

# *Spirit*

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF THE SAN FRANCISCO PRESBYTERY

## ***We Invite You!***

Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of San Francisco invite you to come to a gathering with the theme - **Overcoming Racism in the Home, Community and Church** - on Saturday Oct 7, 2023 at 10:00 am at Montclair Presbyterian Church.

The gathering will showcase three panelists who have actively worked to educate Bay Area residents about systemic racism and will present their experience in combatting racism.

Our nation is confronting an evil that hurts the wellbeing of everyone; racism in the home, community, and church. Presbyterian Women through the years, has been active in eliminating evils in society through organizing efforts to eliminate slavery, child labor, supporting the right of women's suffrage, opening the doors in society and in church for women to hold all positions of responsibility, and always working for justice and peace. In working for justice and peace in confronting racism we need to ask the hard questions: How do we teach our children not to make racist remarks but also to stop others from doing hurtful acts or words? How can we as individuals and a church work for unity in our community so that we can enjoy God's promise of a very good and pleasant existence when we live together in unity?

Come hear the words and insights of Corinne Quinn, Lori Yamauchi and Linda Spencer and open your mind to new ideas. Come greet old friends and enjoy lunch. Remote access available - see page two for more information and don't forget to RSVP!

## **Unity Source of the Good and Pleasant**

In Psalm 133, the Psalmist stresses how good it is to live together in unity.

"How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!" Psalm 133:1 So, it is with great joy and excitement that the Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery in San Francisco are looking forward to our first **IN-PERSON** gathering since the Covid pandemic prevented us from getting together. In our churches, we have resumed Bible study groups, mission projects, retreats, and committee meetings, thus we feel more normal. When Covid hit in 2020 we never dreamed that there would be a dearth of live interaction for three years. We made the best of it with family groups, masks, and driveway lawn chairs but there was a hole in our lives and hearts as we missed actual hugs and face to face time with friends. So many life events were put on hold. Now we are starting PWP gatherings which are a source of insight into mission efforts, local and international. See you all on October 7, 2023 at Montclair Presbyterian Church.

Blessings and Peace,

*Susan Bond and Rev. Nancy Holve,*

Co-moderators

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Presbyterian Women of the San Francisco Presbytery

# Fall Gathering

Saturday • October 7, 2023

Montclair Presbyterian Church, Oakland



## OVERCOMING RACISM IN OUR HOMES, COMMUNITIES & CHURCHES

9:30-10 am	Check In and Refreshments
10 - 10:15	Welcome / Lighting of the Christ Candle
10:15-10:45	Panel presentation moderated by Rev. Nancy Holve
10:45-11:15	Q&A and conclusion
11:15-11:30	PWP Business meeting
11:30-12:30	Lunch

*Questions? Contact Susan Bond, [susbond@gmail.com](mailto:susbond@gmail.com).*

All Presbyterian Women and friends are invited to the Fall Gathering of PWP-SF, our first hybrid event!

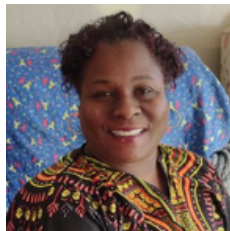
Come in person or join via zoom to hear the words and insights of our panelists, Dr. Corinne Quinn, Linda Spencer, and Lori Yamauchi on the topic of overcoming racism.

**RSVP by OCTOBER 1**

to Phyllis Brewer at [pj719brewer@pacbell.net](mailto:pj719brewer@pacbell.net) and indicate your attendance as in-person or zoom. The zoom link will be emailed prior to the event.

Lunch: \$10 suggested donation.  
Please pay at the door.

Montclair Presbyterian Church  
5701 Thornhill Drive, Oakland  
Click [here](#) for directions and parking info.



Born and raised in Vallejo, CA, **Dr. Corinne L. Quinn** is a lifelong member of First Presbyterian Church, Vallejo, where she currently serves as a Deacon and a Ruling Elder. She has served as the Justice and Peace Coordinator for PW Synod of the Pacific since 2022 and has served as the Hunger Action Advocate for Presbytery of the Redwoods since 2020. She has coordinated and managed nutrition education/obesity prevention programs geared primarily toward low income African-American and Latino individuals in various community based organizations in Solano County. She is a recent graduate of Life Chiropractic College West in Hayward, CA.



**Linda Spencer** is a Ruling Elder at Montclair Presbyterian Church (MPC). She is a retired hydrogeologist with a 25-year career in groundwater protection. She is avid practitioner of nonviolent communication and a part of the Burning Man community. At MPC, she has co-led "Transforming White Privilege", a six-week antiracism class developed by Oakland's Neighbors for Racial Justice. Linda plays electric bass in MPC's occasional rock band, The Ruling Elders. Currently, she is providing staff support for the Presbytery's Truth Commission Assessing Race Equity (T-CARE).



**Lori Yamauchi's** journey for racial justice began in 2019. Since then, Lori has learned about her own racism and about the structural racism in the U.S., including the church. She helped launch the Presbytery's West Region Antiracism Group and was Project Coordinator for the Grace & Restoration Project, a nine-church collaboration for education and partnership for racial healing and justice. As commissioner and vice-moderator of the 2022 PC(USA) General Assembly's Race and Gender Justice Committee, she co-authored a resolution condemning violence and hate against Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders. Lori is a member and ruling elder at Old First Presbyterian Church in San Francisco and serves as co-chair of the Presbytery's Personnel Working Group.

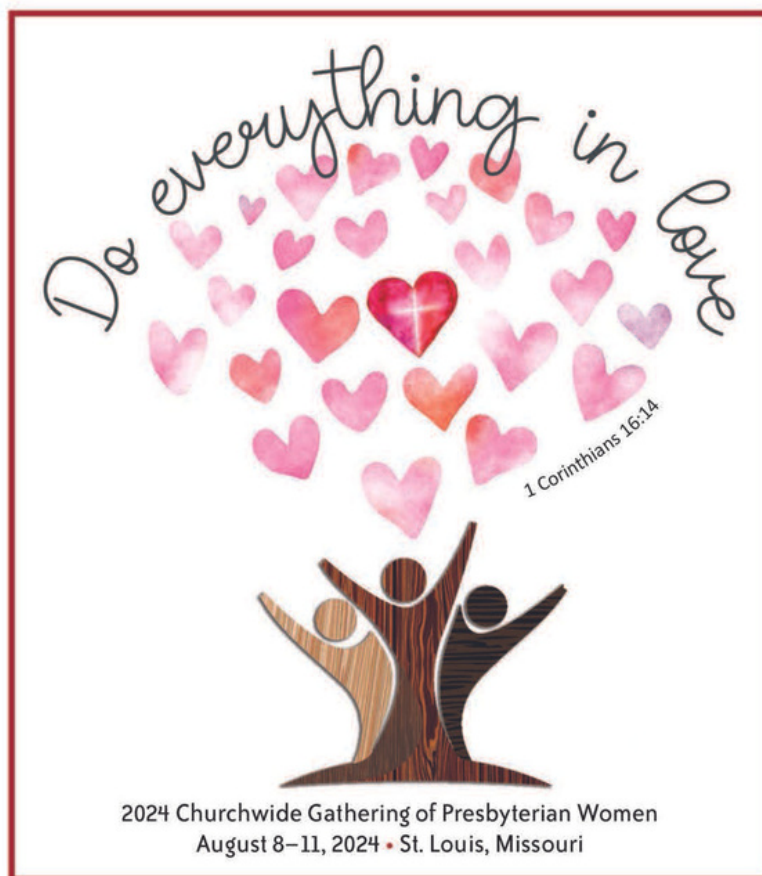
## SAVE THE DATE

to gather in person and in faithful  
community at the 2024 Churchwide  
Gathering of Presbyterian Women,

**AUGUST 8 - 11, 2024**

The Gathering website is up and running!  
[www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering)

"Meet Me in St. Louis" August 8–11, 2024!  
The 2024 Churchwide Gathering of  
Presbyterian Women is less than a year  
away! Yes, that's less than a year until  
Presbyterian women travel to St. Louis  
to celebrate, learn, worship, pray, sing,  
laugh and even shop! "Do everything in  
love" is the theme and this will be an  
event that inspires and uplifts.



To keep you and your group in the know on this journey to St. Louis, sign up for the monthly Gathering e-newsletters (contact [Patricia.Longfellow@pcusa.org](mailto:Patricia.Longfellow@pcusa.org) or visit [presbyterianwomen.org/gathering](http://presbyterianwomen.org/gathering), and click the green "Stay updated" button at the top right of the page). On the 5th of each month between now and August 2024, you'll receive a Gathering Quest email with a devotion, savings tool, updates, puzzles and more!

And if you use Facebook and/or Instagram, follow "PresbyterianWomenPCUSA"; once a week you will find a Gathering meme or other fun Gathering-related post to share.

### The Presbyterian Women Purpose

Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus  
Christ, and empowered by the Holy  
Spirit, we commit ourselves

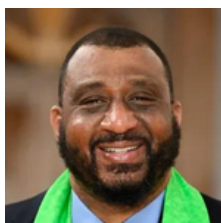
to nurture our faith through  
prayer and Bible study,

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.

Join the West Region Antiracism Group on  
September 14, at 4:00 pm to hear



#### **Rev. Gregory Bentley,**

Former Co-Moderator PC(USA) and Pastor  
Fellowship Presbyterian Church

"Seven R's of Restorative Actions"  
click here for the [zoom link](#)

Learn about Restorative Actions at [restorativeactions.org](http://restorativeactions.org)  
You can hear Rev. Bentley's sermon at the opening worship of the  
[225th General Assembly, PC\(USA\)](#) and read about his [sermon](#) here.