

# Gathering Guide

Programming, Registration and Information

Do everything in love



1 Corinthians 16:14



2024 Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women  
August 8–11, 2024 • St. Louis, Missouri

## Early Registration Benefits

### Register by May 1 for full or one-day in-person participation and you

- **receive a special-edition Gathering pin.** At Gathering check-in/registration in St. Louis, you'll be presented with a pin featuring the Gathering's charming bluebird mascot.
- **are a good steward!** Your prompt registration helps Presbyterian Women anticipate attendance more accurately, ensuring that the Gathering offers the right programs for the right number of participants
- **will have priority to purchase a limited-edition Gathering tote bag.** Sewers at Stitching Change are creating tote bags (from fabric donated by Presbyterian women!) featuring a patch with the 2024 Gathering logo. Register early to ensure your purchase of this souvenir! And, the first 100 people to register for a full, in-person Gathering experience will also receive a copy of *Legacy*, a book by Helen Harano Christ (a longtime participant in Presbyterian Women at the national and regional levels) about her family's experience at an internment camp in Topaz, Utah.

## Monthly Gathering Quest Emails

### Stay informed about Gathering opportunities and news with the Gathering quest emails!

These emails—sent the 5th of each month leading up to the Gathering—include news, a reflection, a savings calculator, a fun download and much more. To be added to the list, email [patricia.longfellow@pcusa.org](mailto:patricia.longfellow@pcusa.org) with "Gathering Quest" in the subject line.



### Bluebird

As the state bird of Missouri (and a symbol of happiness!), the Eastern Bluebird is the ideal Gathering mascot. The plucky illustrated bluebird you'll find fluttering through these pages was created for Presbyterian Women by Ken Dowd—father-in-law of PW's executive director, Susan Jackson Dowd.

**Ken Dowd** fulfilled his childhood dream of being an artist with a decades-long career in St. Louis as a commercial artist and free-lance illustrator. Ken credits Len Ruzicka for hiring him, teaching him business and giving him a chance to make art. Ken worked in various ad agencies and illustrated for clients including Anheuser-Busch, Ralston Purina, Pet Inc., Busch Gardens, Sea World, Six Flags and 7UP. Ken and his wife Sandy have three adult children, children-in-law and grandchildren—all talented and creative as well!

Over the last 20 years, Ken built a 7-foot-long model of the Nautilus from *Disney's 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*. (Google "Ken Dowd Nautilus" to see a video.)

Thank you, Ken!

### Do Everything in Love

The theme "Do Everything in Love" was inspired by 1 Corinthians 16:13–14 (NIV): "Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love."





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## About the 2024 PW Churchwide Gathering

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Held every three years, Presbyterian Women's Churchwide Gathering is an event that celebrates and can deepen your engagement in all that Presbyterian Women does. Participants enjoy workshops, tours, forums, resource gathering (and shopping!), plenary sessions with inspiring speakers, worship, music and more. You will also find opportunities to connect with other PWs from your synod and throughout the church in a variety of settings.

In 2021 the Gathering was held online due to the pandemic, but 2024 marks a return to an in-person event. Additionally, registrants will have the option to participate in parts of the event online—yet another first for the Churchwide Gathering!

The 2024 Gathering will be held in St. Louis, August 8–11, 2024. The Gathering will begin with dinner on Thursday, August 8, and concludes with morning worship on Sunday, August 11. Sleeping rooms, the exhibit hall, workshops, meals and bookstore will be at the Marriott St. Louis Grand. Plenary sessions will be held just across the street at America's Center Convention Complex.

Attending the Gathering in St. Louis means you will be part of the PW community—hugs and all! You'll have opportunities to connect with PW participants from across the country and to share the ministries, resources and priorities that shape your participation in PW. You can participate in up to six workshops of your choice, as well as work in shopping, education, book discussions and more. You'll be cared for, challenged, inspired and equipped to "do everything in love," a perfect theme to bring Presbyterian Women back together under one roof again.

Attending the Gathering online means you'll benefit from the insights of bold, faithful plenary and worship leaders who will reflect on what it means to care for ourselves, one another and all of creation. You'll have access to select workshops that highlight PW's commitments to Bible study, mission, justice and peace, leadership and inclusive community.

## Registration Options

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Gathering registration will be available at [presbyterianwomen.org/gathering](http://presbyterianwomen.org/gathering), March 1–July 7, 2024. Know that by registering early, you'll have the fullest selections of workshops (which can fill up), the option to purchase a Gathering tote bag (which sold out in 2018) and if you register by May 1, you'll receive the early registration incentives!

After July 7, you may register on site at the Marriott St. Louis Grand.

Note: Breakfast is on your own each day. Lunch is provided on Friday; dinner is provided on Thursday and Saturday. You may specify dietary preferences and allergies when you register for the Gathering.

All attendees (including voting reps) should register online.

Three registration options are available—something for everyone!

### Full registrant, \$450

It's the event you've been waiting years to attend—an in-person Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women. Come to St. Louis for this triennial event that begins with dinner on Thursday, August 8 and ends with morning worship on Sunday, August 11. A full registration is your ticket to community, learning and worship with PW siblings from across the country, workshops from inspiring leaders, shopping, a program book, three provided meals, book groups, opportunities for spiritual development and the incomparable energy of more than 1,000 PWs gathering to "do everything in love."

### Single-day registrant (one-day limit), \$150

Enjoy the day's plenary sessions, provided meal of the day and select from the day's programming options. Attend up to three workshops (Friday or Saturday only), receive a program book, visit the exhibit hall, bookstore and silent auction, and/or join a book group!

### Online registrant, \$150

Slide up to your computer (or grab your smart phone!) to take in the large-group plenary sessions, worship and select workshops.

Online participants will receive information via email about how to watch plenary and worship, as well as the six preselected workshops:

- 2024–2025 PW/*Horizons* Bible Study, *Let Justice Roll Down: God’s Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation*—Patricia K. Tull
- *Expande tus horizontes*—Magdalena I. García
- PW Looking Forward: Celebrating PW’s Past, Present and Future—Kathy Reeves and Susan Jackson Dowd
- 2025–2026 PW/*Horizons* Bible Study, *Celebrating Our Resilience and Joy in Jesus Christ*—Rhashell Hunter
- 2026–2027 PW/*Horizons* Bible Study, *Love as Equity in the Body of Christ*—Veda Pendleton
- 영성의 연결—Kyungmoon Yoon

Plenary/worship will be available as livestream (in real time); edited recordings of the preselected workshops will be available within the two weeks after the Gathering.

## Financial Assistance

A limited number of Gathering scholarships are available to cover the cost of a full/in-person Gathering registration. The deadline for applying is May 1, 2024, but early application is encouraged. Voting representatives, current PW, Inc. Board members and PW leadership development grant recipients from the last 36 months are not eligible to apply. Application forms are available at [presbyterianwomen.org/cwggrant](http://presbyterianwomen.org/cwggrant).

## Cancellation Policy

Send Gathering registration cancellation/refund requests in writing to the PW Business Office, 100 Witherspoon St., Louisville, KY 40202-1396, or email [mindi.stivers@pcusa.org](mailto:mindi.stivers@pcusa.org) by June 15, 2024. Hotel cancellation is your responsibility. All Gathering cancellation refunds will incur a \$50 processing fee.

## Accessibility

Simultaneous translation (Korean and Spanish) and American Sign Language interpretation will be available in plenary sessions as needed. Amplification will also be available as requested. Please indicate your need for these services during registration.

Both the Marriott St. Louis Grand and America’s Center Convention Complex are accessible by wheelchair and scooter; space will be designated in plenary for participants using this equipment.

Scooters and wheelchairs will be available to rent through Mobility City in St. Louis. An event rate has been arranged:

**Scooter: \$175 + \$50 delivery fee**

**Wheelchair: \$75 + \$50 delivery fee**

To reserve, call or email Mobility City directly at [stlouismo@mobilitycity.com](mailto:stlouismo@mobilitycity.com) or 833/662-2489. You will need to confirm your height and weight to ensure you reserve the right size equipment. At the time of booking, let them know you are with the 2024 Presbyterian Women’s Conference and they will deliver your scooter or wheelchair directly to the Marriott St. Louis Grand. If you have any questions, email [keprenbach@eventpower.com](mailto:keprenbach@eventpower.com).

## Child Care

If you are interested in childcare at the Gathering, contact Jeanette Huie, [jeanette\\_huie@yahoo.com](mailto:jeanette_huie@yahoo.com), no later than June 1, 2024. Include the ages of your child(ren) and the dates that you will be at the Gathering.

## Gathering registration questions?

Contact Gathering registrar  
Carol Winkler, [winksmama@gmail.com](mailto:winksmama@gmail.com)  
or 859/991-5079.

For PW or general Churchwide Gathering information,  
call 844/PWPCUSA (844/797-2872), ext. 8015.

In addition to this Gathering Guide, a registration technical support guide is available at [presbyterianwomen.org/cwg-guide](http://presbyterianwomen.org/cwg-guide). It outlines username and password solutions, as well as step-by-step registration help.



# Daily Schedule



(All times are St. Louis local time/Central time zone.)

## Wednesday, August 7, 2024

8 AM–4 PM	Racial Equity Dialogue (RED) Training
1 PM–4 PM	Disaster Preparedness Training
7 PM–9 PM	Business Meeting

## Thursday, August 8, 2024

8:30 AM–12:30 PM	Disaster Preparedness Training
9 AM–12 PM	PW Business Meeting (includes lunch)
11 AM–7:30 PM	Registration
11 AM–6 PM	Exhibit Hall open
3 PM	Gathering orientation
4 PM	Gathering orientation
5 PM	Gathering orientation
5 PM–5:45 PM	Book group
6 PM–7:30 PM	Dinner
8 PM	Opening plenary (including processional)

## Friday, August 9, 2024

8:30–10 AM	Morning plenary
10 AM–6 PM	Registration
10:30 AM–11:45 AM	Workshops
11 AM–6 PM	Exhibit Hall open
12:15 PM–1:45 PM	Lunch
2:15–3:30 PM	Workshops
4 PM–5:15 PM	Workshops
5 PM–5:45 PM	Book group
	Dinner on your own
8–9:30 PM	Evening Plenary

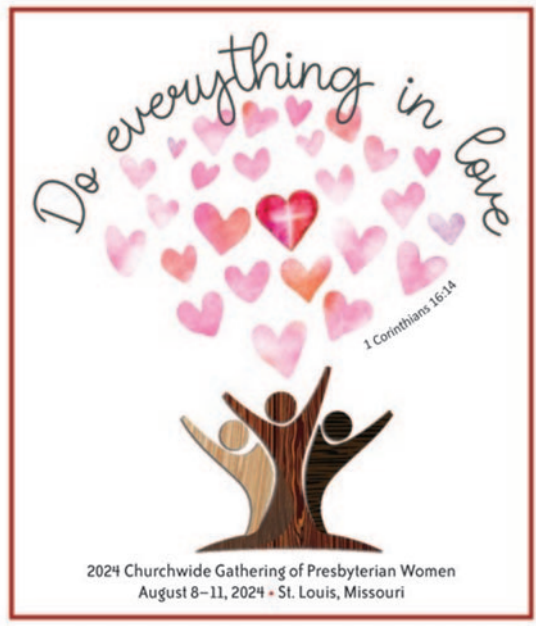
## Saturday, August 10, 2024

8:30 AM–10:00 AM	Morning plenary
10–6 PM	Registration
10:30 AM–11:45 AM	Workshops
11 AM–5 PM	Exhibit Hall open
12–1:30 PM	Optional Synod and Celebration Lunches
2:15 PM–3:30 PM	Workshops
3 PM	Silent Auction closes
4 PM–5:15 PM	Workshops
5 PM–5:45 PM	Book group
6 PM–8:30 PM	Dinner Banquet
8:30 PM–9 PM	Greeting new leaders
9 PM–9:30 PM	Board/CCT reunion

## Sunday, August 11, 2024

8:30 AM–10:15 AM	Closing Worship with communion/Adjourn after worship
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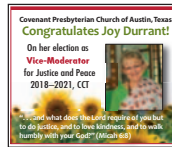
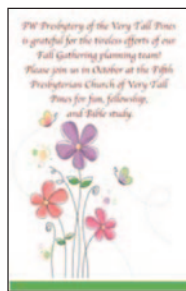
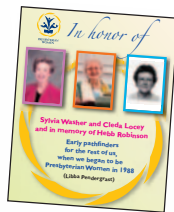
# Reserve Your Personal Ad(s) for the 2024 Churchwide Gathering Program Book



The Churchwide Gathering program book is more than a road map (or GPS!) of Gathering events and their corresponding times. The program book finds new life in synod and presbytery gatherings across the country, providing worship and workshop ideas, and more. What Gathering attendee doesn't have her program book stashed as a reminder of good days spent in fellowship with good friends in the faith? In other words, the program book becomes a highly regarded and appreciated resource for years to come!

With that in mind, the pages of the 2024 Churchwide Gathering program book will expand to provide Presbyterian women with the opportunity to express thanks, admiration, good humor and invitation to one another with PW personal space ads!

Ideas? Honor your PW sisters! Send a prayer for your voting reps! Bring greetings from afar! Pay homage to those members of the Great Cloud of Witnesses who continue to inspire your faith journey! Share information about your presbytery's upcoming plans! The 2024 Churchwide Gathering program book is your opportunity to express what is in your heart.



## Imagine the possibilities!

Here's how to reserve your space in the program book:

- **Reserve your spot!** Return this page (a photocopy will work!)
  - by April 10, 2024 if you would like design assistance with your ad
  - by May 1, 2024 if you will electronically submit your designed ad
- **Choose a size.** You and/or your circle/church/presbytery/synod/pastor/best friend may choose
  - Full page ad (5" x 8")—\$250.00
  - Half-page ad (4" x 5")—\$175.00
  - Quarter-page ad (2.5" x 2")—\$100.00
- **Return this form with a check\*** made payable to "Presbyterian Women"; on the memo line, write "Program Book." Mail the form and the check to

**Rhonda Martin, Finance Manager**  
**Presbyterian Women**  
**100 Witherspoon St., Room 4611**  
**Louisville, KY 40202-1396**

**After your reservation and payment have been received, you will be sent a confirmation number and guidelines for submitting your ad materials.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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\*PW will also accept credit card payments. Call 844/PWPCUSA (844/797-2872), ext. 5596, or email your ad reservation to rhonda.martin@pcusa.org.

For more information or to register online, visit [presbyterianwomen.org/gathering](http://presbyterianwomen.org/gathering).

## Plenary and Speaker Highlights



Allanda Small Campbell



Evelyn Torres



Yung Me Suh Morris



Cindy Kohlmann



Phillip Morgan

### Thursday Evening, August 8

The Gathering will include four plenary sessions with inspiring speakers and beautiful music from singer Allanda Small and pianist Phillip Morgan. The plenaries feature speakers representing a variety of backgrounds and calls to ministry. Together, they invite participants to consider new, faithful ways of doing everything in love.

The opening plenary introduces the Gathering theme by asking “What’s Love Got to Do With It?” Leaders will reframe love as not just an emotion, but a gift and commandment from God. Rev. Cindy Kohlmann, who has served in two congregations, three presbyteries, and as co-moderator of the 223rd General Assembly, will give the keynote address.

### Friday Morning, August 9

“Loving Our World” invites us to consider how we care for God’s beautiful creation. Rev. Dr. Patricia K. Tull will introduce her newest study for Presbyterian Women, the 2024–2025 PW/Horizons Bible study, *Let Justice Roll Down: God’s Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation*. The keynote speaker is Rev. Yung Me Suh Morris, who will reflect on what it means to love our world from her experiences pastoring congregations and in chaplaincy with the unhoused.

### Friday Evening, August 9

Presbyterian Women has long embodied this plenary session theme—“Loving Our Neighbors,”—through advocacy, mission, prayer and loving care for God’s children. Rev. Evelyn Torres, a bivocational pastor from Puerto Rico whose congregation

received a 2022 Birthday Offering grant, is the keynote speaker. Rev. Dr. Rhaskell Hunter will introduce the 2025–2026 PW/Horizons Bible study she is writing—*Celebrating Our Resilience and Joy in Jesus Christ*.

### Saturday Morning, August 10

“Loving Ourselves” is the theme for the morning plenary, and Rev. Laura Mariko Cheifetz will examine the social and personal identities that shape our experience in the world and celebrate God’s love for all of us—not in spite of these differences but in celebration of them. Dr. Veda Pendleton will give a preview of themes and inspiration for the 2026–2027 PW/Horizons Bible study she is writing, *Love as Equity in the Body of Christ*.

### Saturday Evening, August 10

In a Gathering themed “Do Everything in Love,” of course programming will include a time for Presbyterian women to connect with each other and celebrate all that Presbyterian Women is, can be and makes possible!

### Sunday Morning: Loving Out Loud

Rev. CeCe Armstrong, a cradle Presbyterian who now proudly serves as the associate pastor of St. James on James Island in Charleston, South Carolina, will preach and preside at the table for this worship service. This joyous closing will inspire participants to be courageous and bold in loving God, creation, neighbor and self—the perfect way to end the Gathering, embodying the daily theme “Loving Out Loud”!



# Plenary and Speaker Highlights



Rhashell D. Hunter



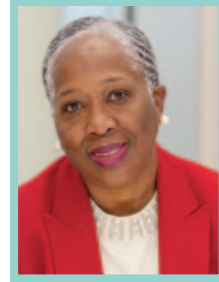
Patricia Tull



Cecelia D. Armstrong



Laura Mariko Cheifetz



Veda Pendleton

## Workshop Chart

**Underlined workshops are being recorded for online Gathering participants**

Friday, 10:30–11:45 AM (A)	Friday, 2:15–3:30 PM (B)	Friday, 4–5:15 PM (C)
A1. 2024–2025 PW/ <i>Horizons</i> Bible Study, <i>Let Justice Roll Down: God’s Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation</i> —Patricia K. Tull	B1. 2024–2025 PW/ <i>Horizons</i> Bible Study, <i>Let Justice Roll Down: God’s Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation</i> —Patricia K. Tull	C1. 2025–2026 PW/ <i>Horizons</i> Bible Study, <i>Celebrating Our Resilience and Joy in Jesus Christ</i> —Rhashell Hunter
A2. <u>Abolishing Cages: Journey to Community</u> —Deborah Lee	B3. Family Disaster Preparedness Training Workshop—Marilyn Stone and Lynette Williams	C2. <u>Abolishing Cages: Journey to Community</u> —Deborah Lee
A3. Family Disaster Preparedness Training Workshop—Marilyn Stone and Lynette Williams	B4. <u>Expand tus horizontes</u> —Magdalena I. García	C3. <u>Love Always</u> —Cecelia D. Armstrong
A4. <u>Heart and Treasure</u> —Liz Wagner	B5. <u>Love God, Love God’s Creation</u> —Rebecca Barnes	C4. <u>Global Women’s Spirituality and Solidarity</u> —Kyungmoon Yoon
A5. <u>Matthew 25</u> —Diane L. Givens Moffett	B6. <u>Matthew 25</u> —Diane L. Givens Moffett	C5. <u>Heart and Treasure</u> —Liz Wagner (NAPC)
A6. <u>Setting Boundaries in Love</u> —Cindy Kohlmann	B7. <u>Roots of and Remedies for Anti-Asian Hate</u> —Laura Mariko Cheifetz	C6. <u>Listening and Speaking in Love</u> —Samantha Davis
A7. <u>Somatic Justice</u> —Shanea Leonard	B8. <u>Setting Boundaries in Love</u> —Cindy Kohlmann	C7. <u>Love God, Love God’s Creation</u> —Rebecca Barnes
A8. <u>A Song of Love</u> —Rebecca Chu	B9. <u>Somatic Justice</u> —Shanea Leonard	C8. <u>PW Looking Forward: Celebrating PW’s Past, Present and Future</u> —Kathy Reeves and Susan Jackson Dowd
A9. <u>Una mesa vibrante: Tejiendo DEI en nosotras</u> —Danilie C. Hilerio-Villanueva	B10. <u>A Vibrant Table: Weaving DEI into Our Patterns</u> —Danilie C. Hilerio-Villanueva	C9. <u>사랑의 노래</u> —Rebecca Chu
A10. <u>Young Adults in 2024</u> —Laura Mariko Cheifetz	B11. <u>When They Say Protect Me: Our Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives</u> —Elona Street-Stewart	C10. <u>Soul Collage: Transformation Through Images and Reflection</u> —Denise Shannon
A11. <u>보이시스 오브 리디아: 한국이민교회의 여성리더쉽</u> —Heejin (Jeanie) Lim and Inhye Park	B12. <u>The PC(USA) and the Sacred Work of Reproductive Justice</u> —Rebecca Todd Peters	C11. <u>Empowering Women and Girls: Gender Equality for All</u> —Magdalene Lewis and friends
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Saturday, 10:30–11:45 AM (D)	Saturday, 2:15–3:30 PM (E)	Saturday, 4–5:15 PM (F)
D1. 2025–2026 PW/ <i>Horizons</i> Bible Study, <i>Celebrating Our Resilience and Joy in Jesus Christ</i> —Rhashell Hunter	E1. 2026–2027 PW/ <i>Horizons</i> Bible Study, <i>Love as Equity in the Body of Christ</i> —Veda Pendleton	F1. 2023 USA Mission Experience to Arizona–Mexico Border—Kathleen Keefer and friends
D2. Building Inclusive Community—Nina Khoury and Catreli Hunter	E2. Amazing Things To Do with Congregational Green Teams—Patricia K. Tull	F2. 2026–2027 PW/ <i>Horizons</i> Bible Study, <i>Love as Equity in the Body of Christ</i> —Veda Pendleton
D3. Enough Is Enough! Direct Action to End Gun Violence in the U.S.—Cheryl Hunt	E3. Building Inclusive Community—Nina Khoury and Catreli Hunter	F3. Amazing Things To Do with Congregational Green Teams—Patricia K. Tull
D4. Local Mission: Panel of St. Louis Mission Programs	E4. Listening and Speaking in Love—Samantha Davis	F4. Love Always—Cecelia D. Armstrong
D6. Prayers, Litanies and Blessings—Magdalena I. García	E5. Local Mission: Panel of St. Louis Mission Programs	F5. Mission in Guatemala: Empowerment and Transformation Through Christ’s Love—Eliane Menezes
D7. Social Justice is Love in Action—Rebecca Barnes	E6. Misión en Guatemala: El empoderamiento y la transformación a través del amor de Cristo—Eliane Menezes	F6. Oraciones, Letanías y bendiciones—Magdalena I. García
D9. Uncharted Waters: Faith Formation as a First Step for Loving Action—Christina Cosby	E7. PW Looking Forward: Celebrating PW’s Past, Present and Future—Kathy Reeves and Susan Jackson Dowd	F8. Roots of and Remedies for Anti-Asian Hate—Laura Mariko Cheifetz
D10. Young Adults in 2024—Laura Mariko Cheifetz	E8. Social Justice is Love in Action—Rebecca Barnes	F9. 연결됨의 영성(“The Spirituality of Connectedness”)—윤경문 목사(Rev. Kyungmoon Yoon)
D11. Best Practices for Saving and Sharing PW History—Nancy Taylor	E9. Soul Collage: Transformation Through Images and Reflection—Denise Shannon	F11. Unleash the Power of Love: The Path to Forging Intergenerational Connections in Church—Maureen Anderson
D12. Empowering Women and Girls: Gender Equality for All—Magdalene Lewis and friends	E10. Uncharted Waters: Faith Formation as a First Step for Loving Action—Christina Cosby	F12. Enough Is Enough! Direct Action to End Gun Violence in the U.S.—Cheryl Hunt
D13. A Treasure Trove of Information for PW Treasurers—Susan Ochs and Rhonda Martin	E11. Unleash the Power of Love: The Path to Forging Intergenerational Connections in Church—Maureen Anderson	
	E12. Best Practices for Saving and Sharing PW History—Nancy Taylor	

## Workshops

### **2023 USA Mission Experience to the Arizona–Mexico border—Kathleen Keefer and friends**

**Offered once: Saturday, 4 PM**

Hear from participants in the 2023 USA Mission Experience (USAME) to the Arizona–Mexico border, reflecting on what they witnessed and how we can faithfully respond to the realities of migration and immigration. Come hear their experiences so you will be eager to join the next USAME!

*Kathleen Keefer is Presbyterian Women's 2021–2024 Churchwide Vice-moderator.*

### **2024–2025 PW/Horizons Bible Study, Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation—Patricia K. Tull**

**Offered twice: Friday, 10:30 AM and 2:15 PM**

Environmental justice—healing ecological damage that harms neighbors—occupies the overlapping space between social justice and earth care. This workshop will introduce the 2024–2025 PW/Horizons Bible study that examines scriptural, theological and ethical dimensions of environmental justice. The study invites participants to ponder fair use of land, food, water and air; climate justice for neighbors and descendants; and the mended world we long to see.

*Rev. Dr. Patricia K. Tull is A.B. Rhodes Professor Emerita of Hebrew Bible at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, author of the 2024–2025 PW/Horizons Bible study and the 2001–2002 PW/Horizons Bible study Esther's Feast.*

### **2025–2026 PW/Horizons Bible Study, Celebrating Our Resilience and Joy in Jesus Christ—Rhashell Hunter**

**Offered twice: Friday, 4 PM and Saturday, 10:30 AM**

We have come through a difficult period, with the pandemic, changes in worship and/or work environments and many other uncertainties. Our churches, organizations and we ourselves may never be the same again. How do we find and celebrate our resilience and joy in the midst of stressful life circumstances? Let's explore this together, acknowledging that our identity is found in Christ Jesus.

*Rev. Dr. Rhashell Hunter is author of the 2025–2026 PW/Horizons Bible study and "Celebrate the Gifts of*

*Women" for multiple years. She teaches polity at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, and served as director of Racial Equity & Women's Intercultural Ministries for 14 years.*

### **2026–2027 PW/Horizons Bible Study, Love as Equity in the Body of Christ—Veda Pendleton**

**Offered twice: Saturday, 2:15 and 4 PM**

In this workshop we will explore terms such as diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging and what their definitions signify for the body of Christ. We will examine why these terms are important for Christians and what they mean we should do on a daily basis as followers of Jesus Christ. Get ready for a glimpse of how we can grow together as we move toward the heart and character of God.

*Dr. Veda Pendleton, a writer and retired educator, has lived and worked in four different states, and is a ruling elder in the PC(USA). She lives and writes in Louisville, KY, where she is a member of Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church. Learn more at [vedapendleton.com](http://vedapendleton.com).*

### **Abolishing Cages: Journey to Community—Deborah Lee**

**Offered twice: Friday, 10:30 AM and 4 PM**

The Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity is engaging communities of faith in the movement to close prisons and detention centers, and create thriving communities based in racial equity and community care. What is the spiritual foundation for this work? And what is the unique role communities of faith can play in abolition and ending harm?

*Rev. Deborah Lee is the executive director of the Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity (IM4HI) in California, a network of people of faith who accompany people impacted by deportation, detention and incarceration. She has worked at the intersection of faith and social justice for more than 30 years.*

### **Amazing Things To Do with Congregational Green Teams—Patricia K. Tull**

**Offered twice: Saturday, 2:15 and 4 PM**

In this workshop based on years of experience with Indiana's first Earth Care Congregation in Jeffersonville—installing solar panels, increasing energy

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efficiency, founding a tree nursery in Kenya, educating members, and much more—as well as working with many other congregations through Interfaith Power & Light and Patricia’s ecological writings, participants will learn about new opportunities presented by ever-increasing awareness of climate change and by new tax credits available to churches.

*Rev. Dr. Patricia K. Tull is A.B. Rhodes Professor Emerita of Hebrew Bible at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, author of two PW/Horizons Bible studies and *Inhabiting Eden: Christians, the Bible, and the Ecological Crisis*.*

### **Best Practices for Saving and Sharing PW History**

**Offered twice: Saturday, 10:30 AM and 2:15 PM**

This workshop focuses on best practices for preserving PW records and sharing PW history. We’ll cover what to keep, what to share, where to send materials, and what to do with records when a PW group is disbanding.

*Nancy J. Taylor is the Executive Director of the Presbyterian Historical Society, the national archives of the PC(USA). She is a ruling elder at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania.*

### **Building Inclusive Community—Nina Khoury and Catreliia Hunter**

**Offered twice: Saturday, 10:30 AM and 2:15 PM**

This session will focus on ways to build, maintain and expand PW’s inclusive caring community of women through dialogue. Two members of the PW Racial Equity Dialogue in the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic will share their model, with suggestions for implementing similar groups in congregations, presbyteries and other synods. Participants will experience effective communication strategies using circles that value and respect diversity, and honor and include the voices of all participants.

*Nina Khoury, from Silver Springs, Maryland, is a retired elementary school, administrator/ assistant principal for Montgomery County Public Schools. She currently serves as a consultant and trainer for Diversity and Equity Dialogue and Leading School Improvement. Catreliia Hunter, from Cleveland, North Carolina, served as Presbyterian Women’s 2006–2009 Churchwide Moderator. She is a retired college administrator, who served as vice president and president of Livingstone College.*

### **Love Always—Cecelia D. Armstrong**

**Offered twice: Friday, 4 PM and Saturday, 4 PM**

This workshop will explore the ways that love never ends. Four identifiable obstacles can distract us from loving God and loving our neighbor as ourselves. We will encounter saints, self, sin, and situations that can deter us from acts of love.

Participants will learn to develop methods for long-term love with the end goal being to embody and interact with others with love always.

*Rev. Cecelia D. Armstrong is a cradle Presbyterian who held membership at Presbyterian churches in Detroit, Atlanta and Augusta, Georgia. She now is the very proud associate pastor of St. James Presbyterian Church in Charleston, South Carolina.*

### **Global Women’s Spirituality and Solidarity—Kyungmoon Yoon**

**Offered once: Friday, 4 PM**

This workshop offers participants an opportunity to explore the spirituality of women from diverse cultural backgrounds, and examine the interpersonal and social functions of spirituality within their cultural contexts. Throughout the workshop, attendees will gain insights into the unique characteristics and particularities of various ethnic women’s spirituality. Come celebrate the diversity of women’s spirituality and explore how solidarity can be fostered among women on a global scale.

*Rev. Kyungmoon Yoon serves as an associate pastor at the Korean Church of Boston, a PC(USA) Korean American immigrant church in Brookline, Massachusetts. She was born in Seoul, South Korea, and came to the U.S. for advanced studies at Boston University.*

### **Empowering Women and Girls: Gender Equality for All—Magdalene Lewis and friends**

**Offered twice: Friday, 4 PM and Saturday, 10:30 AM**

Presbyterian women advocate for justice for women and girls at the international level each year through Commission on the Status of women (CSW) at the UN. Learn about this event that brings together non-governmental organizations, advocates, activities, and visionaries to promote equality and empowerment of women, and learn about how you can attend in the future.

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*Magdalene Lewis serves as Presbyterian Women's Commission on the Status of Women liaison.*

### **Enough Is Enough! Direct Action to End Gun Violence in the U.S.—Cheryl Hunt**

**Offered twice: Saturday, 10:30 AM and 4 PM**

Together we will explore the hidden forces behind our gun violence epidemic and summon the courage to commit to action we can take towards ending gun violence. Participants will leave with a toolkit of ideas, including the Guns to Gardens Movement, Secure Storage, Soul Boxes, Courageous Conversations, and more.

*Cheryl Hunt is a retired middle school teacher and a member of the Gun Violence Prevention Working Group of the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship. She serves as moderator of PW in North Central California Presbytery.*

### **Expand tus horizontes—Magdalena I. García**

**Se ofrecerá una vez: viernes, 2:15 PM**

Un vistazo a los temas más recientes del estudio bíblico anual de PW/Horizons. Exploraremos el contenido, así como técnicas para liderar el estudio, recursos para expandir el aprendizaje y oportunidades para aplicar lo aprendido.

*Magdalena I. García es una pastora en Chicago. Ella escribe y traduce para publicaciones denominacionales, incluyendo la revista y estudio bíblico anual de Horizons.*

### **Family Disaster Preparedness Training Workshop—Marilyn Stone and Lynette Williams**

**Offered twice: Friday, 10:30 AM and 2:15 PM**

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance members will present a workshop to help congregations encourage families to prepare themselves for a disaster in their community. We come to disaster preparedness understanding that we have a responsibility to prepare ourselves and/or our families for potential disasters. Disaster preparedness reduces chaos and fear, minimizes stress, and saves precious time . . . protecting everyone you love.

*Marilyn Stone and Lynette Williams are members of the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance National Response (NRT) Team and the NRT Preparedness Team. Marilyn Stone is the coordinator of the Disaster*

*Preparedness and Response Team Task Force for the Presbytery of Milwaukee. Lynette is from North Carolina and is active on the NRT Long Term Recovery Team and in local disaster response.*

### **Heart and Treasure—Liz Wagner**

**Offered twice: Friday, 10:30 AM and 4 PM**

The financial reports of a church, PW group or faith-based group present an honest statement of its mission; however, many people are unequipped to face the complexity of such finances. This workshop will provide an overview of best business practices to help leaders equip their churches to become faithful stewards of the assets and gifts entrusted to them for their mission.

*Rev. Liz Wagner worked as an accountant for 30 years prior to her ordination to pastoral ministry; she currently serves as treasurer of the National Association of Presbyterian Clergywomen.*

### **Listening and Speaking in Love—Samantha Davis**

**Offered twice: Friday, 4 PM and Saturday, 2:15 PM**

The words we use to describe gender, identity and sexuality shift over time and are different across communities. In this workshop, learn some of the terms that people most frequently use to describe themselves, and how these identities are important to faith communities.

*Samantha Davis is the associate for gender and racial justice in Racial Equity and Women's Intercultural Ministries.*

### **Local Mission: Panel of St. Louis Mission Programs**

**Offered twice: Saturday, 10:30 AM and 2:15 PM**

Come learn about mission programs supported by PC(USA) congregations and Presbyterian Women groups in the St. Louis area:

**Newborns in Need**—volunteers receive donations of diapers, clothing, car seats and other essentials, which are distributed through partner agencies that provide assistance to families with newborns to four-year-olds.

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**Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services**—with two sites in Missouri, this organization offers in-home psychological support to children and their families, mentoring, foster care case management, as well as housing with life skills training.

**Third Church Preschool and Camp**—children who participate in Third Presbyterian Church's preschool and camps receive academic, spiritual and social growth.

**Bethel Hills**—this faith-based community is where adults with and without developmental disabilities can live, learn and worship together in supportive housing.

### **Love God, Love God's Creation— Rebecca Barnes**

**Offered twice: Friday, 2:15 and 4 PM**

Explore how God's creativity and love come to us through the earth and all creatures. We experience love in unique ways with non-human siblings in creation. In our care for them, we express our love for God. We will cover biblical and theological principles of caring for God's creation, share experiences of loving God and earth, and delve into spiritual practices of love for, and joy in, God's creation.

*Rev. Rebecca Barnes is coordinator of the Presbyterian Hunger Program, author of 50 Ways to Help Save the Earth, and focused on eco-theology as well as economic, racial and gender justice in her MDiv/MAR education at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary.*

### **Matthew 25—Diane L. Givens Moffett**

**Offered twice: Friday, 10:30 AM and 2:15 PM**

What is this Matthew 25 movement all about? How can I introduce Matthew 25 to my congregation or group? Participants will find answers to those questions, engage in explorative discussions, gain practical tips on how Matthew 25 may be applied in their context and how it is helping to heal, transform and renew the work and witness of churches and communities.

*Rev. Dr. Diane L. Givens Moffett serves as the president and executive director of the Presbyterian Mission Agency, where she provides leadership for more than 250 employees, including 70 mission co-workers serving in 80 countries.*

### **Misión en Guatemala: El empoderamiento y la transformación a través del amor de Cristo—Eliane Menezes**

**Se ofrecerá una vez: sábado, 2:15 PM**

La Revda. Menezes compartirá sus experiencias como compañera en misión ministrando con las Mujeres Presbiterianas de Guatemala mientras inspira, apoya y anima a las mujeres a descubrir sus fortalezas y seguir su llamado para lograr sus objetivos.

*La Revda. Eliane Menezes es una compañera en misión que sirve como facilitadora para el desarrollo del liderazgo de las mujeres de la Unión Nacional de Mujeres Presbiterianas de la Iglesia Evangélica Nacional Presbiteriana de Guatemala. Ella ha ocupado múltiples puestos en varios ministerios en los Estados Unidos.*

### **Mission in Guatemala: Empowerment and Transformation Through Christ's Love— Eliane Menezes**

**Offered once: Saturday, 4 PM**

As she addresses her experience ministering with the Presbyterian Women of Guatemala, Rev. Menezes will discuss what she has learned and experienced while inspiring, supporting, and encouraging women to find their strengths and pursue their calling in order to attain their goals.

*Rev. Eliane Menezes is a mission coworker serving as Facilitator for Women's Leadership Development with the National Union of Presbyterian Women of the National Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Guatemala. She has served in various capacities in different ministries across the US.*

### **Oraciones, Letanías y bendiciones— Magdalena I. García**

**Se ofrecerá una vez: sábado, 4 PM**

Fomente la fe y enriquezca la vida litúrgica de su círculo o iglesia al cultivar la escritura como una práctica espiritual. Exploraremos textos del leccionario, reflexionaremos sobre imágenes y palabras, y escribiremos poemas para usar en el culto.

*Magdalena I. García es una pastora en Chicago. Ella escribe y traduce para publicaciones denominacionales, incluyendo la revista y studio bíblico annual de Horizons.*

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### **The PC(USA) and the Sacred Work of Reproductive Justice—Rebecca Todd Peters**

**Offered twice: Friday, 2:15 and 4 PM**

In this workshop, we will review the 225th General Assembly (2022) Resolution Affirming Reproductive Justice and discuss the state of abortion access in the U.S. and the implications of criminalizing abortion. Participants will examine how the frame of reproductive justice (RJ) can be used in congregations to educate and empower people to advocate for the health, safety and well-being of women, children and families in our communities.

*Rev. Dr. Rebecca Todd Peters is Professor of Religious Studies at Elon University. Author of *Trust Women: A Progressive Christian Argument for Reproductive Justice*, she has been active denominationally and ecumenically for more than 30 years. She is a founding member of SACReD (Spiritual Alliance of Communities for Reproductive Dignity), and president-elect of the Society of Christian Ethics.*

### **Prayers, Litanies and Blessings—Magdalena I. García**

**Offered once: Saturday, 10:30 AM**

Nurture faith and enrich the liturgical life of your PW group or church by cultivating writing as a spiritual practice. We will explore lectionary texts, reflect on images and words, and write poems to be used in worship.

*Magdalena I. García is a pastor in Chicago and a freelance writer and translator of educational and liturgical resources.*

### **PW Looking Forward: Celebrating PW's Past, Present and Future—Kathy Reeves and Susan Jackson Dowd**

**Offered twice: Friday, 4 PM and Saturday, 2:15 PM**

Join Kathy and Susan to learn about how PW is living out the PW Purpose and to consider together how we will fulfill our purpose going forward.

*Kathy Reeves is Presbyterian Women's 2021–2024 Churchwide Moderator. Susan Jackson Dowd is the executive director for Presbyterian Women.*

### **Roots of and Remedies for Anti-Asian Hate—Laura Mariko Cheifetz**

**Offered twice: Friday, 2:15 PM and Saturday, 4 PM**

The height of COVID saw a rapid increase in hate crimes and hate speech against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. How has U.S. culture developed to be enamored with K-dramas and sushi while also scapegoating people who look Asian for the pandemic? Join to learn and explore how to transform bigotry into advocacy and solidarity.

*Laura Mariko Cheifetz grew up a double pastors'kid in the Pacific Northwest. She holds an MDiv from McCormick Theological Seminary, and serves as assistant dean of admissions, vocation, and student life at Vanderbilt Divinity School.*

### **Setting Boundaries in Love—Cindy Kohlmann**

**Offered twice: Friday, 10:30 AM and 2:15 PM**

We're called to love our neighbors as ourselves, so what do we do when our neighbors cause harm? How do we lovingly confront bullies in the church? What does it mean to create a space where all are welcome, while at the same time creating expectations around what behavior and speech isn't welcome? This workshop will explore some of the ways we can be guided by love in setting boundaries and confronting difficult behavior.

*Rev. Cindy Kohlmann serves as connectional presbyter and stated clerk in New Castle Presbytery which covers Delaware and the Eastern Shore of Maryland.*

### **Social Justice is Love in Action—Rebecca Barnes**

**Offered twice: Saturday, 10:30 AM and 2:15 PM**

If we love one another, we don't let one another go hungry, live without safe housing, or languish without educational or work opportunities. Instead, as loving kin, we stand together to combat root causes of hunger and poverty. We will consider lessons learned (your own and those from the Hunger Program), explore what constitutes a loving stance in social justice ministry, and share successful, just models.

*Rev. Rebecca Barnes is coordinator of the Presbyterian Hunger Program, author of *50 Ways to Help Save the Earth*, and focused on eco-theology as well as economic, racial and gender justice in her MDiv/MAR education at Louisville Seminary.*

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### **Somatic Justice—Shanea Leonard**

**Offered twice: Friday, 10:30 AM and 2:15 PM**

Somatic justice is a way to confront racism, bigotry and discrimination within our culture. It teaches how we unlock the benefits of interdependence between our mind, body, spirit and actions. In this workshop, we will experience a brief introduction to how we dismantle structural racism beginning right at home within ourselves. This workshop will examine how we embrace liberation through an embodied framework.

*Rev. Shanea D. Leonard is a pastor, teacher, consultant, community activist and modern-day abolitionist. They currently carry out their justice mandate as the director of Racial Equity & Women's Intercultural Ministries for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).*

### **A Song of Love—Rebecca Chu**

**Offered once: Friday, 10:30 AM**

In this workshop, participants will engage with several personality tests and storytelling sessions. Then each participant will complete a song using a technique called Contrafactum with lyrics written based on the tests. One of the goals of this workshop is to learn how to make and sing one's own songs and hymns.

*Dr. Rebecca Chu, a faculty member at McHenry County College and principal organist at First Presbyterian Church of Evanston, actively integrates her major fields of music, theology and counseling.*

### **사랑의 노래—주선영**

**1회 제공: 금요일 오후 4시**

이번 워크샵에서는 먼저 몇가지의 성격 테스트와 “Storytelling” 시간을 갖은 후, 그 결과를 바탕으로 만들어진 가사에 “Contrafactum” 기법을 사용해 노래를 완성 할 것이다. 이 워크샵의 목표 중 하나는 자신의 노래와 찬양을 스스로 만들고 부를 수 있는 방법을 배워보는 것이다.

강사소개: 주선영 D.M.A. McHenry 컬리지 에서 Faculty member로, 에반스톤 장로교회에서 오르가니스트로 사역하고 있는 주선영 강사(박사)는 그녀의 전공분야들인 음악과, 신학, 카운셀링을 통합하는 새로운 방식의 워크샵 리더로서 활발히 활동하고 있다.

### **Soul Collage: Transformation Through Images and Reflection—Denise Shannon**

**Offered twice: Friday, 4 PM and Saturday, 2:15 PM**

Spiritual growth can take many forms and creating is one of the best ways. Through guided meditation, creation of a soul collage of images and reflection, participants will gain insight into their own faith, spirituality and the state of their soul.

*Denise Shannon is a PC(USA) pastor, hospice chaplain and soul collage trained facilitator. Her passions include spiritual formation by utilizing creative modalities to help others connect with their own spirituality and faith and serves as a companion along their transformative journeys.*

### **연결됨의 영성 (“The Spirituality of the Connectedness”)—윤경문(Rev. Kyungmoon Yoon)**

**1회 제공: 토요일 오후 4시**

이 워크샵에서는 기독교 영성의 특징중 하나인-하나님과 인간, 인간과 인간의 관계성 속에서 연결됨(The Connectedness)이 어떻게 신앙의 삶 속에서 생동감 있게 펼쳐지며, 어떻게 실제적인 영적인 힘(empowerment)과 아름다움을 부여하는지를 논의한다. 특히, 한국계 미국인 여성들의 이민자의 삶 속에서 이 ‘연결됨’이란 기독교 영성의 특징이, 다문화적인 사회에서 살면서, 다름으로 인한 간격과 갈등을 넘어, 이민자로 살아가는 여성들에게 어떻게 영적인 삶을 꽃피우며, 미래에 삶에 희망을 던져주는지를 고찰한다.

*Rev. Kyungmoon Yoon serves as an associate pastor at the Korean Church of Boston, a PC(USA) Korean American immigrant church in Brookline, Massachusetts. She was born in Seoul, South Korea, and came to the U.S. for advanced studies at Boston University.*

### **A Treasure Trove of Information for PW Treasurers—Susan Ochs and Rhonda Martin**

**Offered once: Saturday, 10:30 AM**

Participants will receive an update of national budget trends. Information about resources and procedures will be shared from the congregational, presbytery, synod and churchwide levels of PW.

*Susan Ochs has served as PW treasurer in Lake Michigan Presbytery and PW in the Synod of the Covenant. She currently serves as finance chair for PW, Inc. Rhonda Martin is the finance manager for Presbyterian Women.*



## **Una mesa vibrante: Tejiendo DEI en nosotras—Danilie C. Hilerio-Villanueva**

**Se ofrecerá una vez: viernes, 10:30 AM**

Tengamos una conversación sobre cómo fomentamos un sentido de pertenencia en la mesa. Contemplaremos prácticas internas y las dificultades que enfrentamos para identificar la exclusión. Juntas revisaremos las teorías subyacentes detrás de iniciativas de diversidad, equidad e inclusión (DEI) y por qué la creación de espacios inclusivos es una meta y un desafío al mismo tiempo. ¡Tejamos diferentes colores de diversidad, equidad e inclusión en nuestros patrones familiares! Acerquémonos a la plenitud de Dios.

*Danilie C. Hilerio-Villanueva es ministro de la palabra y los sacramentos en el Presbiterio del Noroeste/ Sínodo Boriquén de Puerto Rico. Actualmente modera el Equipo Asesor DEI de Mujeres Presbiterianas y colabora frecuentemente con la IP (EE. UU.).*

## **Uncharted Waters: Faith Formation as a First Step for Loving Action—Christina Cosby**

**Offered twice: Saturday, 10:30 AM and 2:15 PM**

This workshop will use Matthew 14:22–33 as a case study for faithful advocacy in the church today. In this text, we witness Jesus and his disciples encountering a storm and their own fears. We will examine this poignant reminder that worship, formation, mission and advocacy are interconnected. Just as Peter ventured out of the boat into rough seas, we are challenged to ask ourselves what steps we must take to be the church reimagined after pandemic, civil unrest, and new hybrid ways of living in community.

*Christina Cosby serves as mission associate in the Presbyterian Office of Public Witness in Washington, DC.*

## **Unleash the Power of Love: The Path to Forging Intergenerational Connections in Church—Maureen Anderson**

**Offered twice: Saturday, 2:15 and 4 PM**

We'll explore the vital role of nurturing intergenerational ties within the church, emphasizing how cultivating love amongst each other can create enduring bonds. We'll delve into the therapeutic power of writing love letters or poems to oneself, an exercise that not only boosts self-esteem and courage, but also sparks creativity. Join in this journey of self-love and community building.

*Maureen Anderson is a compelling speaker, coach and novelist from the Bronx. As a Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) coordinator in New York City, she's dedicated to creating intergenerational bonds between Christian congregations and young adults.*

## **A Vibrant Table: Weaving DEI into Our Patterns—Danilie C. Hilerio-Villanueva**

**Offered once: Friday, 2:15 PM**

Let's have a conversation on how to embrace belonging at the table. We will contemplate inner circle practices and the difficulties of identifying exclusion. Together, we will review the underlying theories behind diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) initiatives and learn why creating inclusive spaces are a needed goal and challenge all at the same time. Let's weave different colors of diversity, equality and inclusion into our familiar patterns! Let us come near the plenitude of God.

*Danilie C. Hilerio-Villanueva is a minister of word and sacrament at the Northwest Presbytery/ Boriquén Synod of Puerto Rico. She currently chairs the PW DEI Advisory Group and frequently collaborates with PC(USA).*

## **보이시스 오브 리디아: 한국이민교회의 여성리더쉽-임희진 박인혜**

**1회 제공: 금요일 아침 10:30**

“보이시스 오브 리디아”는 여성의 건강한 정체성을 찾고 자신을 향한 하나님의 약속과 은사를 발견하며 이를 삶에서 함께 구현해 내는 한국이민교회의 여성리더쉽을 세우는 사례로 소개합니다.

*Heejin (Jeanie) Lim is associate professor at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Inhye Park serves as associate chaplain at the Fort Sanders Regional Medical Center in Knoxville.*

## **When They Say Protect Me: Our Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives**

**Offered twice: Friday, 10:30 AM and 2:15 PM**

Indigenous people make up just 1 percent of Minnesota's population, but between 2010 and 2019, 9 percent of all murdered girls and women were American Indian. Join in conversation about Native-led initiatives to reduce and end violence against Indigenous people, prevent exploitation and trauma, and support culturally responsive measures that help prevent people going missing.

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*Elona Street-Stewart, Delaware-Nanticoke, lives on Dakota homelands in Saint Paul, Minnesota. She is synod executive for the Synod of Lakes and Prairies, past co-moderator of the 224th General Assembly, and nationally known as cultural advisor, anti-racism advocate and a Woman of Faith.*

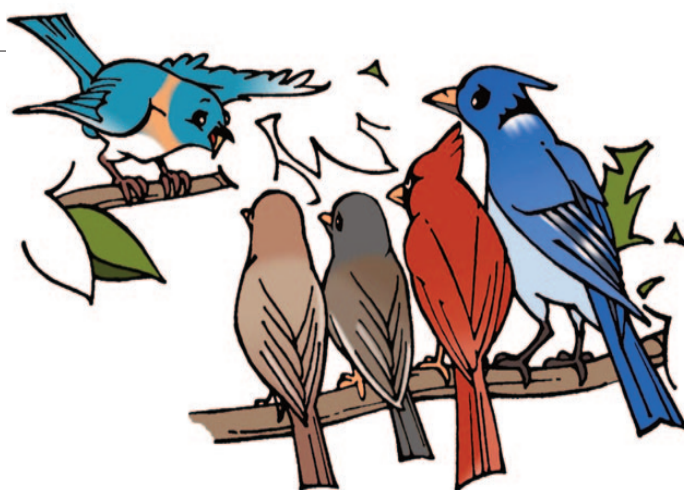
### **Young Adults in 2024—Laura Mariko Cheifetz**

**Offered twice: Friday, 10:30 AM and Saturday, 10:30 AM**

Compared with generations that came before them,

today's young adults face a differently complicated landscape as they emerge into adulthood. They bring unique perspectives and expertise, while still needing ongoing support from the rest of us. Learn about brain and social development, the shaping forces in the lives of today's young adults, and how you can best support them.

*Laura Mariko Cheifetz grew up a double pastors' kid in the Pacific Northwest. She holds an MDiv from McCormick Theological Seminary, and serves as assistant dean of admissions, vocation, and student life at Vanderbilt Divinity School.*



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## More to Visit and Do

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### Optional Synod and Celebration Lunches—\$45

Synod lunches and a National Association of Presbyterian Clergywomen's luncheon will be held on Saturday, August 10, 12–1:30 PM, at the Marriott St. Louis Grand.

#### The synods holding lunches are

- Synod of the Covenant
- Synod of Lakes and Prairies
- Synod of Lincoln Trails
- Synod of Living Waters
- Synod of Mid-America
- Synods of the Northeast and Alaska–Northwest
- Synod of the Pacific
- Synod of Rocky Mountains
- Synod of South Atlantic
- Synod of Southern California and Hawaii
- Synod of the Southwest
- Synod of the Sun
- Synod of the Trinity

The National Association of Presbyterian Clergywomen (NAPC) luncheon celebrates the 50th anniversary of the ordination of Katie Geneva Cannon—the first African American woman ordained in the United Presbyterian Church of the U.S.A. (UPCUSA). The luncheon will feature Rev. Dr. Melanie Jones Quarles, Assistant Professor of Ethics, Theology and Culture and the Director of the Katie Geneva Cannon Center for Womanist Leadership at Union Presbyterian Seminary, as the keynote speaker and an opportunity to receive a stole.

All lunches are open for all Gathering participants!

## Volunteering

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Volunteering at Churchwide is a wonderful way to connect with Presbyterian women from near and far, to spend time with friends and to help make the 2024 Churchwide Gathering all that it is. Use your current skills or champion a new one! The volunteering opportunities are:

- **Greeters:** Greeters are stationed in workshop rooms. They welcome attendees, welcome the

guest speaker (introduction will be given to you), and deliver closing thanks for the session.

- **Movers:** Movers are placed in hallways, convention center areas, escalator areas, street corners, and plenary convention areas. They assist in directing, guiding and keeping the flow of walkers to their next locations.
- **Ushers:** Ushers are stationed in the second-floor plenary convention center auditorium. They help to direct and seat attendees, move wheelchairs, scooters and walkers to a designated area and return wheelchairs, scooters and walkers to their owners. Ushers have designated seats.
- **Communion Servers:** Communion servers will serve communion at closing worship. Servers are elders, deacons, or ministers of word and sacrament.
- **Silent Auction Mentor:** The Silent Auction Mentor (SAM) is placed in the resource room where the PW Silent Auction is located. SAMs assist in helping those who are interested in placing a bid on any of the items. SAMs answer questions about the silent auction procedure and how a bid is placed. SAMs oversee that all information needed from the bidder is completed.

Most volunteer roles will have little to no impact on your participation in Gathering programming. We will contact you by email to schedule your volunteer roles and to answer any questions or concerns you might have.

During registration, simply click the box for volunteer and select the role(s) you would like to fill. All are welcome to volunteer in St. Louis, where we will gather to “Do everything in love”!

### Exhibit Hall

Make time to enjoy the many exhibits, projects, programs and guilt-free shopping in the CWG Exhibit Hall! Visit once (twice, thrice!) for fun, fellowship, information gathering and sharing, and, yes, virtuous shopping!

- **Presbyterian Women—**Learn more about PW's resources and programs, subscribe to *Horizons* magazine and Bible study, and meet staff who assist you throughout the year.
- **Purchase fair trade goods** (jewelry! bags! coffee, tea and nuts! crèches! toys!) from around the world as well as other items and resources that are of interest to you! Your purchase or visit supports the exhibitors who support PW!

- PC(USA) Agencies and Partners—Learn more about the work of the national church and how your congregation is connected. Familiarize yourself with resources and programs and plan to share your findings (from information to posters!) with your congregation and planning team.

## Silent Auction

Share in the fun of the silent auction by donating and/or bidding! If you'd like to donate items to the auction, contributions should be new, with a minimum value of \$50. Smaller items can be grouped into a basket. See [presbyterianwomen.org/gathering](http://presbyterianwomen.org/gathering) for a form to include with your items. And know that when you bid, the funds raised from this event will fortify the PW's Annual Mission Fund (the Mission Pledge), which makes PW possible at all levels of the church (this Gathering, too)!

## Presbyterian Bookstore

The Presbyterian Bookstore is the official bookseller of the 2024 Churchwide Gathering! Come check out the array of PW and PC(USA) resources for sale, including Gathering items and books written or recommended by Gathering leaders.

## Book Groups

On Thursday, Friday and Saturday, join other Gathering bookworms at 5–5:45 PM for a pre-dinner discussion of books selected with PW in mind. You don't have to have read the books to attend!

Thursday, August 8—*Walking Through the Valley: Womanist Explorations in the Spirit of Katie Geneva Canon*, edited by Emilie M. Townes et. al.

Friday, August 9—*Bone Broth*, by Lyndsey Ellis

Saturday, August 10—*Saving Delicia: A Story about Small Seeds and Big Dreams*, by Laura Gehl and Patricia Metola and *Psalms of Wonder: Poems from the Book of Psalms*, by Carey Wallace and Khoa Le

## Spirituality Center

Take some time to slow down and reflect on what you're experiencing at the Gathering in the Spirituality Center. Resources will be available for respite, prayer and renewal!

## Gift Card Offering

Gathering attendees are invited to drop off gift cards for Lowe's, Amazon, Target or Walmart at Gathering registration, to be given to Bethel Hills and Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services.

Bethel Hills is a residential community in Missouri that provides supportive housing, social and educational opportunities for adults with and without developmental disabilities. Operating in Texas, Missouri and Louisiana, Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services offers programming that helps vulnerable children, strengthens families and builds communities. (These two organizations are part of the workshop "Local Mission: Panel of St. Louis Mission Programs"—sign up to hear more about them!)

## Period Products and Menstrual Justice

Of the roughly 800,000,000 people menstruating on a given day, 500,000,000 do not have the basic supplies, information or support to manage their period.\* That sobering figure represents not just women and girls, but also trans and nonbinary individuals in every country around the world. Beyond the stigma of menstruation, menstrual supplies generally are not available as basic necessities in public restrooms like toilet paper or paper towels. Simply put, just as many people turn to food pantries to fill gaps in their families' meals, they also need pads and tampons to keep them from missing out on life due to their period.

Until policies change, help fill this need by bringing boxes of pads or tampons to the Gathering. Life-Wise STL—a St. Louis organization that helps individuals achieve well-being by addressing systemic barriers—will receive the donated supplies and provide them to people who need them.

\*American Civil Liberties Union, "The Unequal Price of Periods: Menstrual Equity in the United States," November 6, 2019; [aclu.org/publications/unequal-price-periods](http://aclu.org/publications/unequal-price-periods).



## Pre-events

In addition to the variety of programming options during the August 8–11 Gathering, the two days before the Gathering offer additional reasons to come to St. Louis and deepen your engagement with PW!

### **Racial Equity Dialogue (RED) Training** August 7, 2024

One of the most powerful ways Presbyterian Women lives out our commitment to “building an inclusive, caring community of women” is when individual Presbyterian women seek to understand how race impacts our experiences in the world. PW in the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic established a Racial Equity Dialogue (RED) team in 2007. Since that time, the team has coordinated multiple opportunities to learn about and discuss race, helping to build relationships among and between individuals from different racial backgrounds.

On August 7, 8 AM–4 PM, Catreli Hunter and Nina Khoury—from the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic’s RED team—will lead a training on how PW in the Synods can establish and coordinate a RED team. Each synod may send two representatives, who are willing to commit for three years (Churchwide Gathering to Churchwide Gathering) to start, reignite or continue a RED team in their respective synods.

For more information, to be considered for participation, or to be included in the future work of your synod’s RED team, contact your PW in the Synod moderator.

### **Disaster Preparedness Training** August 7–8, 2024

Are you called to the ministry of disaster response? This specialized ministry helps ensure that presbyteries and congregations have basic plans and preparedness in the event of church emergency or direct hit by disaster—natural, human-caused or industrial-technical.

Once again, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance’s Presbyterian Women Preparedness Training Team will present a two-day pre-conference event for Presbyterian women who are interested in being trained to help presbyteries and congregations in their area develop preparedness plans to reduce the chaos that occurs during a disaster. The 8-hour training will take place in the afternoon of August 7 and the morning of August 8.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) will cover food and lodging costs for the training (two nights in a hotel and three meals) for full registrants of the Gathering. The training will end with a commissioning and certification for those who complete the training as a PW Disaster Preparedness Trainer.

Requirements for trainers include:

- Interest in disaster preparedness
- Three-year commitment to actively seek, set-up, and conduct at least three disaster preparation trainings per year in congregations, clusters and/or presbytery/presbyteries
- Presentation experience
- Comfortable in using email and PowerPoint presentations
- Completed application and three references

The applications and reference forms are available at <https://pda.pcusa.org/page/disaster-preparedness-pw-training/> and should be submitted to [pda@pcusa.org](mailto:pda@pcusa.org).

### **Business Meeting** August 7–8, 2024

The Triennial Business Meeting of Presbyterian Women in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Inc., will convene in person at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, August 7, and conclude on August 8, before the Churchwide Gathering opens. The Business Meeting is open to observers; however, only certified voting representatives may vote. Voting representatives must be physically present at the meeting; online participation is not available.

Moderators of PW in the Presbytery (PWP) and PW in the Synod (PWS) have already submitted the names of their voting representatives, and the certification process is under way. If you have questions about the voting representative for your presbytery or synod, contact your PWP or PWS moderator.

In mid-April 2024, voting representatives will receive an email with a link to register for the Business Meeting and the option to also register for the Gathering. Each voting representative will receive a unique link. The sending body (PWP or PWS) may choose to cover the Churchwide Gathering registration fee and/or other Gathering expenses for each of its voting representatives.

For more information, contact Patricia Longfellow, [patricia.longfellow@pcusa.org](mailto:patricia.longfellow@pcusa.org) or 502/569-8015.

## Housing

All Gathering sleeping rooms are at the Marriott St. Louis Grand  
800 Washington Avenue  
St. Louis, MO 63101

Rooms start at \$185 per night, one to four persons per room, plus taxes and fees. These discounted rates will apply three nights before and after the Gathering. Attendees are responsible for making their own hotel reservation. Only one person per hotel room should reserve a room, but should provide the names of others who will occupy that room.

Many websites offer hotel bookings, but to ensure a legitimate booking at the Gathering rate, reserve your room via:

- the hotel booking link on [presbyterianwomen.org/cwghotel](http://presbyterianwomen.org/cwghotel)
- the hotel booking link at the end of your Gathering registration confirmation
- a call to 877/303-0104—the Marriott reservation line (To access the group rate, request the "Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women 2024 Room Block." You may also use your Marriott points to reserve your room via this phone number.)

Cancellation of an individual reservation must be made 48 hours in advance of the arrival date.

Failure to notify the hotel will result in a charge of one night's room rate, plus applicable state and local taxes.

Acknowledgements will be sent after each housing booking, modification and/or cancellation. If you do not receive an acknowledgement, contact the Marriott.

Parking is \$20 per day per vehicle at the Marriott St. Louis Grand.

## Transportation

St. Louis's largest airport is St. Louis Lambert International Airport, and there are multiple ways to get from the airport to the hotel.

- MetroLink, St. Louis's light rail system stops only one block from the Marriott St. Louis Grand. The 45-minute (traffic-free) ride to the hotel from St. Louis Lambert International Airport costs between \$2.50 and \$5.
- Lyft and Uber (ride-share apps) are widely available. Prices start at \$35 for a ride from St. Louis Lambert International Airport to the Marriott St. Louis Grand.
- Taxis (such as St. Louis County Cab) will be available at the airport. Fares begin at \$47 for a ride from St. Louis Lambert International Airport to the Marriott St. Louis Grand.



To "offset" the carbon emissions involved in traveling to the Gathering, you will have the option to add a \$12 carbon offset to your Gathering registration. These offsets are way to join the PC(USA) efforts in planting trees and supporting other carbon sequestration projects in the U.S. and around the world, as part of our stewardship of God's creation. Together, our collective donations to the Presbyterian Tree Fund/Restoring Creation account will support tree-planting and other climate-friendly grants.

This effort is in direct response to an overture passed at last General Assembly ([pc-biz.org/search/3000854](http://pc-biz.org/search/3000854)). To read more details, go to: [presbyterianmission.org/eco-journey/presbyterian-carbon-tree-fund](http://presbyterianmission.org/eco-journey/presbyterian-carbon-tree-fund).