



Churchwide Coordinating Team

Meeting Summary

February 2012

Orlando, Florida

General News

- The CCT met February 7–9, in Orlando, Florida.
- The Gathering planning teams met February 4–6 at the Gaylord Palms in Orlando, site of the 2012 Churchwide Gathering.
- An offering of \$1,126 was received during worship for the PW leadership development account for Gathering scholarships.

Committee Information

Note: Task groups and committees, written in bold italic, report to the CCT through the CCT committee under which they are listed. Only committees and groups who provided information for the current summary are listed.

Administrative Committee

Marta Rodríguez, chair

- The CCT reelected PW Inc.'s corporate officers.
- The revised *CCT Handbook* is available on the CCT Google site.
- The CCT will form a task group of up to six people, reporting through the Administrative Committee, to complete the VOD process begun by the Administrative Committee and identify the next steps to take. The task group will include one member of the current moderator team and one member of the moderator team-in-nomination. The Administrative Committee will report the task group's progress to the CCT at the September 2012 CCT meeting.

Antiracism Committee (ARC)

Ruth Mason Lowe, chair

- ARC's annual meeting for the year 2011 was held at Highlander Research and Education Center in New Market, Tenn., November 7–9.

2011. In addition, ARC has held several conference call meetings.

- ARC welcomes two new members: Ann Hinz (antiracism facilitator from the Synod of Alaska-Northwest) and Gloria Moorman (Synod of Living Waters Rep. on CCT)
- Barbara Smith, who faithfully served on ARC in 2007–2011, wrote the January 15, 2012, Minute for Mission, Race Relations Sunday, printed in the 2012 *Mission Yearbook for Prayer and Study*.
- ARC is currently in conversation with the Justice and Peace Committee about putting together one issue of *J&P Links* per year on the intersection of racism and another issue of justice.
- ARC's directional priorities remain: networking and building alliances, examining the relationship between the giver and recipient in our mission work, and consciousness-raising education.

Communications Committee

Mary Martin, chair

- The CCT adopted a social media policy for use at the national level.
- The Bible Study Committee met on February 7, 2012, and selected Anitra Kitts to write the 2015–16 Bible study on water. Anitra has accepted the invitation.
- The committee chose the theme, "Who is Jesus?" for the 2016–17 Bible study. Committee minutes are posted on the Google site.
- The ecumenical edition of the Beatitudes study will be available on Amazon.com later this month. We are hoping that presence on Amazon will widen the PW Bible study circle.

- Content for the 2009–12 Business Book is due to Ann Ferguson by February 28, 2012. Please email your committee report to Ann Ferguson and copy Susan Jackson Dowd and Veronica Green.
- Digital dawn! The online version of *Horizons* is now available. All current subscribers will receive a key to get to the online version. New subscribers can choose the print subscription for \$24.95 (promo rate \$19.95), which includes the Bible study and online edition, or they can choose the online subscription only for \$15. The Bible study is not part of the online subscription. Promotional bookmarks are available.
- Select Bible studies are now available in the Mandarin language. Presbyterian women in Taiwan have purchased licenses to translate four past studies. *Jonah and Ruth* and *Esther* are currently available. We are told the studies are being used in more than 1000 churches in Taiwan. The books are available in the US for \$8. Contact Susan Jackson Dowd if you are interested.
- *Confessing the Beatitudes*, the 2010–11 Bible study, will be recommended to the church for study by the Advisory Committee on Women’s Concerns at the 2012 PC(USA) General Assembly.

Churchwide Gathering (CWG) Planning Team

Kathy Randall, chair

- Early registration ends May 15, 2012, (\$440). Registrations thereafter are \$480 including day of Gathering. One-day registration is \$95 and weekend is \$155, available during the event and in advance.
- Currently, 232 are registered. The heaviest registration is expected in the first half of May 2012. The budget is built on 2,000 attendees.
- CCT is scheduled to arrive Orlando July 17 for a 3 PM final meeting of the triennium
- Total Transportation Systems (green shirts/black pants) will run shuttles on the hour every hour Monday and Tuesday between 10 AM and 6 PM to deliver CCT from airport to Gaylord. On opening day,

Wednesday, July 18, shuttles will run every 20 minutes.

- An optional orientation for voting reps will be held Wednesday, July 18, at 4:30 PM.
- Voting reps can attend workshops on Saturday, July 21, from 2–3:30 PM.
- Voting reps must make their own hotel reservations (Wilma Bennett has handled CCT voting reps only).
- Hotel parking rates for overnight = \$15 per night.
- Those who register after May 1 must download *Daily Horizons* issue 1; it will not be mailed.
- Nametags and workshops will not be mailed. They will be picked up with tote bags upon arrival at the Gaylord.
- CCT is asked to register for the Gathering by April 1.
- For more information about the Gathering and Gathering planning, contact Kathy Randall, 504/866-7435 or kathyrandall@bellsouth.net.

Finance Committee

Joyce Smith, chair

The CCT approved the proposed budget for fiscal years 8/1/12 to 7/31/15 and recommended its adoption to the voting representatives at the 2012 Business Meeting. **Audit Committee**

Ana Camilla Vazquez, chair

The CCT received the July 31, 2011 audit provided by Crowe Horwath LLP.

Funds Development

Nydia Murphy-Leger, chair

Celebration Giving

- Funds were requested to develop the 2013 Mission Pledge packet for synods/presbyteries and congregations. A scripture, devotional and suggested hymns will be again be added to encourage congregations to select one Sunday to provide an offering for, and celebrate, the Presbyterian Women Mission Pledge.
- Celebration Giving Representative (CGR) training will be held on Thursday, February 23 at 2 PM and 7 PM (EST). Please forward this

training opportunity to those who may be interested in learning more about the Celebration Giving program or the CGR position. Contact Jen to register.

PW Women Moving Millions

- PW continues efforts toward the Women Moving Millions (WMM) campaign. Individuals have been identified to join the cultivation team. This group will identify major donors and ask them for gifts. Training for the group is tentatively planned for April at Wooded Glen in Indiana.
- The PW WMM “Donor Menu” was presented. This is a document that informs donors of the particular mission and ministry areas in need of funding, and would be used during individual meetings with major donors.
- Funds were requested to develop a PW “Case for Support.” This document would provide meaningful information about mission, ministry and finances to help tell the PW story during individual meetings with major donors.

Churchwide Gathering

- Plans for the 2012 Churchwide Gathering silent auction are under way. Circles, presbyteries, synods and individuals can donate new items with a value of \$50 or more. Proceeds will benefit Birthday Offering, Thank Offering and Mission Pledge. An FAQ document and silent auction donation form are available online or by request. Complete the form by June 15.
- Pursuing corporate and individual sponsorship for the CWG was approved by the Gathering Planning Team. There are several sponsorship levels and associated benefits. If you know of a company or individual who would like to sponsor the Gathering, contact Jen.
- For information about any of the above items, contact Jen at jen.lenard-benson@pcusa.org or 502/569-5308.

Justice and Peace Committee (J&P)

Janice Takeda, chair

- J&P and MRC met together to follow up on several joint projects:

- United In Action: January 12–13, 2013. This will be a day for PW groups around the country to work on human trafficking (learn/pray/do?). Some groups might not be able to meet on this day, but we’re just trying it! We’ve got to start somewhere. Will be advertised at the Gathering in a “More info to come . . .” kind of way.
- The Gathering offering will go to the Akobo Water Project.
- Bread for the World’s 1000 Days Campaign—information will be coming out in *Horizons*, the Quarterly Mailing, and on PW’s website. We hope Nancy Neal will be at the Gathering to speak more about this. The two committees will decide where to go with the 1000 Days project after the Gathering.
- The Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations sends thanks for the \$5,000 Presbyterian Women sent this fall. The letter is on the Google site in the J&P folder.
- Movement around the U.S. ratification of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child is building. *Unbound*, PMUN and the Office of Public Witness are posting articles and action steps. Look for an e-blast soon (see below).
- Many of you took action in response to a call to contact Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels regarding human trafficking before the Super Bowl. Because of the action of you and many others across the country, the Indiana General Assembly unanimously passed Senate Bill 4, a bill that will strengthen Indiana’s laws against human trafficking.
- Presbyterian Women and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) have been following the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) since it was the focus of Ecumenical Advocacy Days last year. PW and the PC(USA) recently signed on to a letter in favor of legislation prosecuting internet-stalking and related violence against women. On Thursday, Feb. 2, S.1925, the Leahy/Crapo bill to Reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act was passed by the Senate Judiciary Committee.
- The Justice for Women Working Group of the National Council of Churches, an ecumenical

coordinating group for those working in staff positions on gender and justice in NCCdenominations, has completed a brochure to guide you through a gender analysis. If you've never heard of this before, download the brochure

(<http://www.nccusa.org/pdfs/gender4web.pdf>) and read through it! Copies printed through a donation from Women of the ELCA and The Salvation Army will be disseminated at the Commission on the Status of Women and Ecumenical Advocacy Days.

- The 56th United Nations Commission on the Status of Women is meeting in NYC February 24–March 9. Three women who live in rural areas are attending through scholarships. They will speak in side events, and possibly at high-level meetings, as experts on the theme “Women in rural areas and their role in hunger and poverty eradication, development and other current challenges.” More Presbyterian women than ever before are attending this year—nearly 50!
- There is still time to register for Ecumenical Advocacy Days, themed “Is This the Fast I Seek?” This year, EAD will focus on Economy, Livelihood and Our National Priorities. EAD will take place March 23–26, 2012, in Washington, D.C. J&P has previously requested funds to support scholarships which have been awarded based on age diversity, racial diversity and geographic diversity. You can register online at www.advocacydays.org.
- Sign up for *Justice and Peace Notes*, if you aren't a subscriber yet! It's a great way to stay informed about justice and peace issues. Each issue includes a Bible study and action ideas to get involved. Spread the word in your synods! Contact Meagan at meagan.manas@pcusa.org to join the list, or subscribe at <http://gamc.pcusa.org/subscriptions/lists/justice-and-peace-links/>

Leadership Enhancement Committee (LEC)

Susan Skoglund, chair

- LEC continues to be in touch with participants in the September 2010 “Takin’ It to the Congregation” training. Feedback provided from the training participants and subsequent progress reports have been used to assess trainers’ needs and ideas for ways to provide ongoing support (e.g., Facebook, additional tools). An email will go out soon to all trainers and they will be invited to a “reunion” at the Churchwide Gathering (following Thursday night plenary). This face-to-face conversation will rejuvenate and inform the future direction of congregational training.
- LEC reviewed the final reports of four synods participating in the Sisters Stand and Walk Together initiative. To better understand future needs, the synods will be asked for a financial summary of their program expenditures. LEC believes there is great benefit to be gained from expanding the program to additional synods and the requests for action above support moving the program forward.

Mission Relationships Committee (MRC)

Marilynn Collins, chair

- The committee accepted the recommendation for ongoing support from the 2011 Global Exchange Committee, including a \$500 donation to the Delhi Brotherhood to support projects in gratitude for their hospitality during the recent Global Exchange, and the addition of the Arunima Hospice (Kolkata) Support Fund and the Presbyterian Church of India Women's Development Fund to the newly created Together in Service PW Development Projects aspect of the program.
- Adjustments will be made to the selection criteria for future Global Exchange locations and the inclusion of additional risk prevention measures to protect PW and participants.
- CCT adopted an annual United in Action PW Service Weekend concept, a joint recommendation from the Mission and Justice and Peace committees. Year one's

weekend is scheduled for January 12–13, 2013, and will focus on human trafficking in conjunction with Human Trafficking Month.

- The CCT accepted Presbyterian Disaster Assistance’s proposal for partnership, which includes biannual work trips to West Virginia, Arkansas or Maryland; the appointment of a PW liaison; and new PW national hands-on mission opportunities.

Global Exchange Committee

Jenny Lee, chair

- The Global Exchange to India (October 2011) visited New Delhi, Shillong, Durgapur, Agra and Kolkata.
- During this Global Exchange, PW signed the Memorandum of Understanding with WFCS, CNI to further deepen the relationship initiated through Global Exchange between PW and WFCS.
- For a full report on the Global Exchange, see the 2012 January/February issue of *Horizons*.

Got more information? Send it to Yvonne (yvonne.hileman@pcusa.org)

Quarterly Mailing Schedule (evergreen)			
Mailing	Text Due	To Printer	Mail Date
10/15	9/10	10/6	10/20
1/15	11/30	12/18	1/15
4/15	3/8	3/26	4/14
7/15	6/9	6/29	7/15