



Quarterly News

for Presbyterian Women Leaders

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August–October 2015

Presbyterian Women Churchwide

More than 1,700 together in One Body, One Spirit at 2015 Churchwide Gathering*

The Mission Pledge is now \$20 richer! More than 1,700 women attended the 2015 Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women in Minneapolis, June 18–22, exceeding PC(USA) Stated Clerk Gradye Parsons' expectations. Several months before the Gathering, he bet PW Executive Director Susan Jackson Dowd \$10 that PW would not have more than 1,000 participants at the Gathering. Because PW had closer to 2,000, he doubled his payout!



Photo by Michael Martin

Plenary was filled to overflowing during the 2015 Churchwide Gathering.

the Young Women's Representative at-large positions.

The new moderatorial team consists of Carol Winkler, moderator, from Synod of the Covenant; Wanda Beauman, vice moderator for justice and peace, from Synod of Rocky Mountains; and Judy Persons, vice moderator for mission relationships, from Synod of Living Waters.

New synod

representatives are Peggy Free, Southwest; Nancy Long, Mid-Atlantic; Chris Murphy, Alaska–Northwest; Cheryl Pennington, Sun; and Vicki Terry, Rocky Mountains.

Newly elected Churchwide moderator Carol Winkler said, as she accepted the seat, "Presbyterian Women is a strong organization and a strong leader in the church. We will continue to raise issues, develop strategies and be a prophetic voice in the church. We need each of you to continue to lead Presbyterian Women. Be the mentor, be the friend, be the financial supporter. Find your passion for

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Other highlights

Business meeting

Each year, a new class of PW leaders joins the Churchwide Coordinating Team. In Gathering years, those leaders include the entire slate of moderators and members-at-large, as well as that year's class of synod representatives. The slate presented to the voting representatives in June was approved, with two notable changes: The candidate for one of the Young Women's Representative positions, Sandy Fefefi, was elected to the New Immigrant Women's Representative seat instead, and Lisiann Rodriguez, who was filling an expiring term as a Racial Ethnic Young Women Together representative, was elected to fill one of



Don't miss what's inside! • Update on water wells in South Sudan • 2015–2018 Churchwide Coordinating Team • Justice and peace calendar • World Day of Prayer postcard • Gathering comments • Clouds • Thank Offering update • and lots more!

Plan now in place for water wells in South Sudan!

By Kathy Reeves

You might remember that the offering received at the 2012 PW Churchwide Gathering was designated for water wells in South Sudan. Presbyterian women gave just over \$40,000 for this purpose and made arrangements with PC(USA) World Mission (WM) to implement the project. Because of the unstable political situation in South Sudan, WM has not been able to move forward with this project until now.

As reported in the March/April 2014 issue of *Horizons*, Pibor County was chosen because of its relative lack of development. Whereas several non-governmental organizations have installed wells in other areas of South Sudan, there has been little such activity in Pibor, one of the hardest hit by intertribal conflict in recent years.

World Mission has assigned PC(USA) mission co-worker Jim McGill to begin the process this year while he is in the U.S. as missionary in residence. The Pibor region has been politically calm for more than a year and a half, making it the perfect place to begin drilling.

Jim is available to speak at PW gatherings while he is in the U.S. If you are interested in learning more about the water well situation in South Sudan, please contact Jim at mcgillwatsan@gmail.com or 404.955.2704.

Upcoming mission tours Ferncliff, March 28–April 1, 2016

Volunteer for hands-on mission at the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) Center, Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center, near Little Rock, Arkansas. While at Ferncliff, you will tour the facility, which is related to the PC(USA) and the Arkansas Presbytery; assemble Gifts of the Heart kits; receive PDA disaster response training; and visit the Heifer Project's headquarters and Clinton Library. Housing will be at Ferncliff's Eco-

Center, the largest straw-bale-walled structure in the United States. This green building was built with funds from Presbyterian Women's Birthday Offering, as was the PDA building.

The cost for the trip is \$325 per person, based on shared housing, and includes most meals. Contact Kathy Reeves, mission associate for PW, for a registration form (katharine.reeves@pcusa.org or 844.797.2872, ext. 5402). The tour is limited to 20 participants. The deadline for sign-up is January 21, 2016.

Women of the Reformation Tour August 31–September 8, 2016

Travel to Geneva, Switzerland and southern France to learn about Presbyterians' faith heritage. Learn about contributions women made to the Protestant Reformation and about the persecution of the early Protestants living in France during the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. Celebrate our common Reformed heritage with members of the United Protestant Church of France at the annual Assemblée du Désert on Sunday, September 4.

The cost for the trip is \$2,000 per person, based on shared housing (\$250 single supplement, as available). The price includes all meals; public transportation in Geneva; round-trip transportation from Geneva to Sommieres, France; and sightseeing in Geneva and southern France. Round-trip air fare to Geneva is not included in the cost of the tour.

Participants must be able to walk long distances and carry their own luggage, and we must have 10 registered participants for this tour to take place. Contact Kathy Reeves (katharine.reeves@pcusa.org or 844.797.2872, ext. 5402) with questions or for additional information.

Join PHP trip to Nicaragua

What are you doing January 23–30, 2016? Do you want to learn more about fair trade in the beautiful land of Nicaragua? The Presbyterian Hunger Program is accepting applications for its 2016 Nicaragua delegation. The delegation is perfect for anyone involved in a congregation, college or camp that uses Fair Trade coffee, tea or t-shirts. It's also great for anyone who has hosted a holiday bazaar with Fair Trade products, or wants to learn more. Go to pcusa.org/delegations for more info or to download an application.

PW Partners in Mission DVD addresses women's issues in Africa

The PC(USA)'s Africa office has made available on DVD a collection of 16 video clips and webinar presentations that highlight shared ministries and the collective impact of mission partners and co-workers, Presbyterian congregations in the U.S., and support from PW on behalf of women and children in Africa. The DVD features African women leaders speaking on topics of child brides (South Sudan), sexual violence in conflict (Democratic Republic of Congo), sex tourism (Madagascar) and widowhood customs (DR Congo). It also contains personal testimonies on human trafficking and widowhood customs. Six women mission co-workers serving in Africa share about their ministries, and two World Mission webinars address violence against women in Africa and sexual violence in Congo. A narrated slide presentation highlights projects in Central Africa that have been supported by PW Thank and Birthday Offerings between 2007 and 2012. Videos from the DVD are available for viewing on PW's YouTube channel; copies of the DVD are available for \$5 each. Email katharine.reeves@pcusa.org for more information.



Gathering evaluations overwhelmingly favorable

By Yvonne Hileman

Nearly to a person, those who filled out Churchwide Gathering evaluations said they most enjoyed seeing old friends and making new. But they had plenty more to say, too!

- "It was my first time and I will definitely come again. I loved learning what PW is doing worldwide."
- "Sadekie Lyttle-Forbes was so inspiring; her message was simple and intentional."
- "Appreciated Westminster Presbyterian Church hosting us."
- "It was a warm, caring Churchwide Gathering. Great to see so many young women. Brings hope."
- "I will be back in three years. This was my first Gathering but not my last."
- "I experienced fellowship with women in a way I never had before."
- "Love Minneapolis location! Come here again!"
- "The Saturday morning plenary was most meaningful for me. That page in my program book is covered with notes."
- "Alika Galloway was a real stand-out—inspirational and humorous."
- "Plenary sessions were all very good, but Thursday night (Alika Galloway) was outstanding."
- "Alika Galloway's 'we are not an organization, but an organism' concept set the tone for interpreters of the Word."
- "Excellent, excellent conference. We do hope they continue."
- "All of the speakers were outstanding! I went to four workshops. All were excellent."
- "Impressed by the two men who spoke about the importance of PW."
- "I want to wrap up Shari Stump and take her home."

- "Right amount of time for the Gathering"
- "Being from Charleston, I was impressed that it [prayers for Emanuel] were integrated into the program."
- "Loved that it was in my home state of Minnesota."
- "Variety of topics and logistics of moving women despite a sold-out attendance: well-done!"
- "Thank you! Properly fed, spiritually and physically!"
- "Mary Jorgenson's final words at the business meeting were great!"
- "Sadekie Lyttle-Forbes was especially reassuring, informative and inspiring—preaching and singing!"
- "The Communion service melted my heart."
- "When I received the registration book, I was hooked!"
- "The interpretations of the Word were, in a word, fabulous."
- "Brava to Shelda and her team for an excellently organized Gathering, balanced with humor and fun as well as enlightenment and inspiration."
- "Going over time is not bad when you are really being fed!"
- "The skits were hilarious! An Oscar to Mary, best actress!"
- "I have really enjoyed the focus on our need for diversity in race, age, language, gifts and talents, which has made us stronger and even more a part of Christ's body. Absent in this has been the celebration of our sisters with different sexual orientation. Isn't it time we made a place at the table for our LGBT sisters?"
- "Loved the spirituality room with labyrinth and prayer opportunities."
- "Teresa Chávez Saucedo was inspiring and a beautiful role model."



Photo by Michael Marfin

PC(USA) Stated Clerk Gradye Parsons makes good on a bet with PW Executive Director Susan Jackson Dowd (see p. 1).

- "Laughter and the Bible—faith should bring joy—inspired me."
- "Sunday AM worship has always sent me on my way energized and ready to do more at the local level."
- "Wonderful soloist Thursday night (Peggy Brewer)."
- "Please, please, please give us the music to the songs we sing."
- "A privilege to associate with and hear gifted women from so many backgrounds and places!"
- "Hearing Pulu Kim Joo's story and desire to help moved my heart."
- "This was a deep, growing experience of Christian love and life. Thank you!"
- "Gradye Parsons interpreted decline in membership in positive light and suggested what we can do."
- "Many thanks to CCT for planning mountain-top experience!"

Take the Gathering Home DVD

Find additional coverage of the Gathering on the Gathering web pages (presbyterianwomen.org/gathering) and in the September/October issue of *Horizons*. AND, if you haven't yet done so, order the *Take the Gathering Home* DVD, brimming with photos, all issues of *Daily Horizons*, the official Churchwide Gathering song, and video highlights from plenary! \$15 each.



Many opportunities to changes lives, support mission through Presbyterian Women!

Thank Offering to benefit 32 ministries in 2015

Each year, PW in the PC(USA) receives dozens of applications for grants from the Thank Offering of Presbyterian Women, and each year, the Creative Ministries Offering Committee chooses as many recipients as possible from those who apply.

Here is where you come in! Promote the offering in your church, your circle, your Bible study group, your presbytery, your synod! And don't stop there! Promote to anyone you think might be looking for a way to make a difference in the lives of women and children (and the elderly, the forgotten, the poor, the sick and the downtrodden) across the globe.

Promotional materials mailed to PW/women's groups in every PC(USA) congregation in August. If your group did not receive a booklet, contact PDS for item PWR15475. Email patricia.longfellow@pcusa.org to ensure that the PW database contains up-to-date contact information.

The theme of the 2015 Thank Offering is "For it is God who is at work in you," based on Philippians 2:13. The goal for this offering is \$900,000. Just over \$700,000 was raised in 2014 for the 32 projects being funded in 2015. The number and amount of grants issued in 2016 will depend on the amount raised in 2015. We can do more if we raise more!

Of the 32 projects funded in 2015, 23 are national, 9 are international. The recipients were announced in the July/August issue of *Horizons* magazine and are listed on the Thank Offering web page at www.presbyterianwomen.org/thank.

Please give generously and ask others to do the same!

Hunger Awareness Month

September is Hunger Awareness Month. Visit the Presbyterian Hunger Program (www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/hunger) to learn more about hunger and food justice. Then take action to fight hunger and food injustice, whether it's by advocating and raising awareness, making donations or volunteering. Ideas:

- Take action against land grabs in the developing world (see PHP's Take Action page; also see <http://bit.ly/wfd-landgrabs>).
- Contact service organizations in low-income areas to learn about needs and ways you can help.
- Hold conversations about maternal and child nutrition; see www.thousanddays.org and www.pcusa.org/resource/1000-days-conversation-starters.
- Work with Bread for the World (www.bread.org) to end hunger. Be part of Bread's 2015 Offering of Letters by writing letters to members of Congress.
- Screen *Food Chains* (see www.foodchainsfilm.com).

- Start a "Food for Kids" backpack program. See www.rice-depot.org for information on a successful model.
- In Colorado: www.hungerfreecolorado.org. (Investigate your state's programs.)

Food Week of Action

Join people of faith and lovers of justice in celebrating global Churches Food Week of Action, Sunday, October 11 through Sunday, October 18. See www.pcusa.org/foodweek for additional information and resources.

October 11—Ask your pastor to preach on World Food Day.
October 12—Educate yourself and others on climate justice.

Join the movement at ourpowercampaign.org.
October 12—Webinar: "World Food Day Begins with Seed Sovereignty," <http://bit.ly/foodweek2015>.

October 13—Support fair trade; <http://bit.ly/wfd-trade>.

October 14—People's Climate Movement National Day of Action, calling out U.S. representatives and corporations who deny climate change. More at <http://bit.ly/ggg-climate>.

October 15—International Day for Rural Women—<http://bit.ly/wfd-women>

October 16—World Food Day; www.worldfooddayusa.org

October 17—International Day for the Eradication of Poverty; help end land grabs; <http://bit.ly/wfd-landgrabs>

October 18—Minimum Wage Act; <http://bit.ly/wfd-wages>

"What would we do without PW and its support of the Cents-A-Bility Hunger Fund? PHP is able to fund 45 programs in 25 countries (including the U.S.A.) this year! We could not do this work and have these relationships without you!"

Ruth Farrell, Coordinator, Presbyterian Hunger Program

PW of Long Island Retreat • One Body, One Spirit Based on 1 Corinthians 12:12-27 • October 6-7, 2015

PW in the Presbytery of Long Island have planned a time for reflection and renewal in the beautiful setting at Cornmaria, a retreat house in the historic whaling village of Sag Harbor, New York. For more information, email presbyterianwomenofli@gmail.com.



Churchwide Gathering highlights, continued from 1

advocacy and mission, and use that passion to make a difference." For a complete roster of current CCT members, see page 6.

Bylaws changes approved at the meeting

- Because delegates to the 214th General Assembly (2014) voted to reduce the number of synods from 16 to "no more than 10–12," with a report due in 2016, PW's bylaws have been revised to reflect an unknown reduction in synod representative spots on the board.
- The previous bylaws tied the Business Meeting to the Churchwide Gathering. In the interest of flexibility, that has been changed.
- There is a clarification regarding what the requirement of PC(USA) membership means. Voting representatives must be members of the church "via membership in a Church congregation or, for teaching elders, membership in a Church presbytery and must be actively involved in a Presbyterian Women Group." Learn more about being PW in the September/October issue of *Horizons* magazine.
- The roles of board secretary and historian have been combined. Selection of the leader representing new immigrant women has been changed from appointment by PMA staff and Advisory Committee of the PC(USA) New Immigrant Ministries to election by voting representatives.
- The fiscal year has been changed to a calendar year. Voting reps approved a 42-month budget: June 2015–December 31, 2018 (because of the bylaws change, the next triennial budget will have an extra six months).

Charleston, South Carolina

The shooting that killed nine members of Emanuel A.M.E. Church in Charleston, South Carolina, happened the week of the Gathering and brought attendees closer, as they prayed for the victims and all those affected by racism and gun violence. For more on PW's response to this and other incidents of racially motivated violence, see the July/August *Horizons* and read PW's blogs (link at presbyterianwomen.org).

Silent Witness

ARC held a silent witness during the Gathering to bring attention to racial profiling and to highlight, in particular, discrimination against Muslims.

Bible study previews

A standing-room-only crowd heard Judy Fletcher guide workshop participants through each lesson of the current study, *Come to the Waters*. Judy Siker previewed the 2016–2017 study, *Who Is Jesus?* and Melissa Bane Sevier previewed the 2017–2018 study on Hebrews.

Horizons exhibit

PW's very own Debbie Paris found time to craft another quilt—this one inspired by the 2015 Churchwide Gathering logo! She did this to encourage *Horizons* subscriptions during the Gathering—each person who subscribed or renewed was entered in a drawing for the quilt. Louise Dixon of Goose Creek, South Carolina, received the call! Thank you, Louise, for enthusiastically participating in the life of PW, for attending the Gathering, and for renewing your subscription!



Debbie Paris, left, and Louise Dixon

Memoranda of Understanding

Memoranda of understanding between PW and each of three African immigrant women's groups was signed and adopted at the Churchwide Gathering in June, in order to bring the organizations into relationship. See the September/October issue of *Horizons* for the complete story.

Gathering attendees give generously to benefit many

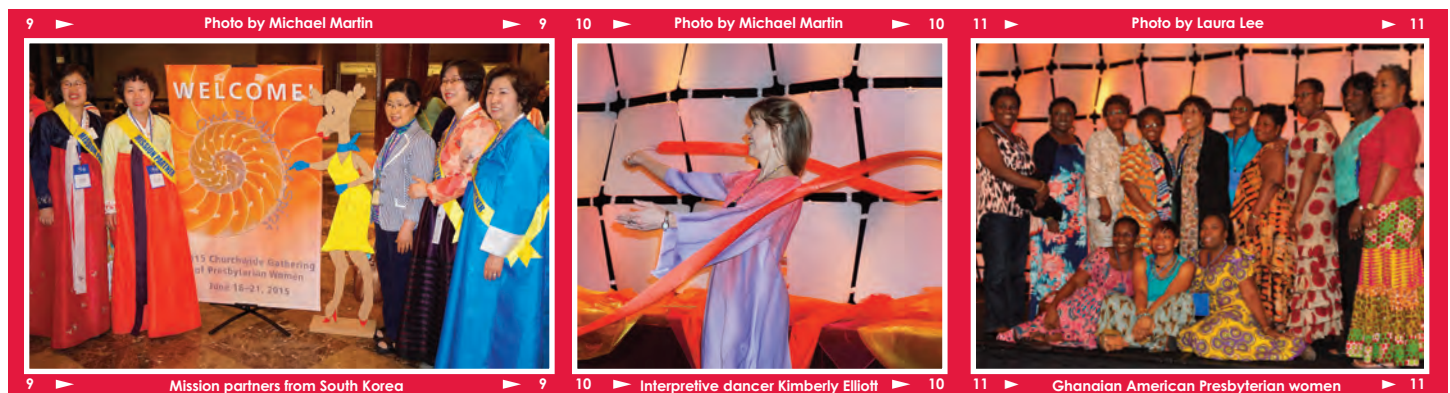
Women gave more than \$37,400 in \$10 prepaid Target gift cards to the American Indian Family Center (AIFC) in St. Paul, which supports Native American families with direct services for women and children. They gave nearly \$33,000 during the Gathering offering for ECPAT–USA and a domestic violence shelter in Puerto Rico. Attendees also raised nearly \$2,000 for CARE and Presbyterian Ministry at the UN during the PW March for Justice and Peace. They raised \$6,100 in the Silent Auction to benefit the Mission Pledge and they gave nearly \$500 for hunger through Cents-Ability donations at meals.

Mission scrapbook pages

Scrapbook pages collected at the Gathering highlighting mission program(s) of various PW groups have been digitized and shared on Flickr (flickr.com/photos/presbyterianwomen). You can still contribute pages. Send to Kathy Reeves, 100 Witherspoon St., Louisville, KY 40202.

Where has PW been and where is it going?

Mary Jorgenson, outgoing CCT moderator, and Susan Dowd, PW executive director, led workshops on the history, current work and future of PW. The presentation included specifics of PW's programs and ministries and information about the PC(USA), including the change in the number of synods and how women can stay engaged in PW if their church leaves the PC(USA). The presentation is available at presbyterianwomen.org/gathering (click on "Gathering downloads").



Courageous Conversations, #SpeakAntiracism

How does one talk about intimate partner violence in the congregation? Or sexual assault? According to a report published in *Sojourners* in 2014, most Protestant congregations don't, yet there are survivors of all types of gender-based violence in many, if not all, congregations. What is your ministry for those who suffer from this trauma? Perhaps a service of healing or a thoughtful conversation? In October, the PC(USA) is asking congregations to hold **Courageous Conversations** about sexual and domestic violence. To learn more, see page 46 of the July/August issue of *Horizons*; also go to presbyterianmission.org/ministries/call-mission/courageous-conversations-resources. Support the PC(USA)'s work to end violence against women (E052145) and human trafficking (E052101); go to www.presbyterianmission.org/donate, click "Change it here" and type in the ECO number.

#SpeakAntiracism is a churchwide movement to recommit Presbyterians to racial justice. Because disparities still exist for racial ethnic persons, new immigrants, and women in our communities, and recent high-profile racial justice cases highlight the need for the church to embrace Christ's call to be a community of love, where sin is forgiven and the walls of hostility are torn down (to paraphrase the *Book of Order*), Presbyterians are pledging to take action. Go to www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/racial-ethnic-womens-ministries/speakantiracism and follow the links to make your pledge. PW has a number of antiracism resources available, including *Becoming the Beloved Community*, available from PDS (800.524.2612 or www.pcusa.org/store). The packet with DVD is item PWR10045, without DVD is item PWR10046. See www.presbyterianwomen.org/leadership.

Justice and Peace calendar

October—Domestic Violence Awareness Month

- 4 World Communion Sunday
- 11 Domestic Violence Awareness Sunday
International Day of the Girl Child
- 12 Indigenous Peoples' Day
- 16 World Food Day
- 24 United Nations Day
- 25 Orange Day

November—Native American Heritage Month

- 20 Universal Children's Day
- 25 Orange Day
International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

December

- 1 World AIDS Day
- 5 International Volunteer Day
- 10 International Human Rights Day
- 18 International Migrants Day
- 25 Christmas/Orange Day

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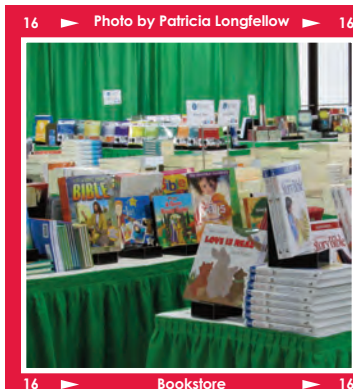
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Apply to join the PC(USA) delegation to 60th UN CSW

In 2016, 40 Presbyterians will form a delegation to the 60th Session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women in NYC. You could be one of them! The tentative dates are March 14-24. Go to <http://www.pcusa.org/resource/application-form-and-information-packet-60th-commi/> to download the information packet and application form. Email completed applications by November 3, 2015, to the Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations office, mark.koenig@pcusa.org.



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While supplies last! 2015 Churchwide Gathering tote bags, commemorative pins are still available!

A limited quantity of the brightly hued, environmentally friendly 2015 Churchwide Gathering tote bags are available for purchase through the PW offices. \$20.00 each. The 2015 CWG commemorative pins are also available; they sold for \$5.00 each but are reduced to \$3.00 each. Interested? Contact Jung Ju Winner at 844.797.2872, ext. 5389, or jung.winner@pcusa.org.



Former CCT members joins cloud of witnesses

Carolyn Jordan, former Churchwide Search Committee moderator (2006–2009), passed away on July 7, 2015, at the age of 83. Her family said, "Carolyn was a joyous soul, a sweet Texas girl with a wry sense of humor, a progressive force of nature, and a beautiful woman." Carolyn was an active member of Presbyterian Women and "a fierce advocate for education, for the empowerment of women and for civil rights." She attended the Churchwide Gathering in June and was making plans for her term as moderator of PW in the Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley. A memorial celebration of her life was held in Birmingham on July 12.

Margaret E. Berhenke passed away on May 3, 2015. She was born in Iowa City, Iowa, on June 15, 1910, and earned a PhD in physical chemistry from the University of Iowa. She and husband Larry lived in Michigan and Colorado. Throughout her life, Margaret was involved in the church at all levels. She served as national president of United Presbyterian Women from 1964 to 1967. She accompanied Martin Luther King Jr. on his march from Selma to Montgomery. She strongly believed in civil rights. In addition to her work at the national level, she taught at Central PC in Longmont, Colorado, well into her 90s.

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Dear *Horizons* Reps,

Betty, Carrie, Darlene, Diane, Dorothy, Eva, Florence, Hillary, Karene, Kathryn, Kathy, Laura, Mary, Mary, Mary, Miriam, Peggy, Sandra, Shari, Shirley, Theresa, Virginia, Wenly—PW's *Horizons* reps were well

represented at the Churchwide Gathering! These 23 reps made their way to Minneapolis from all across the nation! One rep (Shirley Novak, take a bow) made the long journey from Alaska! What a blessing to be together in one place!

Speaking of the Churchwide Gathering, a brand new *Horizons* skit debuted to much delight! You can download this playful skit featuring Minnie Moose (the "official" moose-cot of the Gathering) and other PW "celebrities." The skit not-so-subtly encourages subscribing to *Horizons*, the magazine and Bible study for Presbyterian Women. Visit www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering and click on "Gathering downloads" to find the skit. The skit is written in such a way so you can easily adapt it for your setting—a fun way to encourage your very own PW "celebrities" to join the fun while encouraging subscriptions! (Don't have access to a computer, no worries! Just send a self-addressed stamped envelope to Carissa Herold, Presbyterian Women, 100 Witherspoon St., Louisville KY 40202; call 502.569.5322; or email carissa.herold@pcusa.org).

Reaching new readers!

Thank you so much for participating in the new potential new reader promotion! This promotion continues with a tweak: please continue sending new potential new reader lists to Carissa and she will make sure that your readers will receive three free issues of *Horizons* magazine (not six as before). And do continue to promote that *Horizons* magazine is for all Presbyterian women, not just moderators and Bible study leaders. There is an amazing amount of material in the magazine that pertains to the life and faith of Presbyterian women—the only publication that serves PW in this way in the universe! Send names and addresses (emails and phone numbers, too, if possible) to: Carissa Herold, Presbyterian Women, 100 Witherspoon St., Louisville KY 40202-1396; email carissa.herold@pcusa.org.

A little bit of housekeeping...!

Only gratitude for all the orders for resources requested by Presbyterian women! That being said, please remind anyone who orders to make sure she takes an extra minute or two to ensure that all of the applicable boxes on order forms are considered and completed. The thing is, too many orders for materials are mailed in without shipping charges considered, an expense to the organization that is unnecessary and costly (whether re-billed or absorbed).



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Cloud Witnesses

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us . . . (Hebrews 12:1).”

Melissa Bane Sevier, the author of our 2017–2018 PW/*Horizons* Bible study on the book of Hebrews, is looking for your stories to include. (We’re not exactly sure in what way we’ll use these stories—perhaps in a supplement.)

All of us have a “cloud of witnesses” that has helped us along the way and who, even though no longer with us, still inspire.

Please, tell us your story of one of those witnesses.

Please tell us the story of a woman, now deceased, who had a good influence on your life or on the life of someone you know. Include her name, her time and place and what made her influential. Please write her story on the back of this flier.

Name of person submitting the story

That person’s contact information (Melissa may be contacting you for further information)

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State

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Phone

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**Return your story to Melissa Bane Sevier, in care of Betsy Ensign-George,
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What is World Day of Prayer?

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- World Day of Prayer affirms that prayer and action are inseparable and have immeasurable influence in the world.

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