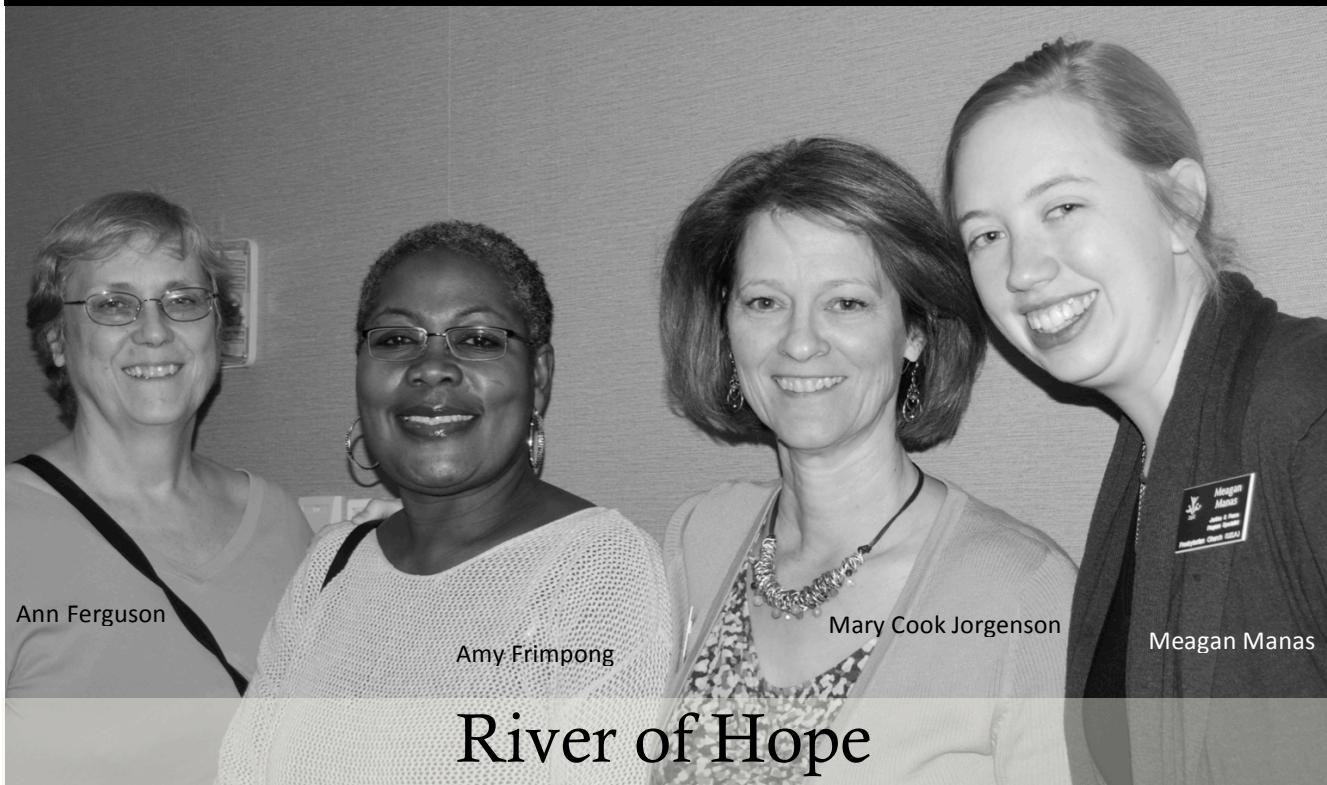


# CCT Summary

Presbyterian Women in the PC(USA), Inc.



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## River of Hope

### New Coordinating Team Members Wade In

The Churchwide Coordinating Team of Presbyterian Women (CCT) met September 6–9, 2012, in Louisville, Kentucky. The CCT meeting was preceded by Search Committee, Churchwide Gathering Planning Team and Communications Committee meetings.

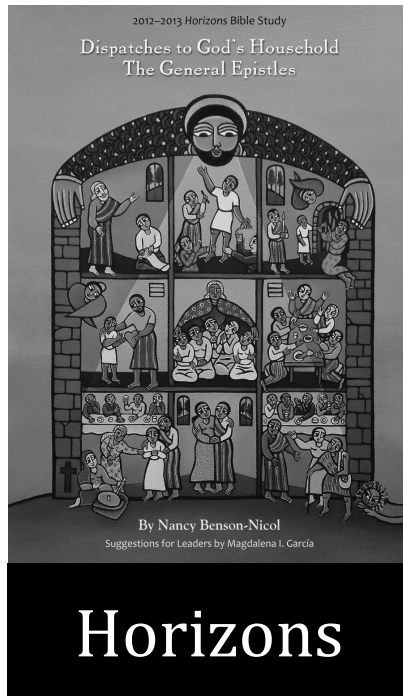
April Davenport, PC(USA) legal counsel provided board orientation on Friday, September 7. The CCT also spent time working with staff on elected and staff roles and responsibilities.

After a brief plenary session, the Mission Relationships, Leadership Enhancement, and Justice and Peace committees met all day on September 8.

Bible Study, Finance, Funds Development, Audit and Antiracism committees met around the edges and during meals (see reports on the Google site and highlights in this summary).

During the business meeting on September 9, the CCT heard reports of the committees and agreed to actions by consensus. The young women representatives to the coordinating team led closing worship. PW justice and peace staff specialist Meagan Manas officiated during Communion. An offering of \$1138 was received and will be given to the PW Birthday Offering.

The CCT will meet again in March 2013. Details are forthcoming.



## What's Coming Up?

### Bible Study

#### 2013–2014

Abiding Hope

Janice Catron

#### 2014–2015

2 Corinthians

Elizabeth Hinson Hasty

#### 2015–2016

Water

Anitra Kitts

#### 2016–2017

Who Is Jesus?

Author to be named in March

### Magazine

#### November/December

Salvation

#### January/February

Immigration

#### March/April

Economics

#### May/June

Family Roles

#### July/August

Interfaith Relations

#### September/October

Theology

#### November/December

Music

# Churchwide Gathering Wrap Up

*Kathy Randall, Gathering Chair*

The leadership of the 2012 Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women met for a wrap up meeting in Louisville September 5–6 to evaluate the event and make recommendations for 2015. Patricia Longfellow, staff Gathering liaison, received files and reports. Highlights:

### Attendance

Gathering attendance was 1,887 plus exhibitors. Full registration was \$480—1,668 qualified for early registration at \$440. There were 185 scholarships, 187 waived registrations for CCT, GPT, workshop leaders, helpers; 83 women in 20s and 30s age; and 21 children under 17 years. Approximately 200 participated in partial registration: one day, weekend, five meals/plenary. Fifty-two percent registered online.

### Highlights

The River of Hope theme was developed through Plenary, Education, Global Partners, Interactive activities, and Resources and Exhibits. *Horizons* benefitted from a special Gathering renewal and subscription rate—380 new subscriptions. Approximately 200 pre-ordered the Gahther Wrap Up DVD. Communion was a highlight. Spirit Island (spirituality center) very meaningful. The advocacy trip to Publix was inspiring.

### Fun!

Ice Cream Social, reunions, bookstore, PW Live opportunities, making boats on river mural, meeting PW and GA leadership, assembling under one roof, eating together, blankets, awareness of all PW is doing around the world. The focus on water was significant.

### Evaluations

Participants expressed overall satisfaction with plenary topics, diversity, international guests, mission emphasis, talking with individuals, living out the Gathering promotional pack, gift cards, action opportunities and learning new skills to take home. A majority of the evaluations read: “It was too expensive” and “I had a wonderful time.”

For ongoing information about the Gathering, visit [www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering) and check out the September/October issue of *Horizons*.



## CCT Committee Work

### Antiracism

*Gloria Moorman*, chair

Rev. Dr. Teresa Chavez Saucedo is developing a **new resource** on culturally proficient leadership titled “Practicing God’s Radical Hospitality: Reflecting on Difference, Change and Leadership through the Spiritual Discipline of Hospitality.” The CCT received a sampler. The sampler is on the PW website. Visit [www.pcusa.org/resource/culturally-proficient-leadership-sampler/](http://www.pcusa.org/resource/culturally-proficient-leadership-sampler/) to download the resource.

### Communications Coordination

*Mary Martin*, chair

The CCT approved a revised name and job description for the committee.

Ecumenical editions of several Bible studies are available on **Amazon.com** and are beginning to sell. We are hoping that presence on Amazon will widen the PW Bible study circle.

Mary Cook Jorgenson will convene a **CCT and staff field-testing group** for the upcoming 2 Corinthians study by Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty. Mary will be in touch with those who signed up to participate soon. If you did not sign up and would like to participate, please contact Mary at [mcjorgies@gmail.com](mailto:mcjorgies@gmail.com).

Additional **field-testing groups** are needed for the upcoming study. Please consider groups in your congregations or presbyteries who may be candidates for field testing. For information, contact Betsy Ensign-George, [betsy.ensign-george@pcusa.org](mailto:betsy.ensign-george@pcusa.org) or Susan Jackson Dowd, [susan.jackson-dowd@pcusa.org](mailto:susan.jackson-dowd@pcusa.org). Application forms and information are available at [www.pcusa.org/horizons](http://www.pcusa.org/horizons).

### Bible Study

*Judy Lovejoy*, chair

The committee needs author nominations for Who Is Jesus? They will choose an

author for this study during the March 2013 meeting. The author will be a woman writer in the Reformed tradition well versed in the topic or in New Testament.

### Horizons Editorial

*Mary Jorgenson*, chair

HEC will meet September 19–21. Please contact Sharon Dunne Gillies, [Sharon.gillies@pcusa.org](mailto:Sharon.gillies@pcusa.org) with magazine theme and article writer suggestions.

### Funds Development\*

*Mary Martin*, chair

Celebration Giving Representatives promote giving opportunities to all PW Celebration Giving programs. Each represents her congregation, presbytery and/or synod. **CGR webinar trainings** will be offered on Thursday, September 13, at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. (EST). A new **Advanced Celebration Giving Representative training** will be held via webinar on Thursday, October 11, at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. (EST). The same information is in both sessions. Advanced training is for those who want to expand their skills and knowledge base. Contact [jen.lenard-benson@pcusa.org](mailto:jen.lenard-benson@pcusa.org) or 502/569-5308 to register.

The committee presented the Presbyterian Women in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) **Gift Acceptance Policy** for review and approval. This policy will provide gift acceptance criteria for donors, and will be useful to the Funds Development Committee during review of non-traditional gifts (assets). The policy can also guide the committee when there may be a conflict with the gift and the mission and purpose of PW and PC(USA). The funds development committee serves as the Gift Acceptance Committee.

\*Note: See p. 6 for the *Giving Report*

## Justice and Peace

*Sheila Louder*, chair

The Justice and Peace committee has discerned three main focus areas for the new triennium: **human trafficking, Native American women and issues involving children.** Immediate work will begin with planning the Together in Action Day on human trafficking, reaching out to native women's communities to ask how we might be in solidarity with them, and engaging Bread for the World's 1,000 Days campaign for maternal and child health.

Scholarship selections are being made for the 57th United Nations **Commission on the Status of Women**, March 1–15, 2013, in New York City. The commission will focus on the prevention and elimination of violence against women and girls. Although the scholarship deadline has passed, applications to be part of the delegation without funding will be accepted through October 1. Visit [www.pcusa.org/resource/application-packet-presbyterian-delegation-57th-co/](http://www.pcusa.org/resource/application-packet-presbyterian-delegation-57th-co/) for information and application. PW will offer 10 scholarships of \$180 to women who will attend Ecumenical Advocacy Days April 5–8 in Washington, D.C. Look for scholarship applications later this fall. For information, visit [www.advocacydays.org](http://www.advocacydays.org).

Due to the outcry during the Churchwide Gathering for an end to **gun violence**, and the awareness raised by the July/August issue of *Horizons* and the latest issue of *Presbyterians Today*, J&P explored existing resources on gun violence prevention. The CCT approved a partnership with the group Heeding God's Call ([www.heedinggodscall.org](http://www.heedinggodscall.org)) and recommends the following good resources to any circles or congregations interested in taking action to end gun violence: "Gun Violence, Gospel Values: Mobilizing in Response to God's Call," the recommendations approved by the

219th General Assembly (2010) of the PC (USA), is available online:

[www.pcusa.org/resource/gun-violence-gospel-values-mobilizing-response-god](http://www.pcusa.org/resource/gun-violence-gospel-values-mobilizing-response-god).

The Gun Violence Prevention Toolkit for congregations, developed by the Presbyterian Peace-making Program is also available online:

[www.pcusa.org/resource/gun-violence-prevention-congregational-toolkit](http://www.pcusa.org/resource/gun-violence-prevention-congregational-toolkit).

The CCT will send **letters to Moderator Neal Presa, Vice Moderator Tom Trinidad, and Stated Clerk Gradye Parsons** to address concerns from the General Assembly, including divestment discussion management and the bullying of Tara McCabe, who resigned as vice moderator. We are calling individual Presbyterian women to divest any personal holdings in Caterpillar until their machinery is no longer sold to be used as implements of violence and destruction.

## Leadership Enhancement

*Susan Skoglund*, chair

LEC continues to evaluate the roll-out of the **Takin' It to the Congregation** training provided in September, 2010. Participants who attended training at the Churchwide Gathering provided feedback. A task group has been formed to plan one or more Webinar sessions to reengage, reeducate and inspire the trainers.

LEC has formed a task group to develop a process to expand the **Sisters Stand and Walk Together** program to additional synods as approved at the 2012 PW Business Meeting.

The CCT will participate in **Adaptive Leadership** training at their March 2013 meeting. As PW begins a new triennium, the CCT wants to adapt to a new way of thinking and decision making, and learn how to better diagnose and implement changes while maintaining the essential elements of PW.

LEC has initiated a partnership with Presbyterian Mission Agency

staff who have expertise in working with young adults. LEC will begin to explore PW-focused **young adult initiatives** (for example, intergenerational dialogue).

### **Mission Relationships**

*Pam Snyder*, chair

The committee chose the site for the **2014 Global Exchange**. They will work with Caribbean and North America Council for Mission (CANACOM) to plan a trip to several countries in the Caribbean region. CANACOM aims to build partnership and increase mission formation and education among eight Caribbean nations.

The **Roma Development** project is facing a turning point its life that we hope will lead to a more independent organization with local leadership. To help facilitate and encourage this transition we will sponsor a consultation between representatives of PW and regional partners to plan for this to happen.

The 2010 USAME visited The **Sweetgrass Project** on the Pine Ridge Reservation. The project seeks to prevent suicide among teens and young adults of the Oglala Sioux Tribe. More than 200 youths attempt suicide yearly, with nearly 35 ending their lives. PW will continue to support this project through inclusion in its 2012–15 Mission Matters flier.

### **Creative Ministries**

*Doreen Der-McCleod*, chair

CMOC met on Aug. 23–25 in Louisville to review 34 submitted proposals. One recipient was selected.

### **Search Committee**

*Virginia Champlin*, chair

The Search Committee met September 3–5 in Louisville. They reviewed and revised forms, developed a communication plan, discussed assigned regions and made additional assignments to include racial ethnic women's caucuses and groups and young women's networks.

## Together In Action/Human Trafficking Day

January 10, 2013, is the first annual Together in Action Day and the focus will be on Human Trafficking (January 11 is human trafficking awareness day). Each CCT member has a Human Trafficking Toolkit. These are also available online at [www.pcusa.org/resource/toolkit-action-modern-slavery/](http://www.pcusa.org/resource/toolkit-action-modern-slavery/). Please make sure to spread the word to your synod, presbyteries, and local churches! Meagan ([Meagan.manas@pcusa.org](mailto:Meagan.manas@pcusa.org)) has a list of the people who received human trafficking toolkits at the gathering (one for each synod) so you know who else in your synod has one. **Some ideas for Together in Action**

- Visit your government representatives and talk to them about trafficking
- Ask a local group that works with human trafficking in your area to come speak to your PW or church
- Hold a rally or training
- Screen a documentary or movie about trafficking:
  - *Very Young Girls*  
[www.gems-girls.org/get-involved/very-young-girls](http://www.gems-girls.org/get-involved/very-young-girls)
  - *Taken*  
<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0936501/>
  - *What I've Been Through is not who I Am*  
[ecpatusa.org/what-we-do/helping-children-in-america/witness-video-project/](http://ecpatusa.org/what-we-do/helping-children-in-america/witness-video-project/)
  - *Human Trafficking* Lifetime movie (search on youtube)

## Presbyterian Women Giving Report

Prepared August 13, 2012 (figures as of August 8, 2012)

Note: Dollars have been rounded



	2011	2012	Variance
Mission Pledge	\$1,016,724	\$860,893	\$(155,831)
Thank Offering	\$362,928	\$366,679	\$3,751
Birthday Offering	\$404,949	\$388,973	\$(15,976)
Honorary Life Membership (HLM)	\$85,431	\$102,369	\$16,937
Memorial/Recognition Gifts	\$3,785	\$1,319	\$(2,466)
Together In Service (TIS)	\$26,611	\$16,735	\$(9,876)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,900,429</b>	<b>\$1,736,968</b>	<b>\$(163,461)</b>



**Mary Martin**, South Atlantic Synod rep, Communications Coordination chair, Funds Development chair, Leadership Enhancement Committee and *Horizons* Editorial Committee member, delivers the Communications Coordination Committee report during plenary.

## Getting to Know Us



**Lucy Janjigian**, Middle Eastern American member at large, Bible Study and Justice and Peace committee member and **Muriel Stephens**, Mid-America synod representative, Funds Development and Justice and Peace Committee member, provide background information and support regarding justice and peace issues.



**Ruth-Aimee Belonni-Rosario**, REYWT Representative, Leadership Enhancement Committee member, explains justice concerns raised during the 2012 General Assembly.



**Pam Snyder**, Mission Relationships vice moderator, Mission Relationships chair, Administrative and Communications Coordination Committee member, moderates during plenary.

**Sheila Louder**, Justice and Peace Concerns vice moderator, Justice and Peace Committee chair, Administrative, Bible Study and Creative Ministries Offering committee member presents the J&P report during plenary.

