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(BE)COMING FULL CIRCLE: PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN 2025

The transformational ministries of Presbyterian Women take shape and form in neighborhood churches. From First in Anchorage, Alaska, to Calvin in Zelienople, Pennsylvania, Presbyterian women channel God's love through ever-widening circles of influence. Like concentric circles, their faithful witness extends outward and upward, creating and nurturing community at every organizational level—congregational, presbytery, synod and churchwide. Or put another way, in churches, homes, hospitals, schools and community centers; through local, regional, national and worldwide networks; individually and in community, Presbyterian women share God's love with others. Presbyterian Women embodies the image of the circle itself because in Christ, PW is whole, connected and inclusive.



Rev. Dr. Rhashell Hunter, author of the best-selling 2025–2026 PW/Horizons Bible study, *Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ*, joined a multitude of gatherings during the year!
Photos courtesy of Rhashell Hunter

CIRCLES OF COMMUNITY

Creating an authentic, caring community requires sacred time to gather, learn, collaborate, worship and engage in Bible study. In 2025, several synods—including Boriquén, Covenant, Lakes and Prairies, Mid-America, Mid-Atlantic, Northeast, South Atlantic/Living Waters (combined), Rocky Mountains, Southern California-Hawaii, Southwest and Sun—provided spaces for hundreds of women to meet and deepen relationships. PW’s sister organizations also

gathered, including Hispanic Latina (Atlanta, Georgia), National Asian (Burlingame, California) and National Black Presbyterian Women (held as part of the 48th Biennial Conference of the National Black Presbyterian Caucus in Charlotte, North Carolina). In Boriquén, women celebrated the 50th ordination anniversary of Rev. Blanca (Blanqui) Otaño, the first Hispanic woman ordained as Minister of Word and Sacrament, and all who trod the path she paved.



A RING OF SUPPORT

“What do young women need to lead?” A listening session hosted by Presbyterian Women at the Presbyterian Youth Triennium in Louisville, Kentucky, invited young women and gender-expansive siblings to respond to this question and describe what they need (and envision) to stay engaged in the church. Kelsey Law, vice moderator of Presbyterian Women Churchwide, and Cheri Harper, PW’s program director, facilitated the experience. Kelsey also represented Presbyterian Women’s support of LGBTQIA+ siblings in Christ at the PC(USA)’s inaugural National Queer+ Gathering held at the Presbyterian Center in Louisville. Kelsey helped draft a closing liturgy for the event that incorporated the expressed concerns and joys of LGBTQIA+ people in the church.



Presbyterian Youth Trienniums bring together young adults and youth for worship, fellowship, education and community.
Photo courtesy of presbyterianyouthtriennium.org

A WORLDWIDE CIRCLE OF COMMITMENT

Caring for women and children around the world has been at the forefront of PW's mission for generations. Since 2006, Presbyterian Women Churchwide has participated in the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) and has earned NGO status. In 2025, a PW delegation representing 9 synods, 19 presbyteries and at least 4 of PW's sister organizations attended CSW. That 69th session marked the 30th anniversary of the adoption of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (1995), which is considered the most progressive blueprint for advancing the rights of women around the world. "Above all, Presbyterian Women is present on this global stage, supporting global efforts to transform the lives of women and girls," said PW Executive Director Susan Jackson-Dowd.*

* "Expanding the Vision: Presbyterian Women's Path to Consultative Status at the United Nations" (Horizons, March/April 2025, p. 21)



AN EVER-EXPANDING CIRCLE OF CARE

In 2025, Presbyterian Women's Thank Offering awarded \$257,897 to nine recipients, with 40 percent supporting health-related initiatives. Additionally, two projects each received \$150,000 from the Birthday Offering: the Windward Volunteer Housing Facility in Leland, Mississippi, and the Lakota Thiyuha Dome Home Project at Pine Ridge, South Dakota. The home dome project addresses critical housing needs by constructing eco-efficient homes on the Pine Ridge Reservation while simultaneously training apprentices in the innovative building technique.



A CIRCLE OF TRUST

Several national Zoom-based discussions in 2025 provided leaders with a forum to learn about new resources, exchange ideas, ask questions and connect. Two dedicated sessions for PW treasurers highlighted best practices and giving trends. And for PW historians, three videos were added to a dedicated history webpage (presbyterianwomen.org/history) to support their ministry of documenting and preserving PW heritage.



A COMMUNITY ENCIRCLING THE WORLD

Presbyterian Women works collaboratively with ecumenical and secular partners to magnify our witness and strengthen our efforts.



Presbyterian Women continues serving as the international treasurer for both World Day of Prayer and the International Fellowship of the Least Coin (ICFLC). The ICFLC is first and foremost a prayer movement, and the least coins given are a token of God's redemptive work in the world and our lives. PW is the largest monetary contributor to the ICFLC's grant program. In 2025, \$57,000 was granted to projects in Africa (5), Asia (7), Europe (1), Latin America (1), North America (3) and Middle East (2). Think of all the prayers lifted!



Communications justice—that all God's people have a right to be seen, heard and informed—shapes much of PW's publishing and advocacy work. Presbyterian Women's longtime membership with the World Association for Christian Communication North America (WACC-NA) informs our witness and widens our communication networks. PW staff serve on the board—Stephanie M. Patterson (vice-president) and Susan Jackson Dowd (past president).



On a frosty October morning, mother and daughter Synod RED representatives Beth and Bevin Snyder facilitated a dialogue at the PWP Chicago fall gathering. Presbyterian women from the hosting congregation (Sixth Grace) and PWs from neighboring churches and synod came together to share, learn and worship.
Photos courtesy of Beth and Bevin Snyder

DRAWING THE CIRCLE WIDE

“To build an inclusive, caring community” that “works for justice and peace,” is foundational to the Purpose of Presbyterian Women. That’s why a 2024 Racial Equity Dialogue (RED) trainers’ workshop equipped RED trainers in facilitating conversations throughout the U.S. for three years! In 2025, with open and courageous hearts, RED trainers supported hundreds of siblings in Christ as they intentionally built relationships through mutual understanding.

Beth Snyder, PW RED trainer for Lincoln Trails, said that she is often surprised by what she learns: “The importance of Racial Equity Dialogue cultural conversations impacted me deeply when a participant pointed out that just a few years ago in our segregated society dialogue between races would have been discouraged and in some cases forbidden. Talking and laughing with each other we find out how much we have in common and we can appreciate our differences.”

PW’s RED trainers facilitate important conversations around equity and racial justice, and support these priorities in their synods. Visit presbyterianwomen.org/red to find contact information for the RED trainer in your synod.



Racial Equity Dialogue trainers facilitate programs that intentionally build relationships among and between women from different racial ethnic groups and backgrounds.
Photo by Stephanie M. Patterson

RETURNING MIGRANTS TO THE CENTER OF THE STORY

In 2024, Presbyterian Women provided financial support for the Certificate in Migrant Ministries program, created by Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in collaboration with Mexican and Central America mission partners and the former Presbyterian World Mission. In 2025, 48 learners from six countries (El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Colombia and the U.S.) completed the program, prepared to help their congregations and communities build relationships with migrants and to shape their ministries around immigration justice. “PW’s support is seeding innovation by enabling us to equip Central American and U.S. congregational mission leaders for better accompaniment of migrants in their communities,” said Hunter Farrell, coordinator of the Certificate in Migrant Ministries Program, The World Mission Initiative of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, in a 2025 thank-you letter.



Sharing the belief that *la unión hace la fuerza* (there is power in unity), participants considered history, current realities and congregational ministries with migrants at the center.

Photos courtesy of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary



PW Executive Director Susan Jackson Dowd (second from right) and other denominational leaders accepted an invitation to participate in a 2025 celebration of Yodogawa Christian Hospital's 70 years of caring for people mind, body and spirit.

Photo courtesy of Susan Jackson Dowd

CIRCLING OUTWARD: THE RIPPLE EFFECT OF DOING GOOD

In 1955, Presbyterian women raised \$206,677 (or \$2,465,488 in today's dollars)—their entire Birthday Offering for that year—to help fund a hospital in an impoverished neighborhood in Osaka, Japan. Like the trustworthy servants in the parable of the Talents (Matt. 25:14–30), Yodogawa Christian Hospital has faithfully utilized each dime and dollar entrusted to them, growing into a state-of-the-art facility that is Christ-centered and focused on whole-person care. The seeds planted by PW seven decades ago have come full circle. In 2009, Yodogawa officials returned the original Birthday Offering to the PC(USA) with the hope that the funds would be forwarded to a similar ministry in a different area in Asia.



The history of Yodogawa Christian Hospital, displayed in the hospital, begins with a tribute to Presbyterian Women in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

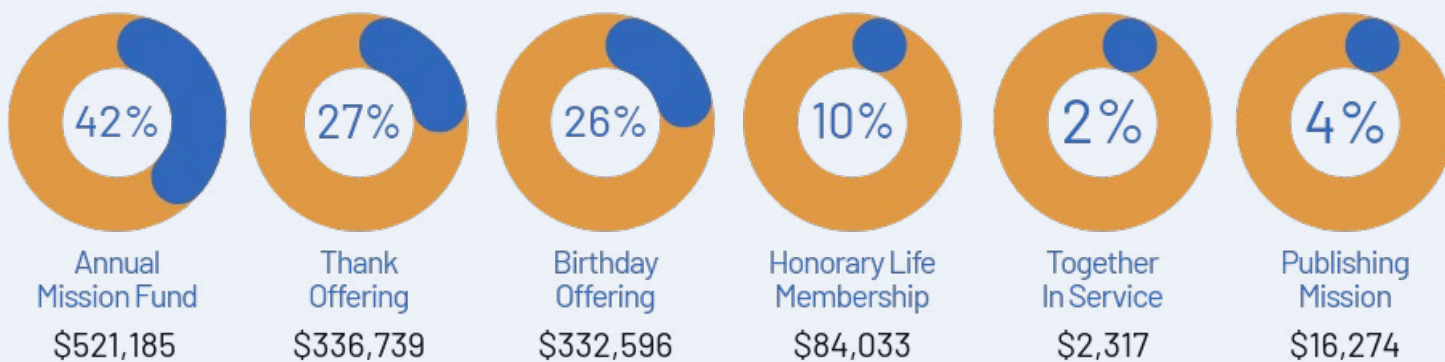
Photos courtesy of Yodogawa Christian Hospital

OUR CIRCLES OF SUPPORT

Presbyterian women support these ministries through several giving streams. The largest—PW's Annual Mission Fund (the Mission Pledge)—makes PW possible at all levels of the organization. The illustration below provides a glimpse of funds received by PW Churchwide as mission giving. These gifts, along with other sources of revenue, make possible PW grants, leadership development, resource and program development, and support of the mission of the church worldwide. No matter how you choose to give to Presbyterian Women, your support of PW's Annual Mission Fund sustains PW's work, nationally and globally.



PW GIVING, JANUARY 1–DECEMBER 31, 2025



WAYS TO GIVE

No matter how you choose to give to Presbyterian Women, your support of PW's Annual Mission Fund sustains PW's work "for the good of all" (Gal. 6:10b), locally, nationally and globally.

Make your gift:

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COMING FULL CIRCLE

From local PW group meetings to ministries with global impact, Presbyterian women encircle God's beloved people and creation with love—a commitment reflected in this glimpse of PW ministry in 2025.



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