

Twenty-five Years of Presbyterian Women

Mission Pledge

1989–2012—Gifts total more than \$70,000,000 to support programs and ministries of PW, as well as provide support for the PC(USA)

Thank Offering

1989–2012—Gifts total nearly \$24,000,000; grants made to nearly 2,000 projects, national and international

Birthday Offering

1989–2012—Gifts total more than \$20,000,000; major grants made to 91 projects, national and international

USA Mission Experience

2008—U.S./Mexico border
2010—South Dakota
2013—Tennessee, North Carolina

PW-sponsored development projects

Roma Development Project, Eastern Europe —2009–2015
Palm Development Project, Democratic Republic of Congo—2006–2012
Women's Development Project, Presbyterian Church of India—2012–2018

Global Exchange

1990 – Australia
1993 – Central and Eastern Europe
1996 – Southeast Asia
1999 – Middle East
2002 – Africa
2005 – Brazil
2008 – Central and Eastern Europe
2011 – India
2014 – Caribbean

Key Acronyms

WOC—Women of the Church, PCUS
UPW—United Presbyterian Women, UPCUSA
UPCUSA—United Presbyterian Church in the USA
PCUS—Presbyterian Church in the United States



Cleda Locey



Sara Cordery



Hazel Fuhrmeister



Diana Lim



Karen Fritsch



Kristen Gerling



Catrelia Hunter



Marta Rodriguez



Mary Jorgenson

1983 1988 1991 1994 1997 2000 2003 2006 2009 2012 2015 +

<p>1983 – The UPCUSA position on women in ministry became the policy of the reunited PC(USA).</p> <p>1983–1987 – The Women of the Church/United Presbyterian Women Working Team worked on a design for the new women's organization.</p> <p>1985 – WOC attended the National Meeting of UPW as conferees.</p> <p>1986 – UPW and WOC approved a design for PW.</p> <p>1987 – Joining for the Journey event in St. Louis to prepare for merging WOC and UPW into one organization, Presbyterian Women.</p> <p>1987 – The General Assembly created a Women's Ministry Unit (WMU) that came into being in 1988 with Mary Ann Lundy as its director. Presbyterian Women (PW) staff were housed in this unit, which also included three women's constituency groups: the Committee of Women of Color, Justice for Women and Women Employed by the Church.</p> <p>1987 – First Native American woman ordained minister of Word and Sacrament, Holly Haile Smith, UPC.</p> <p>1988 – First Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, July 13–18. Theme: Drawn by the Waters of Life. Cleda Locey was elected the first moderator of PW, and the initial PW Enabler training was held. Jeanne Marshall of UPW and Cathy Vaughan of WOC presided.</p> <p>1988 – <i>Horizons</i> magazine was launched.</p> <p>1989 – PW's international exchanges were formalized with the creation</p>	<p>of PW's Global Exchange program.</p> <p>1989 – The General Assembly Council recommended that PW's moderator have advisory status on the Council and serve as a permanent voting member of the Finance Committee.</p> <p>1990 – PW Enabler Training, Ames, Iowa</p> <p>1990 – PW Global Exchange to Australia</p> <p>1991 – PW Churchwide Gathering, Ames, Iowa. Cleda Locey presided. Theme: Whose World Is It? Sara Cordery, first African American churchwide moderator, elected</p> <p>1991 – Conversations began leading to formation of the National Network of Presbyterian College Women (NNPCW).</p> <p>1993 – The GAC formed the Advocacy Committee for Women's Concerns; its interim membership came from the three former constituency groups of the Women's Ministry Unit, PW's Churchwide Coordinating Team and members at large.</p> <p>1993 – Global Exchange to Central and Eastern Europe</p> <p>1994 – PW Churchwide Gathering, Ames, Iowa. Sara Cordery presiding. Theme: You Are My Beloved</p> <p>1996 – General Assembly approved an overture to grant the moderator of PW full voting membership on the General Assembly Council.</p> <p>1996 – Global Exchange to Southeast Asia</p> <p>1997 – PW Churchwide Gathering, Louisville, Kentucky. Hazel Fuhrmeister presiding. Theme: A Cloud of Witnesses</p> <p>1997 – Diana Lim was elected the first Asian American PW churchwide moderator.</p>	<p>She had previously served on the National Executive Committee of UPW's Joining for the Journey committee.</p> <p>1997 – PW made a commitment to strive to eradicate racism.</p> <p>1997 – PW helped launch the Nets to End Malaria pilot project. International Health Ministries (PC(USA)) went on to establish the Networkers Malaria Prevention Project.</p> <p>1998 – Racial Ethnic Dialog grew out of discussions in response to concerns raised by National Asian Presbyterian Women and National Black Presbyterian Women.</p> <p>1999 – Global Exchange to Middle East</p> <p>2000 – PW Churchwide Gathering, Louisville, Kentucky. Diana Lim presiding. Theme: Sound the Trumpets: Proclaim Jubilee!</p> <p>2000 – PW declared itself an antiracist organization.</p> <p>2000 – Roula Alkhouri, of Syria, was the first Middle Eastern American woman ordained as minister of Word and Sacrament in the PC(USA)</p> <p>2001 – PW initiated Widening the Circle, a fund for new program initiatives at the national level on behalf of women.</p> <p>2001 – Women of Color Consultation proposed by PW's Racial Ethnic Dialog.</p> <p>2001–2003 – A task group reviewed PW's organizational structure, programs and resources from an antiracist perspective. Its report and recommendations guide PW's antiracism efforts to this day.</p> <p>2002 – Global Exchange to Africa</p> <p>2002 – PW began training antiracism facilitators.</p>	<p>2003 – Churchwide Gathering, Louisville, Kentucky. Karen Fritsch presided. Theme: God's Vision: Our Calling</p> <p>2004 – Women of Color Consultation held in Atlanta, Georgia. Theme: Come, Be Refreshed by the Waters.</p> <p>2005 – Global Exchange to Brazil</p> <p>2005 – Regional Tending the Flame events began around the country, celebrating 100 years of women ordained as deacons (2006), 75 years of women ordained as elders (2005), and 50 years of women ordained as ministers of Word and Sacrament (2006).</p> <p>2005 – <i>Horizons</i> magazine published a joint issue on peace, with <i>Lutheran Women Today</i>, <i>Response</i> magazine (United Methodist Women) and <i>Glad Tidings</i> (Women's Mission Society of Canada).</p> <p>2006 – Women's ordination anniversary celebrations part of the 217th General Assembly in Birmingham, Alabama. The GA approved a task force to monitor progress on recommendations from the 2005 Women of Color Consultation.</p> <p>2006 – Presbyterian Women began attending the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women.</p> <p>2006 – PW Churchwide Gathering, Louisville, Kentucky. Kris Gerling presided. Theme: Creation! Celebration! God's Word—Light for the Journey</p> <p>2006 – PW began a series of trips to assist with Hurricane Katrina recovery.</p> <p>2008 – The first PW USA Mission Experience trip; U.S./Mexico border.</p> <p>2008 – Global Exchange to Eastern Europe</p> <p>2008 – Presbyterian Women launched its</p>	<p>Facebook page, beginning its use of social media to reach constituents and grow the PW community.</p> <p>2009 – PW Churchwide Gathering, Louisville, Kentucky. Catrelia Hunter presided. Theme: God Will Do Wonders Among You; Marta Rodriguez, the first Hispanic American to be elected as PW churchwide moderator, assumed office.</p> <p>2009 – Yodogawa Christian Hospital returned PW Birthday Offering seed money for PC(USA) world mission.</p> <p>2009 – PW incorporated at the national level, becoming Presbyterian Women in the PC(USA), Inc.</p> <p>2010 – PW USA Mission Experience trip visited Native American sisters in South Dakota.</p> <p>2011 – Global Exchange to India</p> <p>2012 – <i>Horizons</i> launched its digital edition with the January/February issue.</p> <p>2012 – PW Churchwide Gathering, Orlando, Florida. Marta Rodriguez presided. Theme: River of Hope</p> <p>2012 – The 220th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) commended Presbyterian Women's <i>Horizons</i> Bible study <i>Confessing the Beatitudes</i> by Margaret Aymer to the entire church.</p> <p>2013 – USA Mission Experience trip to the Appalachian regions of eastern Tennessee/western North Carolina.</p> <p>2013 – PW celebrated its 25th anniversary, and looked ahead to its next 25 (and the next!).</p> <p>2014 – Global Exchange to the Caribbean</p>
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