as Together in Action to end human trafficking and improve children's literacy, or our efforts to end violence against women, are abandoned. Those initiatives and resources remain in place. It simply means that during this triennium, PW is offering additional resources for families and communities suffering from substance use disorder, for those concerned for creation justice, and those seeking encouragement as they face social and environmental crises.

Racial equity. The Racial Equity Committee (REC) has been diligent with continuing education. The REC participated in the Presbyterian Mission Agency's 21-day Racial

Justice Challenge made available online at www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25/racism/. The Committee is in the development phase of a resource to disseminate for use churchwide, so stay tuned! Learn more about Racial Equity and download a listing of REC recommended resources at www.presbyterianwomen.org/antiracism.

Mission. One of our major initiatives of the last year has been the Together in Service for Puerto Rico relief efforts and the related Pillowcase Project. Thousands of pillowcases were received in the PW office and sent to presbyteries in Puerto Rico for children who were affected by Hurricane

Maria. Those pillowcases are still being distributed, and are especially welcome in the wake of earthquakes that shook Puerto Rico in January. See photo, front page.

Offerings. Birthday Offering promotional materials were mailed in early February. In 2020 we celebrate the Birthday Offering by supporting these four projects:

- GAP Ministries of Atlanta—Expand access and service space for meeting the needs of those without homes; \$135,000
- Center for Social Assistance in Russia—A Christian model of housing and community for adults with developmental disabilities, as an alternative to state-run nursing homes; \$100,000
- Northside Healing Space in Minneapolis—A "healing homeplace" aimed at providing supportive housing, workforce development, K-12 school initiatives and care for survivors of commercial exploitation and other trauma; \$100,000
- Community Presbyterian Child Learning Center in Arizona—Day care and pre-kindergarten programs for children in Payson, Arizona; the Tonto Apache tribe; and neighboring communities.

Learn more at www.presbyterianwomen.org/birthday.



PWS South Atlantic Gathering draws hundreds



PW in the Synod of South Atlantic held their 2019 Synod Gathering last October at Epworth by the Sea, St. Simons Island, Georgia. They had 380 attendees from three states: Georgia, Florida, and South Carolina. Way to go, SOSA PW!

Upcoming PW/Women's gatherings

Synod of Lincoln Trails—June 5–6, 2020

Synod of Mid-Atlantic—June 11–14, 2020; Massanetta Springs, Virginia

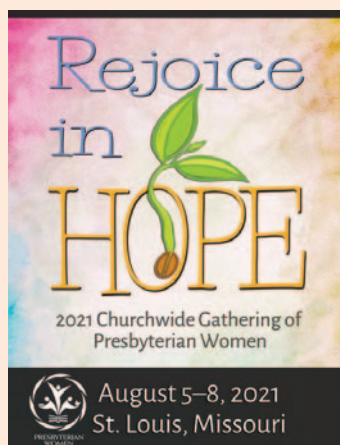
Alabama/Mississippi Conference—July 9–11, 2020; Mobile, Alabama

Synod of the Covenant—July 18–19, 2020; Detroit, Michigan

Synod of the Northeast—2020 Triennial Gathering, August 18–20, 2020; Albany, NY; "Empowered to Serve"; join us as we explore 1 Peter 4:10. Desmond Hotel and Conference Center, Albany, New York. For more information, see www.pwsne.org or contact Lorraine Cuffie, 585.526.5841.

Churchwide Gathering—August 5–8, 2021; St. Louis, Missouri; theme: "Rejoice in Hope." Stay tuned to www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering as additional information becomes available.

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



Moderator's Message

By **JyungIn Lee**



Gratitude

I was privileged to attend the PW in the Synod of Rocky Mountains coordinating team (CT) meeting in January. It was held at the Cabrini Shrine in Golden, Colorado. We stayed in the historic stone house that was built in 1914. The house wasn't designed with people's needs and challenges in mind, but it is sitting on a hill with a splendid view of Denver below. I learned that there is a 22-foot statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus standing on an 11-foot base at the top of the mountain and that there are 300+ steps to reach where the statue is standing. While I lament that I did not have an opportunity to climb up there and have a selfie taken in front of the statue, I was grateful to experience the awe of being high in the mountain looking down at the glittering city and to have a moment of reflection.

Gratitude

The CT received reports from the presbyteries and its members. We shared joys, struggles, thoughts and ideas, and I felt deep gratitude during the two days we were meeting. I am so grateful for these dedicated Presbyterian women in the Rocky Mountains and beyond. As I have felt during my travels to various synods, Presbyterian women in the grassroots, the base, the pews, work tirelessly in joys and struggles, to strengthen communities of women. They are the real backbone of Presbyterian Women, Inc. Thank you to PWs everywhere.

Gratitude

Standing in the high altitude with a splendid view of the city below reminded me of Jesus being taken to a very high mountain (Matt. 4). Matthew writes: "[T]he devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me'" (vv. 8–9). If I were asked the same, looking at all the buildings, houses, valleys, streams, towns and natural resources below, I would have had no hesitation saying, "Sure, no problem!" Afterward, however, huge consequences would have followed, perhaps eternal consequences that I couldn't even imagine.

Gratitude

Jesus told the devil to go away and stood firm on the scripture, saying, "'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him'" (v.10). He was clear about his identity and relationship with God. We are here because Jesus said "No" on that mountain. We worship and serve the Lord our God through Jesus Christ because we are forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit to be witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom. Thanks and glory be to God.

Please Note!

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

PW 101.....

Help for those new to PW!

PW 101.13: Your National Publications

One of the many strengths of Presbyterian Women is our connectedness. Just attend a presbytery, synod or churchwide gathering and you will soon see that we are linked to one another in ministry and outlook. We share values and we value our shared work. Ride shares and planning teams, mission trips and Bible studies, deep discernment and justice work, luncheons and rummage sales—all are satisfying and transformative.

Presbyterian Women value connection so deeply that we are organized to stay connected! What happens in circle informs the presbytery and synod and churchwide—even worldwide. Our stories are as rich and varied as God's world. We connect again when we share those stories. Good communication is key so we stay informed, stay current, stay faithful, stay connected!

Two of our most effective connectional tools are our magazine and Bible study. "Nurturing our faith through prayer and Bible study" is the first bullet point of our PW Purpose. Our annual *Horizons* Bible study—selected by a committee, field-tested by PWs—connects us year after year. And *Horizons* magazine—the magazine by and for Presbyterian Women—examines where faith and life connect. Six times a year, within its pages, readers find inspiration, stories of faith, ideas for mission, examples of working for justice and peace, news of PW and our denomination, and more. The magazine also includes devotions and reflections, fun and features, Bible study support, and inspiration to live boldly.

Visit www.presbyterianwomen.org/horizons or call 866.802.3635 to subscribe to *Horizons* magazine. Each one-year subscription includes the annual Bible study.

Vice Moderator's Message

By Jo Ann Burrell, Mission Relationships

We are now one fifth of the way into the 21st century, starting a whole new decade. Wow! I am so excited about being in the year 2020. We get to start afresh!

I'm still walking, talking, smiling, laughing, getting to meet wonderful people, doing mission with dedicated women and men across the country, and working with Betsy, Carissa, Cheri, Jung Ju, Laura, Mindi, Patricia, Rhonda, Sharon, Stephanie, Susan, and Yvonne, our Presbyterian Women staff.

What will I do? What will we do? What do I/we hope will happen? Where will God lead me/us? Ask yourself these questions. Write down your answers. Share them with others. Hopes and dreams are always good topics to start a dialog. Others with your same hopes and dreams will join you to accomplish what is desired. If you keep your hopes and dreams to yourself, be sure to read them next year. You might surprise yourself with what you accomplished or not.

We live in a country where we can express ourselves, and we have peaceful, safe places to live. We have issues, challenges, concerns and sadness that we need to work on, but these things give us something to do. We have hope that someday all will be well for all. Because we have hope, we can get difficult things accomplished together.

We are now in our 32nd year (as PW in the PC(USA)), doing mission and ministry as Presbyterian Women. We are addressing many of the issues, challenges, concerns and sadness that are in this world. Just look at the *Horizons* magazines you have. You can go back to 1988 and look all the way through 2019 to see the various areas we are working on. When issues are brought to our attention, it may take a while to get things going, but we do address the issue in some way. As a group united and together, we can, we will, do what God guides us to do. The "Many" can do more than the "Single." Look to the women in your church, presbytery, synod and national board of directors to see how working as a team gets things done.

When you want to address an issue, enlist every woman in your church/group. Don't leave anyone out. Invite all the women in your church/group/circle to share and take part in something that will help someone/the world. Invite the women who usually do not take part in your activities. The woman who is not active might just feel uncomfortable, not in the "know," like an outsider. That invitation will make that woman feel included, part of the group, no longer a stranger. Once you get involved, your leadership skills will start working, and any shyness you might have will no longer be visible. You will love working with women who have the same beliefs as you, and you will step up, speak out, and take action. All women have leadership skills. Sometimes, they are not apparent because they have not been nurtured. Help these women shine. Let's build new bridges with each other in our churches, circles and groups. First step, encourage all women of the church to subscribe to *Horizons* magazine.

And please thank the women who serve, or have served, on the Creative Ministries Offering Committee. These are the women who review and select grant recipients each year. These women devote many hours to this work. PW gets grant applications in large numbers, and the committee pares them down to two or three. We choose



only two or three so we can make a larger impact. Encourage your group and your congregation to give; the more gifts received for the Birthday and Thank Offerings, means we can help more in meeting the needs of the world.

No conversation about PW's ministries would be complete without mentioning our annual fund (the Mission Pledge)! This fund helps make possible all PW programs and resources, PW's staff and PW's national board. In congregations, presbyteries, synods and churchwide, it makes possible mission relationships, justice and peace activities, leadership development, programs and resources that nurture our faith, and events and opportunities that bring together our amazing groups.

Encourage support for our annual fund from the women and men of your church, but also from everyone you meet. Explain what we do and who we are, and invite others to share in our work. Give them the opportunity to be part of a great adventure of caring and giving. Share who we are, what we do and how we help people, animals, the land, the oceans and the world. Carry our green envelope with you. Give it to everyone with whom you share our story, or give them the address (Presbyterian Women, Inc., Giving, PO Box 643652, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3652) so they can send a check that says "Annual Fund." Give everyone the opportunity to be part of us!

Year 2020 is a new beginning. Remember the message in Revelation 21:1–6a: New beginnings for each of us are through the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit. You are a special group of women doing noble and superb work for all of humanity. Let's make 2020 the best PW year ever.

Justice and Peace Calendar (see presbyterianwomen.org/justice)

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

- 21 Father's Day; Men of the Church Sunday
- 19 Juneteenth
- 20 World Refugee Day
- 20–27 224th General Assembly
- 25 Orange Day
- 28 PC(USA) World AIDS Sunday

July

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

August

- 6 Hiroshima Day
- 9 Day of Prayer for the Peaceful Reunification of the Korean Peninsula
- 9 International Day of the World's Indigenous People
- 19 World Humanitarian Day
- 23 Public Education Sunday
- 25 Orange Day

* See PDF with links to resources at presbyterianwomen.org/justice.

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 presbyterianwomen.org/giving and selecting "Giving and Funding" from the drop-down menu, then choose "Publishing Ministry." This list reflects gifts sent with *Horizons* magazine subscriptions and renewals from October 1 through December 31, 2019. Many have generously given to other ministries of PW but are not listed below.

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Cultivating PW

Throughout 2019, I heard from so many of you about just how much you appreciate the work that Presbyterian Women does, locally and globally. I enjoy learning about the many creative ways that circle, presbytery and synod leaders have interpreted PW's Annual Fund (the Mission Pledge). The many interpretations of the Cultivating PW flowerpot display—shared at gatherings across the country—reflect the women who put their hands and hearts to crafting them: faithful and inspiring!



If you are interested in supporting PW beyond the circle gift, consider becoming a PW sustainer. Recurring or sustaining gifts to PW provide predictable income on a monthly, quarterly or semiannual basis; allow for easier budgeting; and can be accomplished with as little as five dollars per month. In other words, for the cost of a "coffee and a muffin," your sustaining gift helps sustain the mission of Presbyterian Women.

Sustain PW, Become a Sustainer!

Presbyterian women traditionally give in community through circle gifts. As we enter this second decade of the twenty-first century, this model (giving through the circle) remains an important aspect of our stewardship ministry. Individual giving—financial gifts from individual women to PW's national ministries—is also an important aspect of our stewardship ministry. Individual giving to PW churchwide offers flexibility and opportunity for those who give and helps sustain Presbyterian Women.



Becoming a PW sustainer is easy and can fit your personal situation. Simply visit www.presbyterianwomen.org/give and select "this is a recurring gift." If you prefer, you may set up your recurring (sustaining!) gift by calling Rhonda Martin at 844.PW.PCUSA, ext. 5596.

May blessings be abundant in 2020.

—Mary Ellen Ausenbaugh
Chair, PW Stewardship
Committee



2020 Birthday Offering OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

But I will hope continually, and will praise you yet more and more. —Psalm 71:14, NRSV

Since 1922, Presbyterian Women's Birthday Offering has helped fund mission projects that improve lives. This year's Birthday Offering recipients are:

**Center for Social Assistance to
the Disabled, Family, and Children
PREOBRAZHENIYE
Assisted Living Facility
Davydovo, Russia**

**GAP Ministries
of Augusta, Georgia
Expand Access and Service Space
Northeast Georgia Presbytery**

**Community Presbyterian
Child Learning Center
in Payson, Arizona
Childcare and Prekindergarten Facility
Presbytery of the Grand Canyon**

**Liberty Community Church in
Minneapolis, Minnesota
Northside Healing Space Expansion
Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area**

Resources to Promote the 2020 Presbyterian Women Birthday Offering

Essentials

Available as a download, as well! The **2020 Birthday Offering promotional booklet**, which is routinely mailed to all PCUSA congregations and PW leaders, includes grant recipient summaries; a dedication service; a greeting from the Creative Ministries Offering Committee of Presbyterian Women; ideas to promote and support the Birthday Offering; a poster/placemat; and promotional resource flier. Item PWR20451; free.

2020 Birthday Offering Korean- and Spanish-language promotional booklets are available on line. Free.

The 11" x 17" **2020 Birthday Offering poster/placemat** is versatile: use side one as a poster suitable for bulletin boards and trifold; use side two as a placemat for dinners and tabletops. Available as singles so order as needed (limit 150)! Item PWR20453; free.

Receiving the Offering

Birthday Offering group giving envelopes, traditionally used in PW circles and congregations, are available in packs of 25. Item PWR12501; free.

Individual giving envelopes are PW's "multipurpose" envelopes! These #10 green envelopes include an attached slip that allows an individual (or group) to choose where to direct her gifts as well as an area for credit card information. Available in packs of 10; item PWR20456; free.

2020 Birthday Offering bulletin insert (one design)—Download at www.presbyterianwomen.org/birthday; free.

2020 Birthday Offering bulletin cover (8½" x 11")—Download at www.presbyterianwomen.org/birthday; free.

2020 Birthday Offering promotional video (English, Spanish and Korean)—Available on PW's YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/presbyterianwomen.

More to Explore!

The **January/February 2020 issue of *Horizons* magazine** includes the grant recipient list as well as a dedication service. Available to order January 2020; item HZN20200, \$4.00. (Not a *Horizons* magazine subscriber? Call 866/802-3635 or visit www.presbyterianwomen.org/horizons to subscribe!)

Messages of Reconciliation and Hope: 75 Years of Birthday Offerings, 1922-1997, by Catherine Stewart Vaughn, item PWR00507, \$12.00

Ordering is Easy!

- Shop on line at www.presbyterianwomen.org/shop.
- Or call 800/533-4371, Monday–Friday, 9 AM–5 PM EST.

Note: Prices do not include shipping and handling (based on weight of order; \$5.91 minimum). International orders and orders to Puerto Rico may incur additional shipping charges. Prices and availability may change without notice.

Justice and peace news briefs

No child left behind in your community

How do you make sure that no child is left behind in your community? Work on behalf of underserved children, making sure they have books, mentors, extra help with schoolwork and literacy! At any time of year, but especially during PW's Together in Action for Children's Literacy days, May 4–10, hold a book drive, volunteer to mentor a child in need, set up a read-aloud program at your church and invite children from the community, contact a church in an underserved part of town to talk about partnering on a children's after-school tutoring program, or volunteer at a community center. For more ideas and a children's reading list, see www.presbyterianwomen.org/justice.

How do you ensure that no child is left behind in your community? Send a photo and brief write-up to yvonne.hileman@pcusa.org.

Join Bread for the World's collective voice to end hunger

The Bible is full of stories about people being fed. God's desire is that people live lives of abundance. Yet millions still live without enough to eat. God's grace in Jesus Christ moves us to help our neighbors, whether they live in the next house, the next state or the next continent. Everyone must play a part in ending hunger. Join Bread for the World's 2020 Offering of Letters—"Better Nutrition, Better Tomorrow." Ask Congress to make nutrition a priority and increase funding for nutrition programs that enable mothers and children to grow and thrive. For more

information on how to conduct an Offering of Letters in your congregation, PW group or community, visit bread.org/ol.

If you would like to go beyond letter-writing, your regional organizer can help you mobilize an entire community. Make the Offering of Letters an ecumenical event in your community. Organize a group to visit legislators' offices in Washington or in a district or state office at home. Raise awareness and support for funding through a public awareness campaign in the local media. To find your organizer, go to bread.org/regional-organizers.

Also, don't forget to connect with the work of the Presbyterian Hunger Program. See www.pcusa.org/hunger for information about the many ways

What's up in Pullyaup?

What's happening in Heartland?

What's shakin' in Sheboygan?

Month after month, season to season, PW newsletter editors are hard at work keeping PW sisters informed and connected! Please share your good news (recipes, ministries, and reports!) with your PW staff! Send your copy via email (carissa.herold@pcusa.org) or snail mail (Carissa Herold, Presbyterian Women, 100 Witherspoon St., Louisville KY 40202-1396) so staff can (attempt to) keep up with all that's up! Who knows? Maybe your story or ministry will inspire other Presbyterian Women through PW national publications or social media presence!

the PC(USA) fights root causes of hunger, economic inequities, poverty and climate crises.

Ecumenical Advocacy Days

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 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.pcusa.org/washington.

Order eco-palms for Palm Sunday

More than 300 million palm fronds are harvested each year for U.S. consumption. The PC(USA) is one of many denominations that participate in the Eco-Palms program. Learn more and order at www.pcusa.org/ecopalms.

Mission co-workers facilitate PW work

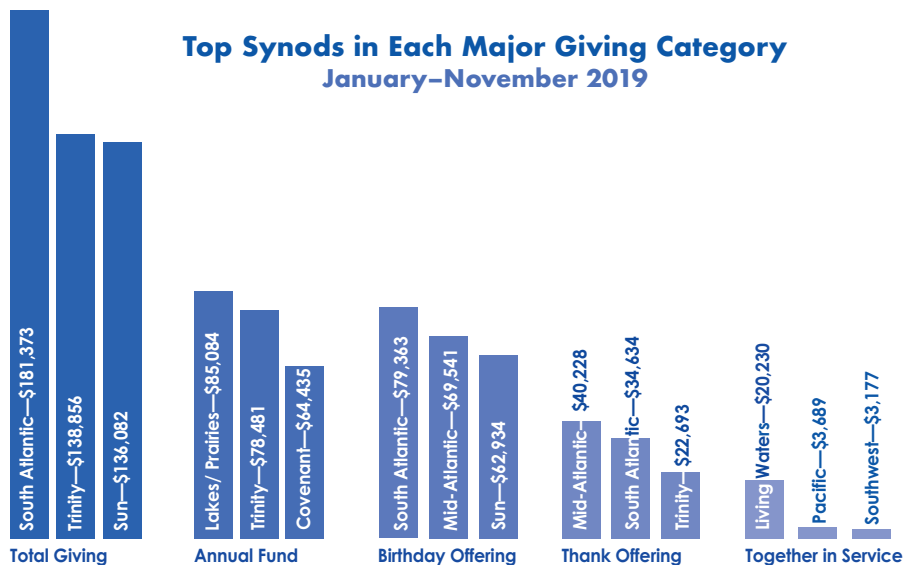
Mission co-worker Christi Boyd (right) facilitates response to women's issues in several nations in Africa. With funding help from a PW



Thank Offering grant, Christi and our partner denomination in Madagascar are raising awareness in communities where their congregations exist about violence against women. Christi and Helivao Poget of the Church of Jesus Christ in Madagascar led a January 28 webinar about FKJM's work to prevent human trafficking in vulnerable Malagasy communities. During the webinar, Cheri Harper, PW associate for mission, spoke about PW's role in facilitating this work. See the March/April issue of *Horizons* magazine for the rest of this story.

Planning your church calendar for 2020? Consider inviting a PC(USA) mission co-worker to speak with your congregation about their ministry. Call or email Destini Hodges (800.728.7228, ext. 5075; destini.hodges@pcusa.org) to find out which mission co-workers will be back in the U.S. in 2020.

Top Synods in Each Major Giving Category January–November 2019



Resources for PW*

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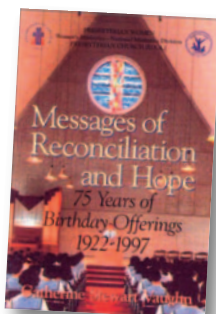


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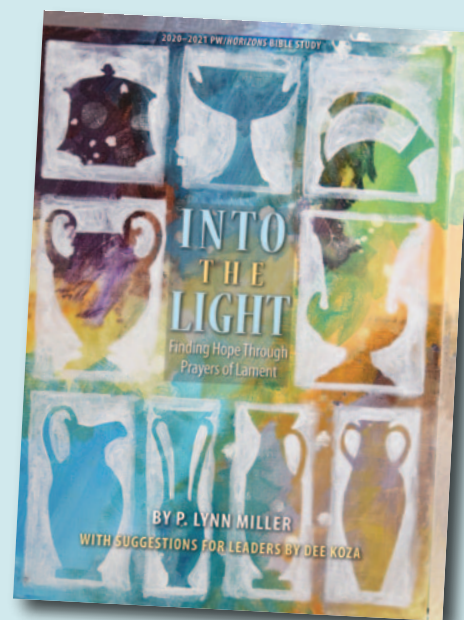
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