



# Spirit

PW in the PRESBYTERY OF SAN FRANCISCO

FALL 2019

## Calling ALL Presbyterian Women

You are invited to the Summer Gathering

When: Saturday, October 5, 2019

Where: Presbyterian Church in Chinatown  
925 Stockton Street  
San Francisco, CA

9:30 Fellowship

10:00-12:00 Business and Program

Speaker: Patt Schroeder

"Staying Connected with Well Connected"

12:00 Luncheon (\$10.00 Donation)

(checks can be made payable to Presbyterian Women SF)

RSVP's for luncheon appreciated!

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\* *Well Connected* is a free phone and online program offering activities, education, conversation and other support to older adults in the comfort of their homes.

# Moderator's Message

Greetings PW Sisters.

Where did summer go? Before you jump into fall programming, if you haven't already done so, please take time to reflect on your vacation or stay-cation. Dedicate time to relax, refresh your spirit, appreciate God's amazing creation, and listen quietly to hear what God has to say to you.

It's been a year since Presbyterian Women's Churchwide Gathering with the theme, "Arise! Shine! Your light has come! I want to thank and acknowledge the women in our presbytery. Rising up, through our activism in numerous peace and justice initiatives, we shined our lights both locally and globally. But more than that, we celebrated the Light that Has Come. We took time to develop deeper and more meaningful relationships with God.

Continuing our commitment to shine, we will be aligned with the General Assembly's call for Presbyterians to become Matthew 25 churches. What is a Matthew 25 church? Based on the Matthew 25:31-46 passage, the PC(USA) encourages us to boldly and compassionately serve people who are hungry, oppressed, imprisoned or poor. You can read more about this initiative on the PC(USA) Mission website.

I'd like to call your attention the fact that Sept 1 - Oct 6, 2019 is the Season of Peace. The Mission Agency's Peacemaking website has resources, including daily devotions that can help us focus on our call as peacemakers. If you have the time and energy I'd like to encourage individual PW circles/ organizations to plan a Tea for Peace Day. It's real simple. Pick a day within the Season of Peace. On that day, either as a group or individually, sip a cup of Fair Trade tea and pray for peace. The PW website (type **Tea for Peace** in the Search box) has peace scriptures and quotes that can be used.

Don't forget that you can help your church prepare for any kind of a disaster. Apply yourself or encourage a woman in your congregation to complete the paperwork to become a PW Disaster Preparation Trainer. Remember, we need 20 women to apply for a trainer to come conduct a training in the Bay Area. For more information and the application go to the Presbyterian Women's website and type "pw pda" or "Disaster Preparedness" in the Search box.

Have you ever wanted to know more about Presbyterian Women? Have you been curious about what other Presbyterian Women are doing? Here are some of the many ways to gather information about PW and PW activities:

PW website: [www.presbyterianwomen.org](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org)

SF Presbytery website: [www.presbyteryofsf.org](http://www.presbyteryofsf.org) (go to Resources)

YouTube: [www.youtube.com/presbyterianwomen](http://www.youtube.com/presbyterianwomen)

Facebook: search for "Presbyterian Women in the PC(USA)"

In closing, I look forward to seeing you on October 5, 2019 at our Fall Gathering. Please bring your friends; this program will provide great information related to support for seniors.

May God's peace and grace be with you all,  
*Betty Delaney*, Moderator, PWP-SF

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*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.*

*Galatians 5:22-23*

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2019**

**9am to 2pm**

**Registration & Refreshments @ 9am**

**Praise/Worship & Conference @ 9:30am**

**Lunch will be served**

**Tickets sold at the door or online at:**

**<https://epcwomensconference2019.eventbrite.com>**

**More info.  
contact  
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*Rev. Martha C. Taylor  
Keynote Speaker*



*Mrs. Juliane Smith, CPA  
Loving God and Making  
Money Workshop*



*Dr. Shirley Tucker-Harris  
Biblical Health Workshop*

# SOJOURNER TRUTH PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN HOSTS “LOVE NEVER FAILS” LATE EVENING OUTREACH

*By Phyllis Givens*



*Left to right: Vanessa Russell, Founder, Love Never Fails; Elder Connie Bridgewater; Sable Horton, Survivor Leader/Admin Asst, LNF; Moderator STPC, Phyllis Givens*

On Saturday, July 13, 2019, STPC Presbyterian Women hosted our very first Late Evening Community Outreach with Love Never Fails Human Trafficking Organization.

Love Never Fails Human Trafficking Organization (LNF) was founded in 2011 by Vanessa Russell (pictured above). In 2010, one of her teenage dance students experienced human trafficking in the SF Bay Area. Although she was eventually located and is now being restored, Vanessa encountered many others who, like her student, were U.S. born women, men and children trapped in modern day slavery. Her response was to launch Love Never Fails, a non-profit dedicated to the restoration, education and protection of those involved or at risk of becoming involved in domestic human trafficking.

Love Never Fails has educated thousands of children and community members on the issue of human trafficking, opened a home that provides long-term safe housing and restorative services for over 100 women survivors and their children. They also have a Community Pantry to help the survivors with daily needs. Vanessa believes that the issue of human trafficking can be solved through love expressed in prayer, safe housing, mentoring, job training, outreach, and education. STPC Presbyterian Women’s Mission of eradication, education and prevention of human trafficking coincides with the Mission of Love Never Fails.

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LNF outreaches monthly to cities across the Bay Area to vulnerable individuals including the exploited and the homeless. During the outreach LNF offers toiletries, snacks, water, wristbands that say, "You Are Loved", resources, prayer and encouragement to the vulnerable and broken. STPC PW were able to participate with them.

That Saturday night of July 13<sup>th</sup>, the women of STPC, came through and donated an abundance of supplies, along with the Food Pantry! We had so many donations that we were able to provide the surplus to Love Never Fails for their Community Pantry. Everyone donated socks, slippers, snacks, food, water, grooming aids, toiletries, toilet paper, and the Food Pantry donated bread, cookies, and grapes. Special thanks to Sandra Tramiel, Kendra Tramiel, Beverly Smith-Miller, Jan Rodgers, Ms. Cora Brown, Bea Jett, Melva Spigner, Eposi Ngomba-Tokeson, Connie Bridgewater, my cousin Sheila Williams, and the Food Pantry, for the donated supplies.

Sable Horton of LNF, came with a big smile on her face, to greet us and go over the instructions for outreach. Sable had an even bigger smile when she saw the many donations! Sable is a survivor of human trafficking, who started as a volunteer at LNF and is now the Administrative Assistant and Survivor Leader. Sable is also a praise dancer and dances with the LNF Praise Team. Then Vanessa Russell, Founder of Love Never Fails, came in with an even broader smile than Sable!

After sorting and bagging the items for distribution, Connie, Melva, Eposi, myself, and LNF, prayed together for the safety and protection of the ministers and the ones being ministered to. Vanessa and Sable went out to minister, while the rest of us stayed at the church and prayed. We prayed every hour on the half hour. We prayed with LNF before they left on the outreach, we prayed for LNF and God's beloved during the outreach, and we prayed with LNF when they returned.

Vanessa and Sable walked from 23rd and MacDonald to the BART station, ministering to 19 men and 26 women!!!! They said the people were grateful and thankful especially for the snacks! Although the Presbyterian Women did not go out and walk amongst God's children, it was such a blessing and experience to be able to participate in the Mission of God!

*<sup>36</sup>When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup>Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; <sup>38</sup>therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."*

-- Matthew 9:36-38 (New Revised Standard Version)

Who will go, Church? The Presbyterian Women! God is good! 🙏🏻 🧵 ❤️ ☐ ☐ ☐

### **The PW Purpose**

*Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study, to support the mission of the church worldwide, to work for justice and peace, and to build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom.*

## Bear Hugs and Blessings from Livermore Presbyterian Women

For the past couple of years we have supported a wonderful project for refugee young women from the International Rescue Committee. Our women have a connection with an organization that collects and gives out teddy bears to share. Our own Connie Clark, reminded me that we really should see if we might get some bears to share with the Vision Project. So, some of our women made scarves for the bears that Good News Bears donated for us to give to the Vision Project. Connie Clark wrote the following message which was attached to each bear:

*Dear Friend,  
I'm just a teddy bear it's true  
but I have an important message  
to bring to you.  
Please know that many people care and  
Want the best for you as you  
learn more about yourself  
and others.  
Enjoy and learn as you become more  
aware  
of all of the wonderful  
opportunities for you to explore  
and experience.  
Our wish for you is to be able to live  
your life to the fullest  
and to strive to reach your potential  
Bear hugs and blessings from your  
Friends of the Vision Project*

So, during the time these young women were learning about opportunities in their new country, they were given a bear to help them remember the time spent together. It is good that we can have partnerships in our communities to send out and share with others. Presbyterian Women can often

"think outside the box" and for that we can be grateful.

Old First in San Francisco gives us an opportunity to take part in the Vision Project of the International Rescue Committee in Northern California ([www.rescue.org/Oakland](http://www.rescue.org/Oakland)) as it empowers immigrant girls in Oakland schools by giving them the skills and support they need to envision their futures as women in America. Old First Presbyterian Church is matching other churches' gifts to the IRC designated for the Project. Churches that participate can double the impact of their gifts. Old First will match gifts dollar-for-dollar up to \$500 per congregation and an overall total of \$5,000. This matching opportunity will be open until November 1st.

Catherine Coleman, my husband and I had the privilege of attending a reception for these young women at the end of their project this summer (pictured below). Such an absolute joy to be in this group of energy from young women, donors and volunteers. Any questions, ask us!

-- Karen Vied



## PWP-SF TREASURER'S SUMMARY

by Jeanette Huie

During the first half of 2019 our PW groups participated in the Birthday Offering, Least Coin Offering and supported PW with the Mission Pledge and per capita payments (\$4/member). Half of the per capita collected is sent to PW in the Synod of the Pacific. I forwarded the following contributions to the national PW office:

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| Mission Pledge    | \$2,220.00 |
| Birthday Offering | \$ 959.00  |
| Least Coin        | \$ 142.00  |

From the Moderator of the PW Board:

*Thank you for your support of the mission and ministry of Presbyterian Women. Caring people like you help ensure that necessary funds are in place to support all Presbyterian women as we carry out the PW Purpose together – a purpose that includes Bible study, advocacy for justice and peace, mission work around the world, and the work of the PC(USA).*

*Through Horizons, quarterly newsletters, the PW website and Facebook and Twitter pages, we will keep you informed about how your gift continues to make a difference. We thank you again for your generosity, and I personally send blessings and prayers to you as we continue this journey together.*

*Gratefully,*

*Jyung In Lee, Moderator 2018-2021*

*Presbyterian Women Inc. Board of Directors*

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## Together in Service Pillowcase Project



More than 2,000 pillowcases have been received at PW's national offices! Women demonstrated their love, concern and prayers for children affected by Hurricane Maria by creating colorful personalized pillowcases. This was a fun activity during the April 2019 National Asian Presbyterian Women Gathering. All the pillowcases will be distributed through churches and schools in the three presbyteries on the island of Puerto Rico this month.