



Quarterly News

for Presbyterian Women Leaders

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Presbyterian Women Churchwide

More than 1,600 “Arise, shine!” at 2018 Churchwide Gathering in Louisville, August 2–5

By Carissa Herold, Sharon Gillies, Yvonne Hileman

Preparations and planning on the part of dozens of volunteers, elected leaders and staff members made possible a very faithful, fun and eventful 2018 Churchwide Gathering! We came together as Presbyterian women to celebrate our heritage and our future. Some of us attended in body and spirit; some of us just in spirit. But together (more than 1,600 of us on site) we celebrated our shared PW ministry! We sang, prayed, stretched our minds and spirits (*and bodies!*), gave from our abundance, marched, were challenged and inspired. We elected new leaders, encountered ideas we will share at home, met women from around the country and the world, reunited with old(er) friends and learned about issues affecting people of faith all over the globe.

Participants gave generously to Cents-Ability's hunger ministries (\$1,659); the Gathering offering (\$38,733), benefiting the Mission Pledge, PW's annual fund; and to the D.I.A.P.E.R. Project, Lily's Place, and Kentucky Refugee Ministries (gift cards totalling \$32,470). (Please note that all of these dollar figures reflect to-date giving as of August 29, 2018.)

If your Gathering offering envelope returned home with you, you can still make a gift to the Gathering offering. Donate securely online to the Mission Pledge and include “Gathering Offering” in the comments section.

Through your contribution of items to the silent auction, as well as your good-natured bidding, you helped



Photo by Michael Martin

Voting representatives approved the slate of directors presented by the national Search Committee (and introduced in the November/December 2017 issue of *Horizons*). Jyung In Lee (left) was elected churchwide moderator. In her remarks, she said “You have elected your first moderator with a Korean/New Jersey accent.” She added, “But Jesus had an accent! He had a Galilean accent. I look forward to hearing your stories and being a weaver of stories in many accents.” Jo Ann Burrell (center) was elected vice moderator of mission relationships; Joy Durrant (right) was elected vice moderator of justice and peace concerns. See entire 2018–2021 PW board, page 7.

PW raise \$10,478 for the Mission Pledge. High bidders took home beautiful quilts (the Bible study quilt alone, crafted by outgoing vice moderator for mission Judy Persons,

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Presbyterian Women welcomes Cheri Harper as mission associate

After ten years away, Cheri Harper has returned as our new PW mission associate! You may remember some of Cheri's previous work as the PW associate for synod support where she worked with synod moderators, supported the launch of Together in Service and the Palm Project, and even started the quarterly newsletter. Since she last worked for PW, Cheri has been the director of admissions for Louisville Seminary, pastored small churches in

southern Indiana, and worked in administration for the PC(USA).

Cheri says she is both thrilled and deeply honored to be called back to Presbyterian Women and she is looking forward to working with "the women in the pews" once again. Cheri will be taking over the work of Kathy Reeves (who retired at the end of August) and will administer our Thank and Birthday Offerings, the



Global Exchange and USA Mission Experience, and Together in Service. Additionally, Cheri will work with the synod and presbytery moderators and hopes to be a source of support and pastoral care to all our PW leaders.

Cheri is eager to get to know you, and to share your mission stories. You may contact her at cheri.harper@pcusa.org or 844.797.2872, ext. 5402.

PW 101

Help for those new to PW!

This is the seventh in a series of PW basics for those new to PW.

PW 101.7: We Celebrate Our History

In 2018, we celebrate the 30th anniversary of Presbyterian Women. Of course, women of the church have been active and faithful for generations. In fact, the first Presbyterian women's organization began in the early 19th century. Today's PW "came to be" when Women of the Church (WOC) (the women's organization of the PCUS, or "southern stream" of the church) and United Presbyterian Women (UPW) (the women's organization of the UPCNA, or "northern stream") united in 1988 after much discernment, prayer, and intentional engagement. Legacies from our predecessor organizations include the Birthday Offering (WOC) and Thank Offering (UPW); Bible study and magazine; hands-on mission work; and gains in women's leadership in the church.

Presbyterian Women are mindful that we are never alone on our faith journey. Maintaining and preserving the history of PW at the congregation, presbytery, synod and national levels is a meaningful task for leadership at all levels of PW.

PW historians in the congregations send annual reports to the John Bulow Campbell Library at Columbia Theological Seminary, and a copy to the PW in the Presbytery (PWP) historian. PWP historians compile their reports based on PWC reports and send their reports to the Presbyterian Historical Society, with a copy to their PW in the Synod (PWS) historian. PWS historians compile their reports based on PWP reports and send them to the Presbyterian Historical Society, with a copy to the churchwide historian. The churchwide historian sends a report to PHS, as well. Download our historian brochure at www.presbyterianwomen.org/history.

PW in the PC(USA), Inc.

Bylaws changes explained

At the churchwide business meeting held just prior to the Gathering in August, voting representatives approved one item of new business and three additional items.

In new business, the board voted to become more active in fighting sexual and gender-based violence. This item asked that PW refer the resources of wewillspeakout.us and IMA World Health to PW at all levels of the organization.

Voting representatives also approved two bylaws changes and a new 36-month budget for the 2018–2021 triennium. The first change relates to young women's representation on the board. The board has seats for up to six young women. Two are nominated through the national Search Committee process and are elected by voting representatives at the triennial business meeting. This is unchanged. The change is related to the (up to four) young women representatives who come to the board through the Presbyterian Mission Agency (PMA). Historically, these young women came through PMA from two PC(USA) young women's organizations: National Network of Presbyterian College Women and Racial Ethnic Young Women Together. They were recommended through PMA's Racial Equity and Women's Intercultural Ministries Area (RE&WIM) (or its predecessor) to PW staff, who recommended the candidates to the board of directors. Because the two young women's organizations no longer exist, language about the organizations has been eliminated from PW's bylaws. Recommendations will continue to come through RE&WIM to PW staff, who will refer the names to the national Search Committee. The Search Committee will present the candidates to the board for election.

The other change to the bylaws states that a director, having served a term, is not eligible to serve another term until at least three years have passed.



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brought a whopping \$1,200!), gift baskets, vacation packages, purses, framed artwork, and more! A big thank you to Judy and her volunteers who happily made this event an amazing success.

Participants also took home memories! They remember the passion of the plenary speakers and the great knowledge of the workshop leaders. They remember PMA director Diane Moffett's exhortation to "Arise and be bold!" They remember long-time PW Vilmarie Cintrón-Olivieri addressing voting reps as the recently elected co-moderator of the PC(USA). They remember the stunning cut-paper backdrop and the stirring sound of 1,600 PWs singing in harmony. They remember PC(USA) Stated Clerk J. Herbert Nelson II's delight when he was presented an Honorary Life Membership during the business meeting. They remember the red shirts that called attention to rape as a weapon of war, and the heat they endured to march beyond the "Ninth Street Divide." They remember the joy of celebrating 30 (and 230) years of serving as the hands and feet of Christ through PW and predecessor organizations. And they remember the anticipation of taking the light that shone at the Gathering into their congregations and the world.

If you weren't able to attend (or even if you did, but didn't get to see everything/pick up everything you wanted), many resources featured at the Gathering are now available on PW's website.

- "Arise and shine for your light has come and the glory of the Lord is shinin' on you . . ." With a catchy tune and a simple but profound message, the Gathering theme song, "Arise and Shine!"—written by Ann Weber—is available for you to sing, hum, even share in your upcoming circle meetings and regional events! Download the Gathering hymn at [presbyterianwomen.org/downloads/2018-churchwide-gathering-theme-hymn/](https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/downloads/2018-churchwide-gathering-theme-hymn/). Please note that the other hymns from Gathering plenaries are not the property of PW; check the copyright information that follows each hymn to request permission for use in your program. Email sharon.gillies@pcusa.org with questions.
- PW thespians, dig out the props! *Horizons* skits from the Gathering are also available for use as is or sprinkled with a generous dollop of regional silliness, . . . er, context. Download from <https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/downloads/horizons-skits/>. The "Good Samaritan: A Paraphrase" script is at <https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/downloads/the-good-samaritan-a-paraphrase/>.
- Trying to remember a moving quote from plenary? Want to include a call to action in your next newsletter? A number of plenary speakers have provided their manuscripts for PWs who want to revisit the presentations. See the manuscripts available at https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/?s=plenary+2018&post_type=downloads.
- If a picture is worth a thousand words, then it may be easier to recap the Gathering in photographs! From plenaries to the march, from the business meeting to synod lunches, you'll see many Gathering highlights on PW's Flickr page (<https://www.flickr.com/photos/presbyterianwomen/>).
- If a picture is worth a thousand words, how many words are videos worth?!? After you watch the Gathering videos on PW's YouTube channel, you'll likely agree the videos are worth at least a million words! Go to www.youtube.com/user/PresbyterianWomen/videos.
- If you didn't pick up a copy of the *2015–2018 Triennial Report of Presbyterian Women* during the Gathering, you can download one. "Sharing God's Blessings" is the theme of the report because, let's face it, that's what we do; the document summarizes just a few of PW's amazing ministries. Go to www.presbyterianwomen.org/downloads/2015-2018-triennial-report/ to download.
- Speaking of items you did (or didn't) take home with you, the Gathering lost-and-found still has a few lonely items—water bottles, books and clothing. If you would like to inquire about whether one of these is your lost item, email patricia.longfellow@pcusa.org.
- Such a tiny, unassuming program, the Gathering app includes a bounty of Gathering goodies! Misplaced your program book? Find it on the app! Curious about speakers? Workshop leaders? The app is where they're at! As a bonus, the app is for sharing! The "Share Photos" feature continues to be popular; new photos are being added almost daily by Presbyterian women just like you! If you installed Yapp on your smart phone for the 2015 Gathering,



Lynnette Williams of North Carolina took home the spectacular sunflower quilt art created by textile artist and PW staffer Debbie Paris for *Horizons*. Thanks for subscribing, Lynnette!

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Peacemakers to visit congregations this fall

Haiti, Madagascar, South Sudan, Palestine . . . These are just a few of the countries Presbyterians can learn more about this fall when the International Peacemakers visit the U.S.

Peacemakers will be available for visits this year from September 21 to October 15, 2018. Before and after their itineration they will gather in Louisville at the Presbyterian Mission Agency for orientation and debriefing.

The Presbyterian Peacemaking Program makes it possible for leaders from our partner denominations and partner organizations around the world to visit the PC(USA) each year to interpret issues of peace and justice. Since 1984 approximately 300 International Peacemakers from 60 countries have been hosted by Presbyterians. These visits have informed Presbyterians, opened hearts and minds, touched lives, established relationships and inspired new ministries. By sharing stories of their work and witness, the peacemakers help us understand peace and justice concerns around the world and provide insights that can inspire us to greater faithfulness. Their visits broaden our sense of God's inclusive family and help equip us to build a culture of peace and nonviolence for all God's children. Learn more at www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/peacemaking.

In other news . . .

Following GA228, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) no longer uses the term "racial ethnic"; rather, the church has adopted the terms "people of color," "communities of color," "congregations of color," "leaders of color." Therefore, names for many PC(USA) offices and committees have changed.

- Racial Ethnic & Women's Ministries is now Racial Equity & Women's Intercultural Ministries (RE&WIM)
- National Racial Ethnic Caucuses and Councils is now National Caucuses and Councils serving Communities of Color.
- Racial Ethnic Schools and Colleges is now Schools and Colleges Equipping Communities of Color.
- Historically Presbyterian Racial Ethnic Institutions is now Historically Presbyterian Institutions Equipping Communities of Color
- The Conference of Racial Ethnic & New Immigrant Seminarians is now Conference for Seminarians of Color (also Conference for Seminarians of Color & New Immigrants)

RE&WIM reminds us that being able to self-name and self-identify is important and empowering for people of color. It is always appropriate to ask individuals how they prefer to identify. For a complete list of PMA naming updates, email yvonne.hileman@pcusa.org.

Moderator's Message

This August, Presbyterian Women (PW) celebrated her 30th anniversary as one PW coming from two different streams of the Presbyterian churches. Many of us followed this PW faithfully for the last 30 years. Some of us grew up or grew older knowing only the "united" PW, for we no longer distinguish between coming from "southern" or "northern" Presbyterian Women. The Churchwide Gathering (CWG) that we just had was jubilant and celebratory like the wedding reception we never had. We had lots of fun being together like lovers do. We were energized by each other's presence, gifts, and stories. Yes, we brought abundance of stories with us to the CWG, and we loved seeing and hugging those whom we see almost every three years! Having walked with PW for the last 20 years, I am immensely grateful for the journey thus far.



Being the moderator at the entrance of the 31st year of PW, it feels like we are entering into a new era. While struggling to articulate precisely what that new era is or might be, one thought emerges strongly: We are already strongly united, and we are poised to go even further with our common purpose. If we were trying to move forward as united PW for the last 30 years, I think we have done well.

Every triennium inherits the fruits of the previous triennium's efforts, its accomplishments, as well as faces what is yet to be done in response to ongoing challenges and meeting the challenge of issues and conversations of today. PW has been and will continue to be relevant in the current time, if not thinking ahead and taking action forward. In the last decade, we have been incorporated. We have a seat on the Presbyterian Mission Agency board and the A Corp board. Most recently, we have been granted NGO status by the UN. In other words, PW has been increasingly recognized and prominent as an important partner to the PC(USA) and to the world, and we still have a lot to do. *Still*, we have a lot to do, even after women were allowed to be deacons, elders and clergy. That was just a beginning; that was just a primer and a necessary condition to respond holistically with all that we are to God who summons us all to God's mission.

Recently, I asked the vice moderators what they want to look back on three years later and feel proud of. They said, "energizing the women out there, especially young women, and showing them how many missional opportunities are out there for us to do together" and "being the bridge: connecting people in the pew to churchwide." I as moderator will be calling out y'all to "arise and shine." Arising and shining implies action; it is not a fashion show, not that kind of shine where we walk down the aisle displaying glitter. Rather, we will help each other arise and reflect God's glory. God has already called us to arise. I am awed by the grace and mystery of God who brought me and PW to this juncture. I look forward and am excited about what wonders God might do through all of us PW!



Gathering evaluations reflect overwhelmingly favorable experiences at 2018 Churchwide Gathering

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! Based on reading hundreds of evaluation forms, I can tell you that there were overwhelmingly positive comments about nearly every aspect of the Gathering. So many experiences (and presenters) were named as favorites but all could not be named here. Here are some highlights.

What helped you prepare?

- "Loved the monthly blasts of encouragement, reflections, games, etc."
- "The registration booklet was excellent!"
- "Daily Horizons was absolutely the best!"
- "Publicity was fantastic! Good job."
- "Support/encouragement from other PWs."

Three things you enjoyed

- "Plenary and worship are the highlights of the Gathering. New friends and old are the great joy."
- "The sisterhood—meeting new friends, seeing old friends"; "learning from one another"; "conversations with other PWs"; "visiting with like-minded women"; "hearing others' points of view"
- "The singing—the leader was amazing!"
- "1,500 women singing together in plenaries"
- "Focus on diversity, antiracism, inclusion"
- Workshops/workshop leaders—"excellent"
- The quality of the plenary speakers
- Women from all over the nation and world, "reminding me there is a bigger bubble than I live in."
- Bible study workshops—"all three"
- Worship; communion
- "Gorgeous," "extraordinary" backdrop
- "Glimpses in Time videos—memories!"
- The exhibit hall and book groups
- Justice and peace march
- Opportunity to hear from GA leaders, especially J. Herbert Nelson
- Tour of PW offices; the Kentucky dinner
- "I look forward to Communion at each triennial Gathering; I leave with a spiritual renewal."
- "I have loved this Gathering—so many dif-

ferent women from all over the U.S. and world, but with like-minded ideas of where we as a mission group should be going."

- "Seeing what PW is doing to help the world be a better place and show people they are loved by God."
- "Got to experience first Gathering with my daughter. Most meaningful spiritual experience for both of us."
- "This was my 13th Gathering and always it is inspirational and challenging."
- "All the speakers were wonderful. So inspirational! Love coming to Louisville."

What was the most meaningful part of worship for you?

- Music—"wonderful music leader"; "Allanda Small Campbell—incredible musician and personal presence so spirit-filled." "The song leader, Allanda, did a gorgeous solo. The words touched my heart: 'He will make a way; he leadeth me.'" "Every time we heard 'Arise and shine,' I felt an emotional moment, a calling." "Well-chosen hymns." "The choir was awesome!"
- Singing—"singing in the choir"; "singing to the glory of God"; "Singing was wonderful! Loved all the songs!"; "For Everyone Born"; songs of praise
- "Worshiping with our 'worldwide church'"; "Sharing with all my sisters, known and unknown to me"
- "All parts, especially music and messages."
- "The headline speakers every time, especially Marisol Jiménez!"
- Sharing of personal stories; "Testimonies"
- Ruth Santana-Grace—"wonderful, inspiring way to kick off the Gathering"
- Ruth-Aimée Belonni-Rosario Govens—"No need to fear darkness!"
- "Diane Moffett touched my soul!"
- Communion—"Communion is always so

meaningful at the Gathering." "Truly worldwide communion"; "Communion with soooo many PW ladies!"; "I love sharing communion with Presbyterian women from around the world." "Breaking of the bread"; "The bread was not easily broken—I liked the realism; God's body is not easily broken and shared. We have to accept it in our brokenness."; "Women cooperating broke the loaf."

- "Excellent ministers and excellent preparation for each session. Music was excellent. Historical pictures were great."
- "The backdrop on stage was so beautiful."

Which plenary or worship leader particularly inspired you and why?

- "All were good. This was my first Churchwide and I loved it!"
- "Speakers who knew from personal experience of what they spoke."

See "Gathering evaluations" on page 9

Sharing "tea for peace"



Karen Palermo, Synod of Mid-Atlantic, enjoys a "cup of tea for peace" on August 25, in solidarity with other PWs around the country who picked up a bag of fair trade tea and some thoughts on peace at the Justice and Peace Committee's table during the Churchwide Gathering. For more on PW's "Tea for Peace" activity, go to presbyterianwomen.org/justice.

PW Financial Matters

PW Giving, end of second quarter 2018

Mission Pledge	\$ 469,988
Birthday Offering	282,753
Thank Offering	191,262
Honorary Life	71,776
Together in Service	12,053



Clothesline Project



Mission tour



Food bank in southern Indiana—mission tour

Presbyterian Women gains official status at the UN

Just before the Gathering (as in, the week before, when we were in the last-minute flurry of preparations), Presbyterian Women learned that we had gained official status with the Economic and Social Council at the UN! This is exciting news for a number of reasons. For one, it means that, during the annual Commission on the Status of Women, we have our own grounds passes for the high-level sessions at the UN. More importantly, we have our own voice at the UN. While we find immense value in joining our voice with that of the PC(USA) and Ecumenical Women at the UN, both of whom we partner with in our work at the UN, this gives us yet another way to speak our truth during the Commission.

Lillian Oats, vice moderator for justice and peace concerns for the 2003–2006 triennium, wrote:

Congratulations and thank you to the Churchwide Coordinating Teams (starting with 2003); PW members across the nation, including Puerto Rico, who supported this effort; the PW staff; and all who in any way, including financially, helped to support PW presence at the UN.

It is great news that Presbyterian Women in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), as a corporation, has had its application to be a non-governmental organization (NGO) in consultative status with the United Nations through the UN's Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) approved.

Getting this status is the wonderful result of what I call "passing the baton." The idea was initiated by the 2003–2006 CCT; it was passed on to the 2006–2009 CCT, which magnificently developed and realized the details that built support for a PW presence at the UN; then the 2009–2012 CCT, which began the application process for ECOSOC status and the 2012–2015 CCT which completed it.

We all, whatever our gifts, whether vision, patience, perseverance, encouragement, and/or being able to attend a CSW event, played a part in building the presence and led to PW applying for ECOSOC status. I especially thank Louise Davidson, vice moderator for justice and peace, 2006–2009, and Pam Snyder (vice moderator for mission relationships, 2012–2015) for their contributions.

Gaining UN ECOSOC status was the result of the shared, long-term vision of having yet another venue for a PW presence. Involvement in ECOSOC's Commission on the Status of Women is an opportunity to seek justice and peace, and a way to utilize PW's bottom to top structure to help build an inclusive, caring community of women.

Wanda Beaman, 2015–2018 vice moderator for justice and peace, said, "Hard work, commitment, continued attendance and participation at CSW have earned PW this important position! And God has walked alongside us all the way! An outstanding achievement to add to our 30-year celebration!" See box at right for information on CSW63.

Justice and Peace Calendar (see presbyterianwomen.org/justice)

October

- Domestic Violence Awareness Month
- PW Courageous Conversations: Violence Against Women
- Fair Trade Month
- National Bullying Prevention Month
- 7 World Communion Sunday
- 7 Domestic Violence Awareness Sunday
- 8 Indigenous Peoples' Day
- 11 International Day of the Girl Child
- 11 National Coming Out Day
- 16 World Food Day
- 21 Children's Sabbath: Educate a Child, Transform the World
- 24 United Nations Day
- 25 Orange Day

November

- American Indian Heritage Month
- Native American Heritage Month
- 1 Deadline for applying to Presbyterian CSW delegation
- 2 World Community Day
- 9–14 International Fair Trade Week
- 12 Caregiver Sunday
- 13 World Kindness Day
- 18 Hunger and Homeless Sunday
- 20 Universal Children's Day
- 22 Thanksgiving—For the Native perspective, see http://nmai.si.edu/sites/1/files/pdf/education/thanksgiving_poster.pdf
- 25 Orange Day; <http://endviolence.un.org>
- 25 International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women

25–D.10 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence

December

- 5 International Volunteer Day
- 10 International Human Rights Day
- 18 International Migrants Day
- 25 Christmas; Orange Day

January

National Slavery/Human Trafficking Awareness Month

See presbyterianwomen.org/justice for the complete calendar.

Apply now to join Presbyterian delegation to CSW63

In 2019, a group of Presbyterians will form a delegation to the 63rd Session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women, March 11–22, in NYC. The priority theme is "Social protection systems, access to public services and sustainable infrastructure for gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls." Download more information and an application from presbyterianwomen.org/justice. Email completed applications by November 1, 2018, to the Presbyterian UN office (email ryan.smith@pcusa.org).

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Congratulations

Please join us in congratulating the **Rev. Peggy Howland**, the 2018 recipient of the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship's Anne Barstow and Tom Driver Award for Excellence in Nonviolent Direct Action in Retirement. She will receive this honor on Saturday, October 20, 2018, at the Stony Point Center in Stony Point, New York. The celebration luncheon and reception will begin at noon. Register for the event by October 10. Go to <http://presbypeacefellowship.org/bd2018>.



Also, congratulations to former PW board member **Bonnie Blair** who is featured in a video by the AFL-CIO Labor Council about her work on behalf of sanitation workers in Memphis in 1968. Bonnie says, "This was eight days after two of their coworkers were killed in the back of a garbage truck as they were trying to find relief from a rain storm on a cold day in Memphis, February 1968. The driver of the truck was white and the sanitation workers were black, so they weren't allowed to get in the cab with him. I just happened to work in the right office to assist in typing letters for 33 of their coworkers who wanted a meeting with the mayor. He refused. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. came to town to help and the rest is history." See video at https://youtu.be/-1Otrc_3WbE.



In memory

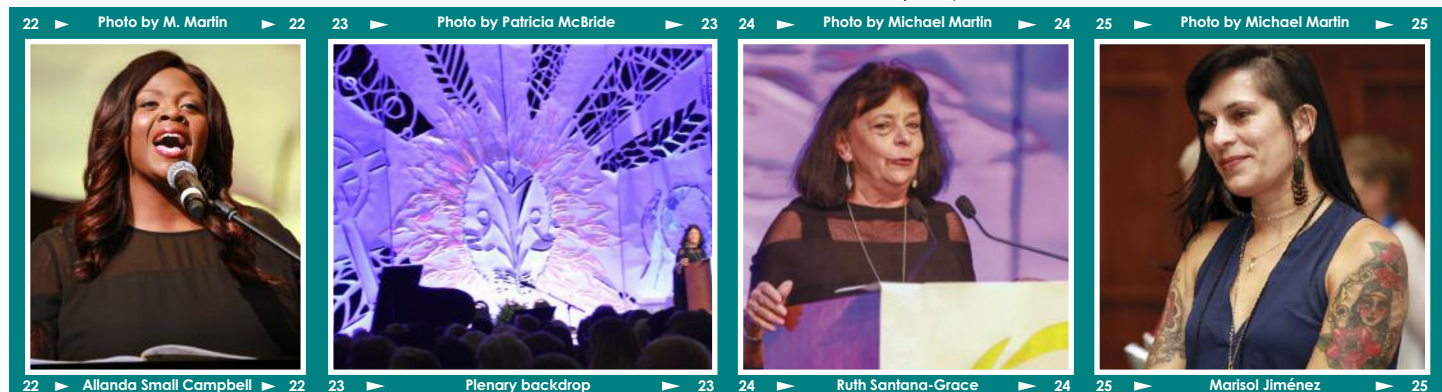
We mourn the loss of one of our national board members, **Francena Willingham**, synod representative from South Atlantic, died in June. Please join us in prayers of peace and thanksgiving for Francena and the faithful life she lived. Memorial gifts should be sent to the United Negro College Fund (www.uncf.org) or the American Heart Association (www.heart.org). Funeral services were held at Union Baptist Church in Columbia, South Carolina.



We also mourn the passing of the **Rev. Dr. Katie Geneva Cannon** who died in early August. In 1974, she became the first African American woman to be ordained as minister of Word and Sacrament in a Presbyterian denomination—the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. She became a well-known womanist theologian and was the Annie Scales Rogers Professor of Christian Social Ethics at Union Presbyterian Seminary. The 223rd General Assembly (2018) recognized Dr. Cannon for her outstanding lifetime contributions to and for the PC(USA) with an excellence in theological education award. The PMA has established a scholarship fund in her memory. See story at <https://bit.ly/2wT9HHT>.



 Jyung In Lee Moderator	 Joy Durrant Vice moderator, J&P	 Jo Ann Burrell Vice mod, Mission	 Helene Church Secretary/Historian	 Deanne Newland Finance chair
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 Barbara Clark Synod rep, Pacific	 Anita Coleman Synod rep, SoCal	 Jane DeFord Synod rep, Trinity	 Sophie Diaz-Corporan Hispanic/Latina MAL	 Ervin Desaussure Young women's rep
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simply open the app and information for the 2018 Gathering will appear! If you don't have Yapp on your smart phone, go to your app store to download Yapp for Business. Once Yapp downloads, open it and select "receive notifications." Tap "Add An Existing App" and enter "PW-gathering," then hit Go! The app will install automatically. Once you see the sunflowers, tap the image to connect and use the app. You can even share your images!

- "We are marching in the light of God . . ." The Stepping Out for Justice and Peace march put a spotlight on healing divisions within our communities. Even Louisville's mayor made it a point to be with us! But don't retire your walking shoes just yet! Working for justice and peace is one of the points of our PW Purpose, and, quite frankly, there remains a lot of work to be done. Download the march brochure to learn more about the issues and to inspire you to address these issues in your communities.
- While we are on the subject of justice and peace, PW's justice and peace bookmarks have been updated and are available for placing within the pages of an amazing book (how about *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson or *Change of Heart* by Jeanne Bishop?) as well as inspiring justice-and-peace activities and dates. Order from the PW Shop. And don't forget to continue wearing black on Thursdays and orange on the 25th day of each month. (Conveniently, October 25 is a Thursday! Wear black and orange that day and explain that you are not dressed for Halloween; you are dressed for justice!)
- Special justice and peace logos that can be printed on transfer material and applied to clothing and other fabric items (or printed on label paper and turned into buttons using old CDs—see photo at right!) were debuted at the Gathering, but they are meant for use any time of year. Download from www.presbyterianwomen.org/justice.
- Each Gathering email included a 30th Anniversary Challenge question about something in PW's 30-year history. Download the answer sheet at <https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/downloads/presbyterian-womens-30th-anniversary-challenge/>. Look for answers on PW's website!
- Looking to find Gathering resources for an upcoming event? Download the Gathering treasure hunt map at <https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/downloads/gathering-treasure-map-2/>.
- Look for more coverage in the November/December issue of *Horizons*! Not a subscriber? Call 866.802.8635.



Least Coin in-gathering liturgy now available

As you know, one of PW's most valued ecumenical partners is Fellowship of the Least Coin (FLC), for which PW has been called "the midwife." FLC is a global, ecumenical prayer movement for justice, peace and reconciliation. The least coin of each country is donated by women all over the world, along with their prayers, to become grants for special projects of evangelism, service and relief throughout the world.

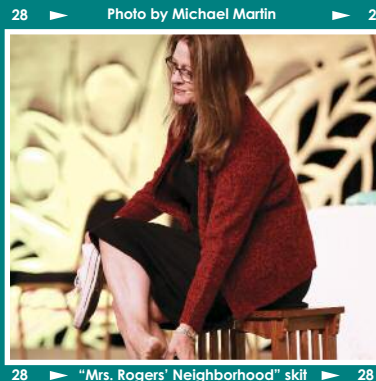
Many PW groups collect Least Coin offerings at circle meetings; PWC treasurers then forward the Least Coin money to PWP treasurers, who then forward it to PW, Inc. In this way, PW serves as a pass-through for these funds, part of our service to FLC. An international committee approves grants from these funds.

We are happy to announce that a new FLC in-gathering liturgy is available for groups to use as they contribute their least coins. See www.presbyterianwomen.org/downloads/flc-in-gathering-service/ to download the liturgy in English, Spanish or French.

PW in the Synod of the Sun installs new leaders



Emily Fleshman (far left) of St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church, New Orleans, is installed as treasurer of the Synod of the Sun's coordinating team of Presbyterian Women. Suzan Wang of Houston (second from left) is installed as the Asian American representative on Sun's PWS coordinating team, and Kathy White, of Hot Springs, Arkansas, is installed as moderator-elect. Yvonne Hileman (far right), assistant editor on PW's national staff, facilitated the installation on Saturday, August 4, at The Galt House Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky. Ninety women from the Synod of the Sun assembled for lunch and the installation service. Photo courtesy of Kathy Randall.



Gathering evaluations, continued from 5

- Marisol Jiménez—"Where we all fall short and where we go to correct ourselves first." "First-hand knowledge of immigrant conditions." "Her story, her passion for justice with racial equity was overwhelmingly deep and poignant." "Moving; heart-rending story. Challenged me to actively fight injustice in immigration and global economic policy." "Delivered with love, focus; heartfelt, inspiring." "Her passion and struggles are palpable, gripping and inspiring." "Edgy, powerful, right on!"
- Ruth Santana-Grace, Marisol Jiménez, Vilmarie Cintron—awesome!"
- "Marisol Jiménez, Jieun Han—Their stories remind me that the U.S. has a huge problem with empathy and equity."
- Jieun Han—"Her life story and love for all." "Very inspiring." "Message of graciousness"
- Ruth Santana-Grace—"Great connection to the theme."; "powerful message"; "There is something about her that captures your mind and doesn't let you look away until she is finished!"
- "Amy, Ruth Santana Grace and Marisol were well-worth my trip from California to Louisville. Outstanding!"
- Amy Poling Sutherland—"Fabulous!"; "Her energy has me excited about the Bible study"; "Amy made me laugh and laugh." "I have never done a *Horizons* Bible study, but I am looking forward to this one."
- All the Bible study presentations; "I especially like Lament one, as this topic is rarely addressed and it is a part of life."
- Lynn Miller—"Love the artwork she uses in her presentations." "Lynn Miller was a delight!" "Lynn Miller has an easy way of presenting a topic."
- Eugenia Gamble—"Inspiring"; "related scripture to action"
- Diane Moffett—"her words, her smile, her positive attitude, and her message!"
- Katherine Blankenship—"The Jenga game to demonstrate how quickly one's life can 'fall apart.'" "The message of spiritual awakening has inspired me to act. Good analogies made her message memorable." "Her info on how mission can help or hurt was new to me and helped

me as a mission person in my church."

- Shari Stump: "She is always wonderful!"
- Susan Jackson Dowd and Carol Winkler; "'PW Effect'—Please publish Susan's keynote in *Horizons*."
- "Saturday night, because it highlighted and recognized leaders."

Which educational opportunity was most meaningful to you?

- "I can't choose; they were all excellent."
- "Beyond Diversity" (Marisol Jiménez)—"I finally learned how and why the 'white' race came to think of themselves as superior to other races." "Marisol was beyond great! She woke the room!"
- "'Beyond Diversity' with Marisol Jiménez and 'Disrupting Racism' with Anita Coleman and Denise Anderson 'rocked my world.'"
- Bible study workshops—"Lynn Miller was funny, relatable, inspirational, yet so spiritually powerful. Yay, Lynn!" "Amy's presentation assured me that God would be present with me even in the 'darkness' of addressing painful issues personally and as a church (PW and congregation)."
- Brenda Bertrand, "Beyond Should"—"The workshop on prayer, 'Beyond Should,' was wonderful." "She made prayer manageable." "Brenda Bertrand was empathetic, very engaging, practical and energetic. Please invite her again."
- J. Herbert Nelson II, "The View from Here" on the future of the PC(USA)—"Great speaker, lots of great information, ideas, and made me think!"; "Informed and engaging"
- 21st-century Mission (Katherine Blankenship)—"This workshop made me realize darkness is not an absence of God, but a call to adjust our eyes."
- Let's Be Bold: PW Making a Difference—"Learned so much more about PW, how to get information from the website."
- Anita Coleman—"Dr. Anita Coleman inspired me to stand in my faith." "Very factual, substantive and motivational"
- "The young women's place in the intergenerational era"
- Cathy Chang's workshop on human trafficking—"informative and eye-opening"

- "'Intergenerational Trauma' and Lucy Apatiki: All around new awareness. Excellent! Must have her again! Best of all!"

What other programming did you enjoy/appreciate?

- "I needed personal renewal so was not as active as some."
- "The Spirituality Room. I needed some time to myself and I found it there."
- Book clubs
- "Tai chi, by far! Janice was so gracious and grace-filled, patient and kind."
- "The display where the red t-shirts were [Clothesline Project]! I didn't know anything about these incidents [rape as war crimes in Okinawa]."
- Justice and peace march—"It is a wonderful PW Gathering tradition and we should absolutely continue with it." "I felt like I was making a difference."
- Tour of Presbyterian Center; PW offices
- Mission tours—presentation at Kentucky Refugee Center; "I loved the Southern Indiana tour—very organized. May want to do D.I.A.P.E.R. in Pennsylvania."
- "Sitting and talking with Global Partners"
- Taking time to see part of Louisville; "My own walking tour of the garden/park/statues next to the hotel"
- "I loved the 30-year celebration. Funny and informational!"
- "PW library a treat."

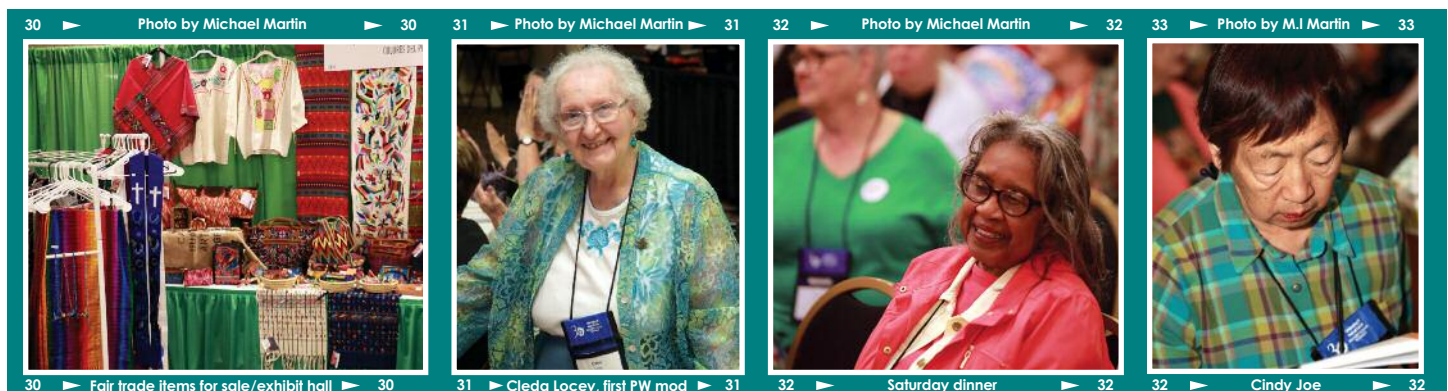
What did you enjoy most about the exhibit hall?

- "Variety and quality of the exhibits"; "The beauty of all the exhibits." "My purchases helped other people." "Opportunity to talk with mission folk, shop mission goods."
- Talking with staff in the various booths; interacting with PC(USA) agencies; "Enjoyed talking with PW staff." PW exhibits
- Products from Palestine; environmental/recycling display

Who or what challenged you at the Gathering?

- "Me; I'm discouraged and having trouble finding/known/accepting God in this nation."
- "I felt very uncomfortable listening to

See "Gathering evaluations," on page 10



- Marisol Jiménez speak. I came very close to walking out. Too liberal. Politics should not be part of a PW Gathering."
- "Marisol Jiménez on immigration issues: Her passion!!"; "peace and justice issues"
 - "Hearing the messages from our immigrant and racially diverse sisters."; "Equity—what's my role?"; "Information on racial and immigration issues"
 - Diane Moffett—"She challenged me to be more bold and to take action."
 - "The march took me out of my comfort zone." "Seeing so many for the justice and peace march and hearing the mayor and Rev. Nelson."
 - "Minna and Lisann's workshop on involving more young(er) women in PW"
 - "The Children's Defense Fund speaker—will pass this on and work on it at home."
 - Synod of Rocky Mountains lunch speaker from Nigeria: "Focus on how we are all alike, e.g., with Muslim women, rather than how we differ."
 - David Barnhart, workshop leader, "Sharing the Story of Gun Violence"
 - "My following through with action on lessons learned this weekend."
 - "Most of the plenary presenters brought messages PW needs to hear right now!"
 - "Challenged to be open to new ideas and ways of thinking."
 - "Every session presented personal challenges for study, personal growth, mission awakening."

What do you wish had been addressed (or addressed more) at this Gathering?

- Creation care, recycling—"Would like to see containers to recycle paper and plastic." "There's no Planet B!"
- Native American concerns; "More time to talk to other folks about what's happening in their churches";
- "More on human trafficking and how we as a congregation can help."
- "Issues/concerns specific to women: #ChurchToo, #MeToo, #TimesUp"
- "Maybe some of these should have a panel of presenters for multiple perspectives. For example, I was so glad that African American nurses spoke up during Small Great Things."
- "Current horrors of Gaza/Israel"
- "Separation of kids from their parents."

- "Needs and encouragement for churches with fewer than 50 members";
- "Reparations for people of African descent; racism"
- "Synod connections and opportunities to participate in mission on local level with other church PWs."
- "Leadership training for young adults and younger women"; "More ideas for getting young people involved."
- "LGBTQ—How can we be inclusive and ignore these sisters? And miss the opportunity to educate?"
- "Should have had a plenary about the future direction for PW" "Future of PW"
- "Maybe more about social justice efforts that individual PW circles are involved in."
- "How PW can mobilize against the current political leadership and anti-faith/divisive messages."
- "Would suggest having 'lighter' topics later and social justice topics earlier in the weekend."
- "Some way for newcomers and those coming alone to be less alone (perhaps a buddy option). That said, Carol Winkler was most warm and welcoming!"
- "Less praise music that is sung on only a few boring notes."
- "More worship and praise; audience participation."
- "As a first-timer, seeking information to benefit women of my congregation; more basics about forming circles, initiating programming."
- "Still need to increase awareness of the image of God as more than male."

What would have made this Gathering better for you?

- "Sessions in which participants might share ideas for involving more women, younger and older, in PW."
- "Inclusive language in music selections. I felt PW took a huge step backwards in theology and inclusivity with the music."
- "More diversity in worship—Latina singing, African singing, liturgical dance, etc."
- "Have a variety of speakers with liberal and conservative views, not just liberal."
- "Marisol Jiménez was very offensive in her speech. This event should not be used for a political agenda. She was not sharing the grace of God."
- "As the spouse of a law enforcement officer, I found some comments in more than one session to be harsh and one-sided. I would urge presenters and speakers to be sensitive. It is possible to shine light on problems without condemning a whole profession."

- "Love it all! Gathering team, five-star staff!"
- "Have the march on Thursday or some way to spread things out. Friday and Saturday are crammed and I missed things."
- Need some free time somewhere along the way; more unstructured time;

Are you in favor of returning to Louisville for the next Gathering? Or a different city?

Majority: Louisville

Close second: Somewhere different

Suggested more than once: Denver, St.

Louis, Chicago, Indianapolis, Cleveland, Dallas, college campus

Also suggested: Sacramento, Tucson, New

York, Memphis, New Orleans, San Antonio,

Austin, Houston, Honolulu, Albuquerque,

Philadelphia, Seattle, Portland

• "I love the central location of Louisville."

• "How about going back to a college campus? Would that help overall cost?"

• "The cost prevented people from my church from coming as a first-timer."

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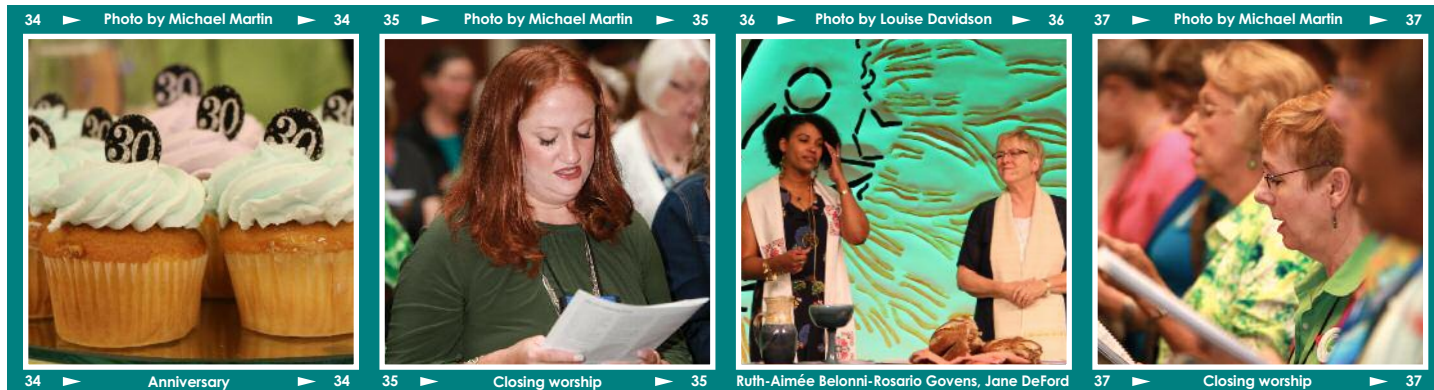
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Churchwide Gathering

Woman's letter captures power of women's community to change hearts: An excerpt

This was my first PW Gathering experience. And actually, my introduction to this organization. Even though I've been a member and a fairly regular attendee of a Presbyterian church since the mid-1950s, I knew nothing about PW. Opening night, I found myself thinking, "What have I gotten myself into for these next days? A bunch of pious, self-righteous Presbyterian Women who think they're the only people capable of doing good in this world?" I was prepared to sit back and be bored and judgmental (a familiar comfort zone for me). By August 5, I'd had my stereotypes shredded and I had formed much different impressions. Why? Several things. First, I couldn't help but be impressed by the obvious bonds of affection and respect that all the organizers seemed to show toward one another. Second, the women chosen to lead the class were not chosen because they were PW, they were chosen by PW because they knew their subject and knew how to talk about their subject. I came to this gathering with some unique prejudices that I wasn't even aware that I had. This gathering experience forced me to do some introspective work and discover attitudes that I wish weren't part of me. Now that I've been forced to acknowledge them, I can work on changing them.



Call for Bible study proposals

PW's churchwide Bible Study Committee will meet in late winter 2019 to choose the author and theme of the 2022–2023 PW/*Horizons* Bible study. Potential authors are invited to propose a theme and submit an outline and sample lesson to the committee for their consideration.

Authors must demonstrate knowledge of the Bible and related writings, knowledge of and commitment to Reformed theology, experience teaching Bible study, clear understanding of women's issues in the wider church and in the PC(USA), commitment to and use of inclusive and expansive language, active membership in the church, and working knowledge of PW. Deadline for proposals is January 31, 2019. Contact Betsy Ensign-George for more: betsy.ensign-george@pcusa.org; 844.797.2872, ext. 5366.

Upcoming PW gatherings

Presbytery of Flint River—November 3, 2018; First Presbyterian, Moultrie, GA. Email Rosa at rstewartpwct@gmail.com.

Synod of Living Waters—June 13–15, 2019; Tupelo, MS

Synod of Lakes and Prairies—June 20–23, 2019; Gateway Hotel/Conference Center, Ames, IA

Synod of the Sun—July 25–27, 2019, First Presbyterian Tulsa; keynoter Katie Cummings, senior pastor, First Presbyterian, Bentonville, AR

Synod of South Atlantic—October 25–27, 2019; Epworth by the Sea, GA; theme: "Love Carved in Stone"; Eugenia Gamble, 2019–2020 *Horizons* Bible study author, keynote speaker

Cultivating PW

There's a new committee in town—the Stewardship Committee—whose mission is to cultivate PW. In other words, this amazing team promises to promote the many ways Presbyterian women can financially engage with their organization! The (new!) “Cultivating PW” placemat that the committee debuted was a hit at the PW business meeting in August. And why wouldn't they be? These colorful placemats provide an informative and fun way to consider the mission and ministry of PW. Using the garden as a metaphor (as PW are caretakers of God's abundance), Presbyterian Women “dig deep,” “plant seeds,” “tend the garden,” and ultimately, “celebrate the harvest” while being ever mindful that this cycle of care and concern is the work of each generation of faithful women. The first side of the placemat tells the PW stewardship story with whimsical illustrations. The second side provides “things to do” to tell the story of PW giving through cultivation of the Mission Pledge, PW's annual fund, so that the PW garden can continue to flourish and provide. (The placemats are not just table ready, but bulletin board ready too!) Item PWR18100, \$5.00, from www.presbyterianwomen.org/shop or toll-free 800/533-4371.



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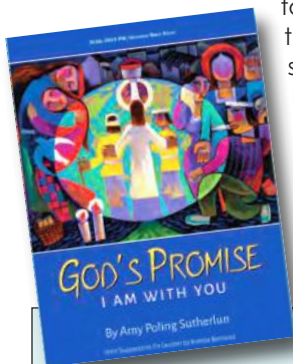
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Horizons Reps' Corner

Dear *Horizons* Reps,

Fall is almost upon us! Many of us live in places that turn cooler in the autumn. Even residents of tropical locales must feel compelled to sprinkle a bit of pumpkin spice in beverages during these days! And

for many Presbyterian women, fall kicks off a new Bible study season. Plans are usually underway to celebrate the Thank Offering, hold an alternative gift fair, and work on Together in Service projects. So, *Horizons* reps, take a sip of your double latte pumpkin spice sparkling iced coffee and let's consider a few ways to promote *Horizons*! (Fall is a perfect time for *Horizons* promotions, as PW fall gatherings are a perfect place to cultivate new readers!)

Skits. New *Horizons* skits debuted at the 2018 Churchwide Gathering and they are ready for you and your team to repurpose for your gathering. Visit www.presbyterianwomen.org/downloads/horizons-skits/ to download the skits!

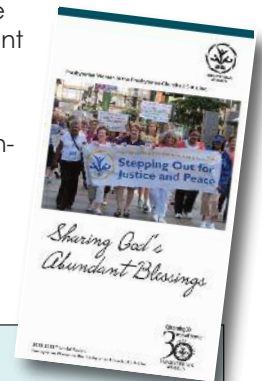
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