**2021 Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women**

 **Zoom skit\***

2 actors—Patty and Wanda

Props

* Table
* Money (real or fake!)—in bills or coins
* Large map with St. Louis circled in blue or a big star
* Chart (thermometer type with how much saved and registration amount at top; the Gathering Quest email includes one!)
* Calendar with days crossed off

\*Note: This skit has been adapted to be performed on Zoom. The map, chart and calendar can be held up by Patty, taped to the wall behind her or set as virtual backgrounds/images for additional characters who “have just stepped away for a moment.” Adapt the props, staging and script for anything that works for you!

**Patty** *is on Zoom or other videoconference service. She’s seated, counting money out loud, but through the skit keeps getting distracted and having to start over.*

**Wanda** *joins the meeting.*

P “Oh, hi Wanda!”

W “What are you doing?

P “I’m counting my money.”

W “I can see that. But what for?”

P “I’m saving for the Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women. See, I have a chart of how much I have saved.” *Points at or holds up chart. She realizes she’s lost count, looks around exasperatedly and moves her money to start recounting it.*

W “I’ve heard about that. They always meet in Louisville. That’s way too far for me to go.”

P *Points at or holds up calendar.* “Well, in 2021—August 5 through 8 to be exact—they will be meeting in St. Louis. That’s closer, so there is no reason for you not to plan to go!”

W “St. Louis. Isn’t that where the giant golden arches are?” *Laughs hysterically*

P “There is one arch and we will be only blocks from it at the Marriott St. Louis Grand Hotel and the convention center. Oh the river and water front are so beautiful to see. See, here is a map showing where it is.” *Holds up or points to map.*

W “So why would I want to go to this Gathering? I mean, isn’t it just talking heads on stage?”

P *Loses count of money again, rolls eyes, and puts money down.* “Oh, it’s way more than talking heads! We get a lot of information that we can share with our PWs back home. There are also educational opportunities, music and singing, prayer and Bible study, time to meet and make new friends, an activities hall, a bookstore, a silent auction, and so much more.”

W “That does sound like fun . . . but I don’t know. Seems like it’s hopeless to even think about going.”

P “‘Rejoice in Hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to stranger.’ That is the theme for the Gathering. And it could not be more fitting for this time and place. So I *hope* you will join me at the Gathering. Registration will open March 1, 2021 and you can learn more or register at www.presbyterianwomen.org!”

W “It would be my joy!”

P & W “And we *hope* all of you will go too.”