



Quarterly News

for Presbyterian Women Leaders

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February–April 2014

Winner selected for *An Abiding Hope* art quilt

In each copy of the 2013–2014 *Horizons* Bible study, *An Abiding Hope: The Presence of God in Exodus and Deuteronomy*, there is a perforated card featuring a wall hanging to be given away to one happy reader. That reader has been chosen!

On January 14, Rhashell Hunter (pictured at right with the winning entry), director of Racial Ethnic and Women's Ministries, PC(USA), selected the winner, **Hazel B. Sparks**, from the thousands of entries received. Rhashell delivered the news by phone to Hazel as staff captured the call (<http://pwpcusa.typepad.com/abidinghope>).

Hazel's daughter Beth tells us Hazel has been "over the moon" with excitement about winning.

Hazel, 87, is a lifelong Presbyterian who attended high school and college at Montreat. She served as president of Women of the Church in her congregation before WOC and United Presbyterian Women joined to become Presbyterian Women. A member of Fort Hill Presbyterian Church in Clemson, South Carolina,



she still leads Bible studies and is a ruling elder in her church.

Laura Conrad, pastor of Fort Hill Presbyterian, says, "I cannot imagine a more perfect person to receive the quilt for this year's study. Hazel is a lover of Bible study and one of the most influential women of faith I know. At age 87, she hosts a Prayer Shawl ministry each month in her home. She started a SALT (Sharing and Learning Together) group, then she started another in the evenings. That group includes two college women who have enriched the group of older women and vice versa. Hazel is a



leader in her circle. She spent the last three years serving on our church transformation team, leading the church with her vision for change. She is the wise sage who draws people into the faith and inspires others with her confidence, hope, and openness to the movement of the Holy Spirit."

If you are feeling creative, go to www.pcusa.org/horizons to download the quilt pattern! **Carol Tigges** has! See back page for the story.

Presbyterian Women Churchwide

PW program coordinator Ann Ferguson retires

By **Mary Cook Jorgenson**
PW Churchwide Moderator

It is with a mixture of joy (for Ann) and sadness (for PW) that we announce the retirement of longtime program coordinator Ann Ferguson, who retired on December 31, 2013. We are profoundly grateful for Ann's long service to Presbyterian Women.

Ann served fifteen years as the national PW program coordinator, serving through five Churchwide Gatherings, five Global Exchanges, and the incorporation of Presbyterian Women in the PC(USA) in 2009. She resigned as president of PW, Inc. in mid-November to allow for leadership transition.



Ann Ferguson

Ann provided programming, training and information for many local and regional PW gatherings over the five triennia that she served. Her leadership and knowledge will be missed by both PW staff and PC(USA) staff and our constituency.

As Rhashell Hunter, director of Racial Ethnic and Women's Ministries for the PC(USA), said in a meeting with PW staff, "We are grateful for her legacy."

In March 2013, Ann married Ron Holding. We wish Ann and Ron many happy days in this next chapter of their life together.

In the meantime, the work and mission of Presbyterian Women continues, thanks to the support of PW leaders, constituency and our wonderful staff.

Don't miss what's inside! • Winner of art quilt announced! • Leadership training on immigration issues available • Presbyterian center staff participate in Orange Days • Birthday Offering recipient announcement • Celebration Giving 201 • and more!

“We are women who are committed to building an inclusive, caring community”

Let us hear from you!

“About that time Caesar Augustus ordered a census to be taken throughout the Empire. . . . Everyone had to travel to his own ancestral hometown to be accounted for. So Joseph went from the Galilean town of Nazareth up to Bethlehem in Judah, David’s town, for the census. . . . He went with Mary, his fiancée, who was pregnant,” writes the author of the gospel of Luke (2:1–4, *The Message*). As I write these words, we are indeed travelling with them to Bethlehem to witness the miracle of birth that is about to happen through Mary. By the time you read these words, we will be living witnesses of this miracle.

Census—it is interesting that Luke tells us that the occasion for this event was the census. We all know that census has to do with collecting demographic information. In the United States, the census is constitutionally mandated every ten years. How about Presbyterian Women?

Because PW is not a membership organization, we do not ask anybody to register to be accounted for. But we, too, are interested in learning about the demographics of women who support and participate in PW. We are especially interested in the changes that are happening or not happening in PW in terms of diversity, because we are women who “commit ourselves to build an inclusive caring community of women.”

Short, user-friendly survey

At the 2003 Business Meeting, the voting delegates approved a recommendation that a demographic survey be conducted once in every triennium to help us see how we are doing with respect to increasing diversity in the leadership of Presbyterian Women. The Antiracism Committee and the Leadership Enhancement Committee of the Churchwide Coordinating Team carried out this mandate in 2010. Unfortunately, the response rate was minimal, and we learned from this experience. This time, we created a survey that is very short and user friendly.

The information being gathered includes total number of women who make up your coordinating team and the composition of its membership in terms of their racial ethnic background, age (under 50), ordination status and types of professional ministry in which they are engaged.

The survey was sent electronically to all PWP and PWS moderators on December 31, 2013. Please encourage the participation of your presbytery and synod coordinating team’s participation in this survey.

Use the following link to provide the necessary information regarding race/ethnicity and age of your coordinating team as of December 31, 2013: www.surveymonkey.com/s/7XLFCDR. This survey should take just five minutes to complete. All information submitted will be confidential and used only to evaluate how we are fulfilling part of the purpose of Presbyterian Women in which we promise to “build an inclusive, caring community of women.” Let us hear from all of you!

Should you have questions or concerns about this survey, please contact PW Leadership Associate Unzu Lee at unzu.lee@pcusa.org or 888.728.7228. We are grateful for your participation. We hope this will provide an opportunity for you to get to know and affirm the diversity that exists on your leadership team.

Grace and peace,

Gloria Moorman, chair, Antiracism Committee
Jayne Sneed, chair, Leadership Enhancement Committee
Churchwide Coordinating Team

Racial ethnic groups as defined by the PC(USA)

On the issue of race/ethnicity, we want to share with you the definition the church adopted in 1987 and affirmed in 2004. It states:

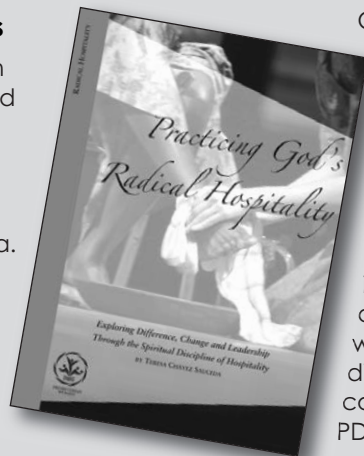
A racial ethnic group is a group that defines itself and is defined by others as being phenotypically (physically) or culturally divergent from the dominant White American group. And, most crucial is the fact that the racial ethnic group has held and continues to hold ascribed and unequal status in participation and representation in most, if not all, major institutions of American society. The racial ethnic groups in America include Black Americans, Indian Americans, Asian Americans, and Hispanic Americans (GA Minutes, 1987, 565).

Antiracism/Justice & Peace/Leadership Development

PW resource breaks down barriers

Do you want to be a leader who can contribute to building an inclusive and caring community of women across racial, ethnic and cultural barriers? If yes, you will want a copy of PW’s resource *Practicing God’s Radical Hospitality* by Teresa Chavez Saucedo.

In an increasingly mobile and densely populated world where people from different backgrounds must encounter one another, educators Raymond D. Terrell and Randall B. Lindsey have the following to say to today’s leaders:



Culturally proficient leadership is distinguished from other leadership approaches in that it is anchored in the belief that a leader must clearly understand one’s own assumptions, beliefs and values about people and cultures different from one’s self in order to be effective in crosscultural settings.*

Scholars say that we humans deal with difference in the following ways: We ignore the difference if it does not bother us. We subjugate it or make it wrong if the difference is useful but threatening. We kill the difference if it is considered a liability. Very seldom do we recognize, affirm, celebrate and engage differences as assets. This resource is an accessible and compassionate guide to doing just that. Order from PDS, item PWR13060; \$9 plus shipping/handling.

**Culturally Proficient Leadership* (Corwin Press, 2009), 5.

2014 Birthday Offering recipient ministers to Native victims of violence against women and children

Do not forsake me, O my LORD

The Creative Ministries Offering Committee of Presbyterian Women met in Louisville, Kentucky, in August, to choose a recipient for the 2014 Birthday Offering. Psalm 38:21-22—"Do not forsake me, O Lord; O my God, do not be far from me; make haste to help me, O LORD, my salvation"—embodies the spirit of the project chosen for the 2014 Birthday Offering grant—Blue Corn Mothers Alliance. Based in Albuquerque, New Mexico, Blue Corn Mothers Alliance is an organization established to provide support for Native American women and children who have experienced or are experiencing domestic and other violence.

The Birthday Offering, begun in 1922 to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Woman's Auxiliary in the PCUS, raises money for grants that are intended to be large enough to make a significant impact. They have enabled a long succession of new and innovative mission projects throughout the world. A grant from Presbyterian Women's Birthday Offering will help Blue Corn Mothers Alliance address the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of Native women in crisis.

The Birthday Offering grant will take this program from volunteer status to an established service agency by providing staff for the Blue Corn Mothers Advocacy Center, and enable it to provide services that meet the needs of women whose traditional and cultural identity is virtually ignored by existing service providers. The Center will focus on crisis intervention, support, advocacy, counseling, education as well as referral services. Women and children in need of food, housing, legal assistance will be provided referrals.

The actual amount of the grant will depend on gifts received in 2014. The goal for the 2014 Birthday Offering is \$500,000. You can help PW reach that goal!

Promotional materials now available

Birthday Offering packets will be mailed and received in early February (depending on your geographic location and the mail system). Packets will be mailed to every PC(USA)



congregation (addressed to "PW/Women's Group"), as well as PW leaders including the Churchwide Coordinating Team and Creative Ministries Offering Committee, Celebration Giving representatives, and moderators, co-moderators and treasurers of Presbyterian Women in the Synod and Presbytery.

If you know of someone who should receive a packet and did not, you can request one by calling Presbyterian Distribution Service (PDS) at

800.524.2612 and asking for item PWR14451, or visit the PW website at www.presbyterianwomen.org/birthday. Please also contact Patricia Longfellow, patricia.longfellow@pcusa.org or 888.728-7228, ext. 8015, to ensure that the PW database contains up-to-date contact information.

For more information and ideas for promoting the Birthday Offering, please contact Cindy Goodman at cindy.goodman@pcusa.org or 888.728.7228, ext. 5387. To order promotional materials from Presbyterian Distribution Service (PDS), call 800.524.2612.

PW in the Presbyteries

Active PWS in Northern New York Presbytery celebrates PW

By Emily Castine

PW moderator, Northern New York

Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Northern New York celebrated PW's 25th anniversary in a grand way. We gathered at First Presbyterian Church of Plattsburgh on October 5, 2013. After a short worship service led by our moderator, Emily F. Castine, a presentation was made by James Carlin, a frequent participant in the Mission of Hope experience in Nicaragua. He enlightened all of us on the continuing effort to help the impoverished people of that community. The women of the host church served us a delicious lunch topped off with a cake in honor of PW's 25th anniversary! The cake was decorated in blue and gold and displayed our PW logo. What a wonderful gathering it was! The attendees purchased PW 25th anniversary pins and bookmarks to

mark this auspicious occasion.

Just one year before, in September 2012, we invited several longtime friends from Quebec, Canada, just 20 or so miles from Chazy, to our fall gathering at Chazy Presbyterian Church. The moderator asked the women of Quebec to spread the word through their women's groups, and all hoped for a good response. That day we welcomed 32 women, seven of whom represented either the United Church of Canada or the Presbyterian Church of Canada, both in Hemmingford, Quebec. These ladies were delighted to be our guests. During our meeting, we shared joys and concerns about our respective churches and our women's groups within those churches. We learned that we had experienced many of the same highs and lows. We agreed to make plans to get together again, perhaps at a Canadian church the next time. We left knowing



Emily F. Castine, PW moderator in the Presbytery of New York, ready to cut the PW 25th anniversary cake

that we are indeed part of an international group of dedicated, strong, creative and dynamic women who are working to better conditions in our own locales and around the world, one step at a time, one PW meeting at a time. What a joy!

Presbyterian Women offered opportunities throughout the year for advocacy and action

Events offer leadership training on immigration issues

Interested in becoming a leader in your community around immigration? Presbyterians for Just Immigration and the PC(USA)'s Office of Immigration Issues are hosting two events in early 2014 to train Presbyterians for taking action on immigration issues in their local communities.

The first event is at Stony Point, February 21–23. Space is very limited so reserve your space now. The second training is March 6–9 at Austin Theological Seminary. Both training sessions are free, but participants are expected to pay their own travel costs. Food and lodging at Stony Point also are free, and those costs are expected to be minimal at Austin Seminary (\$120 or so).

Both training sessions will include

- Education about U.S. immigration policy
- History of Presbyterian response to immigration and General Assembly policy
- Biblical reflection, including designing more inclusive worship services
- Community organizing skills—developing a message, recruiting volunteers, advocacy and team building

To apply for one or both of these sessions, contact Piper Madison, pimmadison@gmail.com. Type "PFJI training" in the subject line of the email and include the following information in the body of the email:

- Applicant's call to work on issues related to immigration
- Activities applicant is currently involved in around immigration and other social justice issues
- How the applicant intends to carry the ideas she learned at a training back to her local community

For more information, see www.pcusa.org/news/2014/1/3/training-sessions-be-offered-immigration-issues. More questions? Contact Teresa Waggner in the Office of Immigration issues, 502.569.5372, teresa.waggner@pcusa.org.

CEDAW postcards are again available

The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) is a landmark international agreement that affirms principles of fundamental human rights and equality for women all around the world. The United States is one of only seven nations that have not ratified the agreement. Use these free postcards to send a message to lawmakers. Order item PWR11227 from PDS (800.524.2612 or www.pcusa.org/store).

Second annual PW Together in Action Day(s)!

In January, Presbyterian Women observed its second annual Together In Action Day(s) to end human trafficking! The week surrounding January 11 was dedicated to educational events, discussions, worship services and actions to end human trafficking. Now work to end violence against women all year! For ideas, download the *Human Trafficking Toolkit* at www.pcusa.org/humantrafficking.

Ecumenical Advocacy Days (EAD), March 21–24, 2014

Since 2012, Presbyterian Women has made ending gun violence a priority. Ecumenical Advocacy Days 2014, a weekend-long ecumenical training and advocacy event in Washington, D.C., titled "Jesus weeps; resisting violence, building peace," is an opportunity for Presbyterian women to put their commitment to ending violence into action!

Guided by the image of Jesus weeping over a city that turned from peace (Luke 19:41–42), EAD 2014 will expose the violence that pervades our culture and remind us that peacemaking requires justice. Participants will discover a faith-based vision for national policies that guide our feet in paths of peace. EAD culminates in a chance to speak with lawmakers during Congressional Lobby Day.

See page 6 for more information on PW registration options. Learn more at www.advocacydays.org.

Work to end violence against women now

Domestic violence awareness is still a focus for the Justice and Peace Committee of the CCT. Take action to raise awareness of violence against women.

- Have you read the great article on a multifaith response to violence against women in the July/August 2013 issue of *Horizons*?
- Watch for the next issue of *Justice & Peace Links*; Wanda Beauman has a wonderful story in that issue called "Ring the Bell." Visit PW's website (www.presbyterianwomen.org) to subscribe to *J&P Links*. It is free!
- Orange Day is the 25th of every month. Wear orange to raise awareness and work for an end to violence against women and girls. Join Say NO—UNite to End Violence against Women, a social media mobilization effort related to UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon's campaign, UNite to End Violence against Women. And go to PW's Justice and Peace web pages for more on what you can do—www.presbyterianwomen.org/justice.



Orange Day was observed at the Presbyterian Center in Louisville, Kentucky, on Friday, January 24, 2014. Everyone in the photo is wearing orange, whether it's a scarf, a sweater or a tie! Orange Days were established by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon to raise awareness of efforts to end violence against women. PW has been observing Orange Days since early 2013.

Supporting the publishing mission of Presbyterian Women, one *Horizons* reader at a time!

Tucked into the new *Horizons* subscription card and renewal letter is an opportunity to add extra \$\$ over and above the subscription price to lend support to the publishing mission of Presbyterian Women. The ongoing response just confirms what everyone in the church already knows: Presbyterian women—and *Horizons* readers, in particular—never miss an opportunity to care much and give generously!

A special thank-you to the following readers who have responded generously to support so much! This list reflects

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From the database manager's desk

New year, new database change form! You will find the new form enclosed in this mailing. There are *three* boxes to check (as shown below), indicating whether the information is for PW in the Presbytery (PWP) or PW in the Synod (PWS) or PW in the Congregation (PWC). If it's a PWC change, please add the city and state on the line next to the church image (under the group name). **Note:** Only one change per form, please.

This change is for (check only one please):

- PWP - PW in the Presbytery
- PWS - PW in the Synod
- PWC - PW in the Congregation

Please check only one box, and write only that group's name on the line below the boxes. For example, if this is a PWC change, we only need the name of the congregation—not the synod or presbytery. Same thing with a presbytery change—no need for the synod name. This will aid us in getting the right information change to the correct group. If you have any questions about the new form, or would like to have it e-mailed to you, please contact Patricia Longfellow at patricia.longfellow@pcusa.org. Thanks!

Artist sought for Bible study drawing!

Open your *Horizons* Bible study and inside you will find lots of postcards: *Horizons* magazine subscription and trial issue postcards; PW Mission Pledge information postcard; a Churchwide Gathering information card, even a postcard for an opportunity to receive a one-of-a-kind handcrafted artwork inspired by the upcoming study! The new study is ready to go to press, so if you are an artist and would like to donate an art piece, please let us know! Contact Laura Lee at laura.lee@pcusa.org.



Save the dates: Presbyterian Women travel study/advocacy opportunities in 2014

Brethren Service Center and Ecumenical Advocacy Days—March 18–24, 2014

Again in 2014, Presbyterian Women is making a combined mission and advocacy trip available to women in the constituency. The trip will begin with a visit to Brethren Service Center in New Windsor, Maryland, for hands-on volunteer service, followed by participation in Ecumenical Advocacy Days in Washington D.C. A Brethren Service Center-only option is also available.

Brethren Service Center is the distribution point for many of the hands-on mission projects that PW works on, including clean-up kits for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, new mother/baby kits for IMA, and health and hygiene kits.

Jesus weeps: resisting violence, building peace

Ecumenical Advocacy Days (EAD) is a weekend-long ecumenical training and advocacy event in Washington, D.C., where, for more than a decade, a coalition of over 50 denominations and ecumenical and faith-based groups has been bringing together hundreds of Christians in the nation's capital to learn how to effectively advocate on issues, following Jesus' example of standing up for marginalized people. The theme of EAD 2014 is "Jesus weeps; resisting violence, building peace," so it is an excellent opportunity for Presbyterian women to put their commitment to ending violence into action.

Those interested in this opportunity have three options:

- Brethren Service Center **only**: Arrive March 18, depart March 21; registration fee: \$250, including shared accommodations, meals, local transportation, tour leader.
- Brethren Service Center **and** Ecumenical Advocacy Days: Arrive Brethren Service Center on March 18, depart for Washington, D.C., March 20. Registration for the Brethren Service Center: \$200, including shared accommodations, all meals, local transportation and tour leader. Registration for Ecumenical Advocacy Days, arriving at the Doubletree Hotel, Crystal City, on March 20, is to be done individually. For more information, and to register for EAD, go to www.advocacydays.org/2014. EAD registration is \$195 per person. DoubleTree Hotel reservations can be made directly with hotel, through the EAD website. The special rate for EAD participants is \$125 per room.
- Attend EAD **only**. See registration information above.

The registration form for the Brethren Service Center portion of the trip is available from Kathy Reeves, katharine.reeves@pcusa.org, 888.728.7228, ext. 5402.

58th Session of the UN Commission on Women

The 58th Session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) will meet March 10–21, 2014, in New York City. The 2014 theme is "Challenges and achievements in the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals for women and girls." The CSW convenes annually to formulate policies that promote gender equality and the empowerment of women worldwide. In 2014, a group of 40 Presbyterians, including Presbyterian Women leaders, will learn about progress toward the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals as they relate to women and girls, and add their voices to those of Ecumenical Women before the United Nations Economics and Social Council.

Mission Trip to New York City August 3–9, 2014

PW is working with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to organize a mission trip to New York City. This will be a hands-on work experience to assist with the rebuilding of New York as a result of the damage inflicted by Hurricane Sandy. Lodging and meals will be provided by First Presbyterian Church in Jamaica, Queens. The cost of this mission trip is \$220 per person, including six nights accommodations, all meals, a group leader and administrative costs.

For an application/registration form, contact Kathy Reeves at katharine.reeves@pcusa.org or 888.728.7228, ext. 5402.

Women of the Reformation Tour September 3–11, 2014

Encounter Presbyterians' faith heritage; visit Reformation sites in Geneva, Switzerland, and southern France. Join United Protestant Church of France congregations at their annual Assemblée de Desert worship on September 7.

The 2014 Women of the Reformation tour, led by Mary Jorgenson and Hillary Mohaupt, will visit historical sites related to the Reformation, with particular emphasis on women's role in the Reformation. The tour will include four nights in Geneva, Switzerland, and four nights in Sommieres, France. Participants will arrive and depart Geneva. Total cost: \$1,850 per person, sharing a room. The cost includes room, all meals, local transportation and museum entry fees. Email Kathy Reeves at katharine.reeves@pcusa.org for more information.

Jesus Weeps | Resisting Violence Building Peace

"Guide our feet into the path of peace." (Luke 1:79)



Many types of violence afflict our world. Come to the Advocacy Training Weekend 2014 to address the causes of that violence and to seek hopeful solutions.

Advocacy Training Weekend 2014 Washington, DC

Join Presbyterians for

Compassion, Peace, and Justice Training Day Friday, March 21, 2014, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Register early for the best rates! Early registration open October 1–January 15
\$60—CPJ Day, not attending EAD
\$40—CPJ Day, also attending EAD
\$20—CPJ Day, student and youth (under 30)

Continue learning with our ecumenical sisters and brothers during

Ecumenical Advocacy Days

Friday, March 21, 6:00 p.m. through Monday, March 24, 2014

Training, giving and mission support opportunities abound within Presbyterian Women!

By Jen Lenard-Benson

PW Honorary Life Memberships

This year, Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday is March 9 and Mother's Day is May 11. These are special days to honor the special women in our PW lives, women who have transformed our circles, congregations, presbyteries and synods through their faithful service. If you would like to present them with a PW Honorary Life Membership on one of these days, please complete the forms and mail them early—it can take six to eight weeks to process applications during these busy periods. (And don't forget the men in your congregation who make things happen, too.)

There are two options for PW Honorary Life Membership: the sterling silver level at \$95 and the gold level at \$250. All funds from Honorary Life Membership awards are used for leadership development and leadership training.

For more information about PW Honorary Life Membership, contact Nancy McWhorter at 888.728.7228, ext. 8014 or nancy.mcwhorter@pcusa.org.



Celebration Giving 101 training offered monthly

Celebration Giving representatives are critical leaders who assist with interpretation and promotion of giving opportunities within Presbyterian Women.

Training for Celebration Giving representatives will take place again this year via webinar each month. Scheduled trainings so far for this year include February 13, March 20, April 10, and May 22. There will be two sessions held each day; one held at 2 PM EST and one held at 7 PM EST. The same material is covered in each session; you only need to attend one session to receive the information.

Even if you are not serving in the CGR role, all Presbyterian women interested in promoting giving and learning more about their monetary investments in PW mission and ministry would benefit from participation.

New! Celebration Giving 201 to be offered in February

A separate training, Celebration Giving Training 201, will also be offered for those who have already completed the initial training and would like further instruction. This training will take place on Tuesday, February 11 at both 2 PM and 7 PM EST. As with the basic training, the same material will be covered in each session; you only need to attend one session to receive the information.

To register for any training, call Jen Lenard-Benson at 888.728.7228, ext. 5308, or email jen.lenard-benson@pcusa.org. If you are enthusiastic and interested in serving in this important role, please register for training, or visit www.presbyterianwomen.org for more information.

Equip, Engage, Emerge—Stewardship Kaleidoscope 2014

Stewardship Kaleidoscope is a gathering of the laity and clergy from across the United States who meet annually to learn from one another about matters relevant to the financial life of PC(USA) congregations. Through plenary sessions, workshops, and the sharing of real-life experiences, the leaders of your churches can swap notes with others and consider new ways of inspiring member giving.

The 2014 Stewardship Kaleidoscope event will be held on March 17–19 in St. Louis, Missouri and promises to be an

enriching time of learning and networking. This year's theme is "Equip, Engage, Emerge." Workshop topics include:

- Creating a Spiritual Culture of Generosity in Your Church
 - Stewardship, Compassion and Justice
 - Making Money Move for Mission and Ministry
 - Making "the Ask"
 - Electronic Giving: Back to the Future
 - Stewardship Without Pledges – It Can Work
 - What's Age Got to Do With It?
 - Multiracial and Multicultural Financial Stewardship
- To register, visit www.stewardshipkaleidoscope.org.

2014 Mission Pledge materials mailed in August

In August 2013, every PC(USA) congregation received a 2014 Mission Pledge packet addressed to "PW/Women's Group."

If you know of someone who should have received a packet and did not, you can request one by calling Presbyterian Distribution Service (PDS) at 800.524.2612 and asking for item PWR13011, or download the packet from the PW website at www.presbyterianwomen.org/missionpledge. Please also contact Patricia Longfellow, patricia.longfellow@pcusa.org or 888.728.7228, ext. 8015, to ensure that the PW database contains up-to-date contact information.

Why should I encourage giving to the PW Mission Pledge?

The simple answer: Because PW's mission and ministry work impacts thousands of women and children each year, and gifts to the PW Mission Pledge support mission and ministry work for each program area of PW: leadership enhancement, mission partnerships and projects, publishing, justice and peace—nothing is excluded. Mission Pledge gifts also support the mission of the PC(USA) worldwide and PW's common operating expenses, like rent, utilities, and IT support, to name a few. As with all gifts given to PW, each gift is stewarded prayerfully and faithfully.

2013 Mission Pledge gifts

If you have not sent in your gifts for the 2013 PW Mission Pledge campaign, please be sure to do so as soon as possible. If you have questions or need more information, contact Jen Lenard-Benson, jen.lenard-benson@pcusa.org or 888.728.7228 ext. 5308.

Thank you for your help in promoting giving for PW mission and ministry!

Celebrate PW's 25th anniversary with a gift today!

By now you must have heard . . . it's PW's 25th anniversary, and we hope you will join us in celebration! (PW turned 25 in July 2013, and we plan to celebrate the whole year!)

The \$25 for 25 fundraising campaign celebrates PW's 25th anniversary. All gifts benefit the PW Mission Pledge, which supports every PW mission and ministry. You and your friends still have time to recognize this milestone year and support the \$25 for 25 campaign with a gift of \$25 or more!

You can donate online (www.presbyterianwomen.org/missionpledge) or send your gift to PW Remittance Processing, PO Box 643652, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3652. Please include "PW \$25 for 25" in the check's memo line.

Questions? Contact Jen Lenard-Benson, PW funds development associate, 888.728.7228, ext 5308; jen.lenard-benson@pcusa.org.

Ordering the "right" number of Bible studies

One of the many situations PW leaders navigate is just how many of a particular item, such as *Horizons* Bible studies, Together in Service guidebooks and PW manuals, to order! Leaders must weigh the possibility of a guest or new member joining the circle or conversation against the price of material plus shipping. Order too few and face the prospect of having to order more (which adds shipping and time to wait); order too many and face the prospect of recycling, returning or donating extra material.

The wisdom of a subscription (study comes with!)

That's why Bible study leaders may want to consider encouraging participants to subscribe to *Horizons* magazine (by April 1 for this year's study). *Horizons* magazine subscribers receive the regular print Bible study as part of their subscription (mailed in March of each year). A definite win-win for everyone as the magazine is bursting with information about PW and offers Bible study resources, too! (To subscribe, call 866/802-3635 or online at www.pcusa.org/horizons. A one-year subscription is \$24.95. If you wish to make available *Horizons* subscription brochures or a subscription pdf that you can drop in a newsletter or website, please contact Carissa Herold; email: carissa.herold@pcusa.org.)

The not-so-hidden cost of returns

But . . . if you find that you have ordered too many and do not have a place to share, please take note that the PDS return policy requests that items to return should be returned within 90 days of purchase (and in saleable condition; not usually an issue but worth noting as a few books have been returned with notations and so forth). Although sometimes inconvenient, this policy was put in place to help PW keep its books balanced and inventory numbers steady! Refunds are also prohibitively expensive so any effort to order just enough without returning and/or requiring a refund is truly good stewardship in practice.



Dear *Horizons* reps,

Love quizzes? Please answer yes or no to the following questions. Each question begins with "Have you ever . . ."

- . . . risen before the birds and driven many miles to staff a *Horizons* display at a PWC gathering in a far-off town?
- . . . willingly performed in a skit, sang a song or cheered a cheer to promote PW's publishing ministry?
- . . . given away your own cherished copies of *Horizons* magazine or Bible study just to share with someone who doesn't know what she's missing (until now)?
- . . . called PDS or the PW offices to make sure you have enough subscription cards (or pens!) to see you through?
- . . . dug deeply into your own funds to give the gift of *Horizons* to someone you just met?
- . . . found yourself exasperated by Presbyterian women who say they cannot subscribe to *their* magazine because . . . they can't possibly keep up with their reading material or said "*Horizons* isn't for me, I'm not a leader!"?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then you are, indeed, a *Horizons* rep! Thank you! From coast to coast, *Horizons* reps are cleverly discovering lots of creative ways to promote *Horizons*. From skits and cheers to setting up displays and decorating bulletin boards, *Horizons* reps are on the move, spreading the word that supporting Presbyterian women's publishing is an important ministry.

Planning a trip this year? Or staying in your own backyard?

Wherever you are this year, whether it's Moscow or Minnesota, let's play "Where's *Horizons*?" Inspired by the *Where's Waldo?* series of books, we invite you to send in a photo of yourself or someone else reading *Horizons* magazine. Email carissa.herold@pcusa.org with "Where's *Horizons*?" in the subject line. Please include your name and location. We will publish on Facebook, Pinterest and more.

Horizons Bible Study

An Abiding Hope quilt pattern and quilter Carol Tigges are a lovely match

By Ginny Sorrell

Grace Covenant Presbyterian of Princess Anne

The art quilt that originated in Louisville as a giveaway to promote the 2013–2014 *Horizons* Bible study *An Abiding Hope* has a "sister piece," sewn and quilted by Carol Tigges, PW treasurer and ruling elder at Grace Covenant Presbyterian of Princess Anne in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Carol called Louisville to request directions, then worked throughout the fall to complete the quilt. She brought the quilt to our PW Women's Christmas* gathering on January 5, where it made its debut.

Carol presented a "story quilting" workshop at the 2010 Synod of Mid-Atlantic summer gathering in Massanetta. It is with great admiration and pride that I share her work with you. The Women of Grace are thankful for Carol's gifts!

*Women's Christmas is a practice introduced to us by Jan Richardson, who spoke at the 2012 PW Churchwide Gathering. For more information, see www.sanctuaryofwomen.com/womenschristmas.html.



Carol Tigges with the quilt inspired by *An Abiding Hope* that she made using the pattern found on the *Horizons* web pages, www.pcusa.org/horizons. Debbie Paris, staff artist, designed the quilt. A drawing for its "sister piece" was held in early January. That piece is a wall hanging handcrafted by CCT member Carol Winkler and the designer. See front page for photo and story.

Presbyterian Women Working for Justice and Peace



Listen here, mortal: God has already made abundantly clear what “good” is, and what YHWH needs from you: simply do justice, love kindness, and humbly walk with your God (Micah 6:8, The Inclusive Bible).

2014 International Year of Family Farming—www.familyfarmingcampaign.net; www.fao.org/family-farming-2014

JANUARY

Human Trafficking Prevention Month

National Cut Your Energy Costs Day

—January 10

National Human Trafficking Awareness

Day—January 11; www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/human-trafficking

PW Together in Action Days—January 11–17

National Religious Freedom Day—January 16

Martin Luther King Jr. Day—January 20

Orange Day—January 25; <http://endviolence.un.org>

Celebrate the Gifts of Women—March 9;

www.pcusa.org/resource/2014-celebrate-gifts-women-liturgy-resources

UN Commission on the Status of Women—March 10–21

Ecumenical Advocacy Days—March 21–24;

<http://advocacydays.org>

World Water Day—March 22;

<http://waterday.org>; www.unwater.org/world-waterday

Orange Day—March 25; <http://endviolence.un.org>

FEBRUARY

Black History Month—www.africanamericanhistorymonth.gov

National Freedom Day—February 1; http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Freedom_Day

Souper Bowl of Caring—February 2; www.souperbowl.org

One Billion Rising for Justice—February 14; www.onebillionrising.org

National Random Acts of Kindness Day—February 17

Orange Day—February 25; <http://endviolence.un.org>

APRIL

Sexual Assault Awareness Month—

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sexual_Assault_Awareness_Month

Ten Days of Prayer and Thanksgiving for the Roma—March 29–April 7;

www.pcusa.org/resource/pray-roma

International Day of the Roma—April 8;

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Romani_Day

Earth Day—April 22;

www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/environment/earth-day-sunday

Orange Day—April 25; <http://endviolence.un.org>

MARCH

Women’s History Month—<http://womenshistorymonth.gov>

Birthday Offering of Presbyterian Women

World Day of Prayer—March 7; www.wdp-usa.org

International Women’s Day—March 8; www.internationalwomensday.com; www.un.org/en/events/womensday

MAY

May Day—May 1; Solidarity with Immigrant Workers and Families

Mother’s Day—May 11;

Orange Day—May 25; <http://endviolence.un.org>

Memorial Day—May 26;

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Memorial_Day

JUNE

Presbyterian General Assembly—June 14–21;
www.pcusa.org/events/24273/221st-general-assembly-2014

Orange Day—June 25; <http://endviolence.un.org>

JULY

Orange Day—July 25; <http://endviolence.un.org>

AUGUST

Hiroshima Day—August 6; www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/peacemaking/peacemaking-through-prayer-and-worship/#worldcommunion

Orange Day—August 25; <http://endviolence.un.org>

SEPTEMBER

Thank Offering of Presbyterian Women

Labor Day Weekend: Labor in the Pulpits—
September 1; www.iwj.org/resources/plan-labor-day-service

International Day of Peace—September 21;
<http://presbyterian.typepad.com/peacemaking/2010/08/celebrate-the-international-day-of-peace.html>

Orange Day—September 25; <http://endviolence.un.org>

OCTOBER

World Communion Sunday—October 5;
www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/world-communion-sunday

International Day of the Girl Child—
October 11; <http://dayofthegirl.org>;
www.un.org/en/events/girlchild

National Coming Out Day—October 11;
www.hrc.org/resources/entry/national-coming-out-day

Indigenous Peoples' Day—October 13;
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indigenous_People's_Day

World Food Day—October 16; www.worldfood-dayusa.org

Orange Day—October 25;
<http://endviolence.un.org>

United Nations Sunday—October 26;
<http://umc-gbcs.org/calendar/united-nations-sunday>

NOVEMBER

American Indian Heritage Month—
www.smithsonianeducation.org/heritage-month/aihm

Native American Heritage Month—
<http://nativeamericanheritagemonth.gov>

Universal Children's Day—November 20;
www.un.org/en/events/childrenday

International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women—
November 25; www.un.org/en/events/endviolenceday

Orange Day—November 25;
<http://endviolence.un.org>

16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence—November 25–December 10;
www.amnesty.org/en/womens-rights/16-days

Thanksgiving—November 27; a day to consider the Native perspective; <http://nmai.si.edu/home>

DECEMBER

International Volunteer Day—December 5;
www.un.org/en/events/volunteerday

International Human Rights Day—
December 10; www.un.org/en/events/humanrightsdays

International Migrants Day—December 18;
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Migrants_Day

Orange Day—December 25;
<http://endviolence.un.org>

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Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres (1 Corinthians 13:4–7, New International Version).

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Introducing the 2014–2015 *Horizons* Bible study

Reconciling Paul: A Contemporary Study of 2 Corinthians

By Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty



We are living in a world that is experiencing a great deal of change. Change is not new, but there are distinctive contours to the change we experience today. Technological advance, easy access to information and cross-border trade, encounters with peoples representing a variety of perspectives and cultures—all are aspects of our daily lives. We can't avoid seeing the divisions forged between nature and neighbor and between neighbor and neighbor along lines of race, class, gender, and nation. These divisions impact representation in decision-making bodies, support exploitation of the earth, exacerbate the unequal distribution of wealth, and limit access for many to the natural resources we all need to survive and flourish.

Paul's writings are some of the most influential in Christianity. Therefore, revisiting the struggles Paul faced and the authenticity and integrity of his theology is an

essential task for the churches today. Paul, like us, wrestled with and questioned his faith as he tried to live as authentically as possible in an ancient world that was also in the midst of a great deal of change. What can we learn from revisiting 2 Corinthians and considering Paul's theology and ideas as they relate to the context of our time?

This study invites us all to ask whether or not we understood Paul's writings clearly in the past and to read his letter afresh in light of the issues we face in our time. Concepts of shared partnership, power in weakness, healing, reconciliation, love, and a new apostolate all figure prominently in Elizabeth's reading of Paul. She hopes that you will find your own voices among the larger community of interpreters as we discern together the meaning of these ancient passages for the world in which we live today.



About the author

Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty is chair of the Department of Theology at Bellarmine University, associate professor of theology, and codirector of BU's program in peace studies. Her passions in life and her research interests include social gospel theology, Christianity and social justice, wealth inequalities, poverty issues, and theologies from the margins. In addition to numerous articles and other publications, she is author of *Beyond the Social Maze: Exploring the Theological Ethics of Vida Dutton Scudder* (2006) and

codirector of *Prayers for the New Social Awakening* (2008) with Christian Iosso and *To Do Justice: A Guide for Progressive Christians* (2008) with Rebecca Todd Peters. She is a Fulbright scholar (Hungary 2010), a recipient of the Wilson Wyatt Faculty Fellowship for Excellence in Teaching and Scholarship (2010), and a recipient of the Kentuckiana Metroversity Award for Instructional Development (2008). She makes her home in Louisville with Lee, Garrison, Emme and Bacs.



Reconciling Paul Bible study, supplementary materials and other helps

Available March 2014

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Workshop for Leaders—HZN14101; free
(also a free download at www.pcusa.org/horizons)

Promotional poster—HZN14410; free

Promotional flier—HZN14411; free

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Large-print edition—HZN14150; \$12.00

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Charm/pendant—HZN14300; \$10.00 (With art from the study)

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Companion DVD—HZN14103; \$20.00 (Includes discussion starters, lesson summaries, and more.)

Bulletin cover—free download at www.pcusa.org/horizons

Stay tuned for a complete listing of supplemental materials and additional helps or visit us online at www.pcusa.org/horizons.

Did you know that you can receive a copy of *Reconciling Paul: A Contemporary Study of 2 Corinthians* as part of your subscription to *Horizons* magazine? Subscribe by April 1, 2014 to receive this study (subscribe after April 1 and receive the 2015–2016 *Horizons* Bible study as part of your subscription). Call toll-free 866/802-3635, or visit www.pcusa.org/horizons.

To place your order for Bible studies and other PW materials, call Presbyterian Distribution Service (PDS), 800/524-2612 or order online at www.pcusa.org/store. Prices do not include shipping and handling (10% of order total; \$5.25 minimum, \$65.00 maximum). Although not anticipated, prices and availability may change without notice.

2014 Birthday Offering

of Presbyterian Women

ORDER FORM

Presbyterian Women continues to need broad, consistent support in order to fund community-changing mission projects like the one selected for 2014—Blue Corn Mothers Alliance, which provides a range of services for Albuquerque’s Native American women who have experienced domestic violence. The grant amount for Blue Corn Mothers Alliance will depend on funds contributed during 2014. **The goal for this offering is \$500,000.**

Please promote prayerful, generous support of the Birthday Offering in your presbyteries and congregations, using the following tools.

- **Promotional booklet**—mailed to every PC(USA) congregation (addressed to “PW/Women’s Group”), as well as PW leaders, including the Churchwide Coordinating Team and Creative Ministries Offering Committee, Celebration Giving representatives and moderators, co-moderators and treasurers of PW in the synods and presbyteries; order additional copies using the form on the back of this page.
- **The January/February 2014 issue of *Horizons***—announces the Birthday Offering grant recipient and offers a dedication service and list of promotional materials available from Presbyterian Distribution Service (800/524-2612).
- **PW’s Birthday Offering web pages** (www.presbyterianwomen.org/birthday)—free downloads of the dedication service, booklet, order form, promotional video, history/FAQ, past recipients and grant application; links to order other Birthday Offering materials.

Learn more about Presbyterian Women’s Birthday Offering, including how to give, by visiting www.presbyterianwomen.org/birthday or calling 888/728-7228, ext. 5387.

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Do not forsake me, O Lord.

*O my God, do not be far
from me;*

make haste to help me,

O Lord, my salvation.

-Psalm 38:21-22



2014 Presbyterian Women Birthday Offering

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