

The LIGHTHOUSE

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN of the SYNOD of the NORTHEAST

August 2011

Moderator's Message....

It was so nice to see so many of you at the Triennial Gathering of PW in the Synod of the Northeast. Thank you so much for the well wishes and encouragement as I begin my term as your Moderator. So far, it's among the most interesting things I have done.

One of the things that I have always appreciated about Presbyterian Women is its response to need in the world. It's often easy to feel personally powerless to address any of the many problems that we see in the news. Because of our unique purpose and structure we are able to make a positive impact on the world around us.

I see a bright future for Presbyterian Women.

-Charlotte Hasselbarth

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Desmond Gathering July 22 - 24

This year was my first time attending the PWSNE Gathering at the Desmond. The Gathering held up to the theme of Rise and Shine. It was an uplifting experience, with many different learning circles to choose from. The learning circle I attended was *Rise, Shine and Recharge*, which focused on different ideas, strategies and planning tools that can be used to recharge a congregation and/or a Presbyterian Women's group. We then broke off into different groups and applied those methods to solve a problem. It gave me a new perspective on decision making.

Anne Reynolds spoke about *Sisters Stand and Walk Together*, which is a program PWSNE designed to acclimate new immigrant women from congregations within the SYNOD into Presbyterian Women, and to prepare these women through leadership and training where cultural differences are explored and shared. Diplomas' were given to all the women who graduated from this program.

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Desmond Gathering continued....

Singing hymns, making music with various instruments, and praising the Lord in unison was very spiritually uplifting, and being able to share that fellowship with all who attended was wonderful. The storytellers who portrayed the Women of the Bible alive was moving, meaningful, and an entertaining way they brought out the trials and tribulations of the women of the Bible, and it made you think about the women of today still having similar struggles today. The Liturgical Dancers interrupted words of a song by their dance it was very moving and meaningful for me. I was impressed by the racial-ethnic sisters by the way they presented the table Blessing at each table, and at each meal made it very personal. I thought the ice cream social was a great way to tie up Saturday night.

They gave us the interpretation of what Beatitude means, which is in the 2011-2012 Horizon Magazine, Confessing the Beatitudes, Bible studies process. The weekend certainly held true to its theme of Rise and Shine. I came home with a renewal of what Presbyterian Women stands for, and with uplifted spirits. The Gathering at the Desmond was well organized, the location, rooms, food and learning circles were great, and I had a lot of fun. I feel blessed that I was given the opportunity to attend this year's Gathering at the Desmond.

Jo-Ann Baccari

Moderator of the PW of the Albany Presbytery

Please note: The offering was \$145.15 for the Presbyterian Hunger Program!!

A Heartfelt Thank You...

As my three-year term comes to a close, I wish to *thank* the Synod of the Northeast Presbyterian Women for their trust, prayers and support during this amazing journey of faith and leadership. I have met so many wonderful and inspiring Christian women (and men) from across our Synod and Churchwide doing some awesome projects and service. Our Synod has women and women's groups that are a true example of the Presbyterian Women's Purpose: faithful through prayer and Bible study, supports mission of the Church worldwide, works for justice and peace, and builds an inclusive and caring community that strengthens our church and witnesses to the promise of God's Kingdom. Please keep Ardelle Stewart in your prayers and thoughts as her journey in this position begins. Also, please keep her informed of happenings in your Presbyteries and Churches.

-Virginia Champlin

Synod of the Northeast Representative to
Churchwide Coordinating Team, 2008-2011



“But I need a program topic?”

Remember taking that first step into a leadership position on either the Presbyterian Women (PW) of your congregation's Coordinating Team (CT) or a leadership position on the PW of the Presbytery (PWP CT)?

I remember it well. My response at both levels of involvement, particularly when I had the honor of being the moderator, was this: “Good grief, what now?” In an effort to be helpful, a pastor friend asked: “What is your vision?” Vision? At that moment in time that was not helpful. My vision screen was blank. I thought, “People are counting on me and I haven't a clue.” This panic had little to do with the maintenance activities of the organization. The panic had everything to do with PROGRAMING /ACTIVITIES.

Considering the above, I thought it might be fun to share hints on organizing, as well activities and programs that have worked well. I will kick this off.

HINT: Advance Planning: Begin to plan the program at least 6 months ahead of time. Plan longer if possible. Last minute programs can work, but I found it better to be way ahead. This is particularly helpful at the Presbytery level. Of course we all know planning ahead is good, but this approach often falls by the wayside. Unfortunately, a “blank slate” facing an incoming moderator is very daunting. How would you like to inherit a “blank slate?”

One day Activity or “one shot deal”: **The Valentine Express:** This is a new idea we are going to try in my congregation's PW. Remember how much fun it was to make Valentines? In January we are going to take an afternoon (1 to 4 p.m.) and make valentines. We are going to invite others in our community to join us in this activity. The valentines will then be given out to the residents of our local community center.

Program Idea: When I was moderator of PWP of Cayuga-Syracuse, “A WEB OF CREATIVE EXPRESSION” was one of our programs. A request was sent to all the women in our Presbytery asking them to share their talent for this special program. It was opened to all forms of creative expression: music, poetry, visual arts, hand work (needle point, counted cross stitch, knitting, etc.). The program was tied together with scripture and comments by a facilitator. Guess what? PW's Got Talent.

For more details on any of the above ideas, please contact me. Also, I know there are some really great ideas in our Synod. Please send me any ideas/hints/activities/programs that have worked well in your congregation or Presbytery. I will share with all. Let's help our program leaders and moderators. Let's help each other. Blank slates aren't any fun.

Thanks!

Maxine Hunter (huntermq@frontiernet.net)
Leadership Network Coordinator



Justice and Peace...

Greetings, Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Northeast. I have been interested in the topic of Justice and Peace for many years both as an individual in my daily and church life and now it is my opportunity to inform you of the many issues of J and P, as your Synod Rep on the Coordinating Team. I am overwhelmed with articles, essays, opinions, newspaper stories and important positions that have become so much a part of the reason Presbyterian women exist. Many issues at the top of the list concern women. Lately, I've learned more about ECPAT (End to Child Prostitution and Trafficking of children). This has been an interest of mine since the 1996 Global Exchange when Jane Lester told us at a gathering at my church in Rhode Island about the tragedies involving children in Southeast Asia who must turn to the streets as prostitutes to get money for their families. Airlines and Hotels throughout the world have been urged to cooperate with ECPAT in helping to erase this problem. Many large hotel chains have agreed to participate in the CODE that requires specific training of hotel staff and personnel in dealing with the issue. The Wyndham Hotels, Hilton Worldwide, and Delta Airlines are the recent businesses to sign the Code. And most recently, the Millennium Hotel in St. Louis has declared its commitment to fight child sexual exploitation. In the 90s this seemed to be an Asian problem. No longer. Children all over the world, including children from the United States, are subject to this inhumane practice of sexual trafficking. This is simply one issue that PW Churchwide has been exploring. You may have seen the Horizons March/April 2010 that describes "Trafficking" and its tragic effects on children. This is but one issue that goes to the spiritual and emotional center of my heart where I ache for these children.

The Synod gathering recently held at the Desmond Hotel in Albany, NY offered the opportunity for more than 150 women to learn from one another, sing and make musical noise together, listen to Bible Study and plenaries from inspirational pastors, attend workshops on FairTrade and the USA mission trip to *South Dakota, and arrive home with renewed dedication and enthusiasm for serving our Lord, Jesus Christ. (I hope to have a spot on the Synod website). Praise God for people who work tirelessly for Justice and Peace in our world. Dotsie Shaw dotsieshaw@fullchannel.net

*Invite Jo Ann Burrell joannburrell@optonline.net for her slide presentation from the 2010 South Dakota mission trip. You'll be glad you did!

A PLEA regarding TUMEKUTANA 2011...

Catrella Hunter, former Churchwide Moderator, has asked if any Presbyterian Women's Groups would be interested in making a contribution to the Second Tumekutana Gathering of African Presbyterian Women to be held in Rawanda in October. [October 16-20, 2011]

This Gathering will bring together more than 50 women representing 19 African countries to address the issues in their countries and partner together to change the lives of people in their home countries.

For additional information go to www.tumekutana.com.

Celebration Giving

Whenever women respond to God's love, we celebrate and we share. We may pray a prayer of thanksgiving, or perform an act of kindness or make a gift of money. Whatever we do, it is an act of sharing and celebration.

We have many 'giving opportunities' – each meets a vital need, and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom. Today's highlighted opportunity is the MISSION PLEDGE. This is the pledge that financially supports PW at all levels, as well as the general mission of the church. While traditionally given through circle meetings or gatherings, times change - PW recognizes that. So, there are now additional ways that Presbyterian Women can participate in this vital work.

Individuals who are not part of a circle, or who are in a church without an active PW group, can give to the mission pledge at any time:

By Check – payable to Presbyterian Women (Mission Pledge and Presbytery on the memo line) and sent to PW Remittance Processing
PO Box 643652
Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3652

On line – www.presbyterianwomen.org/giving - and follow the prompts.

Celebrate God's gifts to you – share some of your resources.

Jane MacDonald, Moderator, Finance Committee
ikmac@nac.net

VALUABLE TOPICS FOR PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN...

RED HANDS CAMPAIGN... Thanks to all who signed cards for the Red Hands campaign!! If you still have a card, please sign it and send it in. To learn more and also directions for other versions of Red Hands please see attachment #1. To order more postcards, go to <http://sstore.pcusa.org/243541001>. If you don't want to order the entire packet, attachment #2 is a scan of a postcard. It could be printed, signed and mailed. Cards sent to Louisville are simply forwarded to the UN Office, so you might as well send them direct: Presbyterian Ministry at the UN, 777 United Nations Plaza, Suite 7A, New York, NY 10017.

UN COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN... If you would like to be part of the PW Delegation to the Commission on the *Status of Women* at the United Nations, the information can be found at <http://www.pcusa.org/resource/invitation-and-application-56th-session-commission/>.

PROJECT GREENWAY... Author Patty Chapman calls our attention to the article on Project Greenway in the latest issue of Horizons magazine! There is also a web exclusive with more pics of that event. Here are the links: <http://horizons.pcusa.org/magazines/2011/hrznjlag11/greenway.pdf> and <http://horizons.pcusa.org/magazines/2011/hrznjlag11/greenwayexclusive.pdf>. There are some really neat ideas here.
-Judy Wason, Co-Moderator of PWP of Hudson River

TOGETHER IN SERVICE

Currently there is some discussion on your Synod Coordinating Team regarding the function of the Coordinator of Together in Service. Further definition of the role will take place at the Coordinating Team Meeting in October.

The Together in Service program on the Churchwide level is being redefined as there has been much discussion regarding its direction and how it should be promoted. Together in Service is under the umbrella of “Celebration Giving” which encompasses the entire mission giving we do as Presbyterian Women of the PCUSA. In fact any mission we do is considered in this category.

Some of the ideas suggested by Churchwide are to continue to support the Roma Development Project which provides Roma women in Eastern Europe with the means to be self supporting so they may

assist their families and their respective communities.

Another project is the **Healthy Women Healthy Families** Mother’s Day Project which supports many health ventures in Africa to keep women healthy. The NetWorkers Malaria Prevention Program is now supported through this program.

Local PWs continue to support their favorite mission projects here and around the world: everything from making baby caps for African hospitals or even local preemie hospital wards to raising money for bicycles not just in Malawi but even in some of the needy areas of our own country.

Contributions to all facets of giving are doing Together in Service. Continue to look for further updates on giving in the next **Lighthouse** by whomever is chosen to promote the various areas of mission giving.

— Susan Silliman Smith, outgoing Coordinator of TIS

Have you VISITED our WEBSITE LATELY??...

For up-to-date information regarding meetings, events and general information, don’t hesitate to go to www.pwsne.org.

On the lighter side...From church bulletins...

- The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.
- The sermon this morning: ‘Jesus Walks on Water.’ The sermon tonight: ‘Searching for Jesus.’
- Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM – prayer and medication to follow.
- Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM. Please use the back door.

NEWS from the PRESBYTERIES...

ALBANY...

Hello All, On April 16, 2011, I was installed as the new moderator of Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Albany. I will be replacing Gloria Ghirarduzzi. I am still a communication coordinator and have chaired the Fall and Spring Gatherings for PW in the Albany Presbytery. I was one of several members who helped put our new bylaws in place, last year. On July 22-24, 2011, I had the pleasure of attending the Triennial Gathering of PW in the Synod of the Northeast at the Desmond. It was spiritually lifting and very informative. I attended workshops, and very special fellowship. The PW in the Albany Presbytery will be starting up in September 2011 at our Coordinating Team Meeting. The new moderator of PWSNE, Charlotte Hasselbarth, who is also on the Leadership Enhancement Task Force for PWSNE, will be teaching our group several activities she has learned for use at PW Gatherings and CT meetings to assist with developing PW groups to meet the needs of today's women. I believe from knowledge, we have power to do Jesus' work. I would like to encourage more people to attend some of the Synod events and would like to personally meet you at our Fall Gathering in October.

-Jo-Ann Baccardi, Moderator PWP, Albany

NORTHERN NEW YORK...

Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of Northern New York 's Coordinating Team will meet Thursday, September 8, 2011 in Potsdam at the Ponderosa Restaurant at 9:30 AM. Our Fall Gathering is set for Saturday, October 15, 2011, at the First Presbyterian Church in Canton at 9:30 AM.

-Emily F. Castine, Moderator PWP Northern NY

**CHURCHWIDE GATHERING
JULY 18-22, 2011
ORLANDO, FLORIDA
Save the date!!!**

UTICA & CAYUGA /SYRACUSE...

Presbyterian Women's Retreat

September 14, 2011

2:00 PM (Registration) –

2:00 PM, September 15, 2011

Vanderkamp

Martin Road, Cleveland, NY

Come Join Us for a Spiritual Renewal!

All women in any Presbytery are cordially invited to join us!

Our program leader will be Rick Ufford-Chase. Rick is co-founder of Luke 6 Project and the Community of Living Traditions at Stony Point Center. He will be speaking to us about "Pursuing Peace in This Time of Fear." He is a very dynamic and energetic speaker who warms the hearts of all that hear him. Come and enjoy his message for us of love, hope and peace and be *spiritually renewed*.

Donna Mucks, well known singer, songwriter and guitarist will also be joining us

Cost of three meals and overnight lodging is \$60.00 due by September 1, 2011. Bring Bible, pad & pencil/pen, sleeping bag or sheets & blankets, pillow, towel, wash cloth, toiletries, casual clothing, flashlight and a snack to share (1 per church group attending).

Cayuga-Syracuse ladies send your reservation and check to Marcia Vair, PO Box 248, Morrisville, NY 13408.

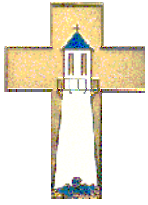
All others please send reservation and check to Vivian Brucker, 4 Lansing Place, Boonville, NY 13309.

Registration Form:

Name and Address: _____

Phone # _____ Church _____

Presbytery _____ E-mail _____



A Beacon of Light



"Arise; shine; for your light has come..." Isaiah 60:1

Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Northeast

2011 Leadership Enhancement Workshop

(Formerly Moderator Training)

Stony Point Conference Center, Stony Point, N.Y.

Saturday, October 29, 2011, 9:30 am – 3:30 pm

All women are invited.

Saturday's workshop will include interactive activities, tools for leadership, sharing ideas and a Communion Service.

The Continental breakfast for day attendees is from 9:00-9:30 am.

Pre-event activities:

- Fri. Oct. 28, '11: 4pm-6pm and 7pm-9pm: **PW in the Synod of the Northeast Coordinating Team Meeting.**
- Fri. Oct. 28, '11: 7pm-9pm: *Not Just for Moderator's Round Table*, which will be an informal discussion led by Virginia Champlin. Anyone arriving on Fri. is invited. If you plan to attend, please send any questions or suggestions for discussion topics to Virginia at danvirginiac@aol.com. Due to the PWSNE CT meeting, PWP Moderators on the PWSNE Coordinating Team will miss this activity.

Registration Information and Form

- Check in time is 3pm.
- 1 PWP Moderator per Presbytery and PWSNE Coordinating Team members pay only the registration fee of \$15 and are covered at the double occupancy rate. 3 meals per day are included. Pay \$40 extra per night for single room.
- Non-PWP Moderator or PWSNE CT members coming for Sat. during the day only: program fee (continental breakfast, lunch and registration) of \$45.
- Non-PWP Moderator or PWSNE CT members staying over, Fri. and/or Sat. night pay a registration fee of \$15 plus \$90 per night for double occupancy room or \$130 for single occupancy room. Room cost includes 3 meals per day.
- **Registration questions:** contact Jane MacDonald: 973-383-4166 or jkmac@nac.net
- **Program questions:** contact Charlotte Hasselbarth: 518-356-0637 or chasselbarth@hotmail.com

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-Mail _____

Roommate (you will be assigned a roommate, if one isn't requested) _____

*Sat., Oct 29 day attendee only: _____

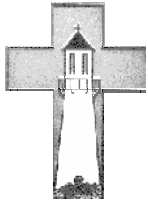
*attending *Not Just for Moderator's Only Round Table*: _____

*Reservations: Fri. night: __ Sat. night: __ double occupancy: __ single occupancy: __

Send this form and your check to registrar by Oct 10, 2011 to:

Jane MacDonald
36 Carriage Lane
Newton, N.J. 07860-1927

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Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Northeast



**CALENDAR OF
OPPORTUNITIES AND REMINDERS**

	Calendar of events and reminders	For	Location
2011			
Sept. 14-15	PWP-Utica/Cayuga-Syracuse Retreat	All Women	Vandercamp, Cleveland, NY
Sept. 21	PWP-Geneva "Day of Inspiration" and Fall Gathering	All Women	Camp Whitman
Sept. 24	PWP-Newton Fall Gathering	All Women	TBA
Oct 1st	PWP-Palisades Fall Gathering	All Women	Mideast Evangelical Church Jersey City, NJ
Oct 5	PW Night in Japan offered by the Mayfield Presbyterian Women	All Women	First Broadalbin Presbyterian Church
Oct 15	PWP-Elizabeth Fall Retreat	All Women	TBA
Oct. 22	PWP-Monmouth Fall Gathering	All Women	Freehold PC
Oct. 28	Fall Coordinating Team meeting for PWSNE	CT	Stony Point
Oct. 28	Not Just for Moderators Roundtable	All Women	Stony Point
Oct. 29	PWSNE Leadership Enhancement Workshop (formerly Mod. Training) -- A BEACON OF LIGHT	All Women	Stony Point, NY
Nov. 12	Taller de Liderato y Crecimiento Espiritual	Todas las Mujeres	
2012			
Jan. 15	Deadline for Women of Faith endorsements		
Feb. 1	PWP Historian reports due to Corinne Wiley		
Feb. 1	Lighthouse deadline: articles due to Gail Banks		
Feb. 24-26	PWP-Newton Retreat	All Women	Mendham, NJ
May 19	NYC PWP Spring Gathering	All Women	TBA
July 18-22	Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women	All Women	Orlando, Florida

Annual Recurring Deadlines

Jan. 15	Deadline for Women of Faith endorsements
Feb. 1, Aug. 1	Lighthouse articles due to Gail Banks
Feb. 1, Aug. 1	PWP Historian reports due to Corinne Wiley
Mar. 15	Pledges due to Treasurer Sharon Hsu
Mar. 15	PWSCT expense vouchers due to Treasurer Sharon Hsu
Mar. 25	Pledge Payments due to Central Receiving and PWS Treasurer
May 1	PWP Directory due to Churchwide Program Assistant Patricia.Longfellow@pcusa.org
May 15	Annual Reports due to PWS from PWP Moderators, send to Kathleen Martinez
June 1	Mission Reports due to PWS from PWP Mission Coordinators, send to Susan Silliman Smith

Presbyterians Say No Child Soldiers

Then little children were being brought to him in order that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples spoke sternly to those who brought them; but Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs." And he laid his hands on them and went on his way.

Matthew 19:13-15

Who is a child soldier?

UNICEF defines as a "child soldier" as any child—boy or girl—under 18 years of age, who is part of any kind of regular or irregular armed force or armed group in any capacity, including, but not limited to: cooks, porters, messengers, and anyone accompanying such groups other than family members. It includes girls and boys recruited for forced sexual purposes or forced marriage. The definition does not only refer to a child who is carrying, or has carried, weapons. The U.S. State Department explains, "Child soldiering is a unique and severe manifestation of trafficking in persons that involves the unlawful recruitment of children through force, fraud, or coercion to be exploited for their labor or to be abused as sex slaves in conflict areas."

How many child soldiers are there?

UNICEF estimates that some 300,000 children—boys and girls under the age of 18—are involved in conflicts worldwide. Most are abducted or forcibly recruited; others are driven to join by poverty, abuse, and discrimination or to seek revenge for violence enacted against them or their families.

What does international law say about using children as soldiers?

On February 12, 2002, an international treaty, the *Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict* entered into effect, banning the use of children under age 18 in war. The treaty has been ratified by over 130 member states of the United Nations, including the United States. However, nearly 60 nations have yet to ratify the treaty. Since 2009, some 13 nations have ratified the treaty.

How are the nations and peoples of the world addressing this issue?

- Since 2002, the international "Red Hand Campaign" has worked to address the use of child soldiers. The campaign calls nations to ratify the *Optional Protocol*. In addition, it calls on the nations that have ratified the treaty, the United Nations, and the international community to implement the provisions of the treaty.
- UNICEF and other organizations have developed programs to disarm, demobilize, and reintegrate children who have been used as soldiers. This work has taken place in Afghanistan, Angola, Burundi, Colombia, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Liberia, Mozambique, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, and Uganda.
- Individuals are being prosecuted before the International Criminal Court for recruiting and using child soldiers.

How are Presbyterians addressing this issue?

- Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) mission partners in Sudan and elsewhere have ministries that work to reintegrate children who have been used as soldiers.
- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance works with local partners to help rehabilitate ex-combatants in West Africa, a large number of whom were abducted as children and forced to become soldiers.
- The Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations, the office on Child Advocacy, and the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program have equipped Presbyterians with means to participate in the Red Hand Campaign since 2009.
- Presbyterians Red Hands and related letters are sent to officials at the United Nations who are from nations that have not yet ratified the *Optional Protocol*.
- As of May 2011, Presbyterian Red Hands have been sent to representatives of 30 nations. Two of these nations have ratified the *Optional Protocol*; and one has signed it—thus completing the first step in the ratification process.
- The 208th General Assembly (1996) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) voted to support the efforts of UNICEF to "find means of protecting children in situations of conflict to prevent their use as soldiers."
- Order an information card to use for advocacy, education, and organizing. Order PDS 24-354-10-001 at store.pcusa.org/.
- Contact Mark Koenig at mark.koenig@pcusa.org for liturgical resources.

"UN Treaties alone obviously won't demobilize all the world's child soldiers, but their main role is to put down a legal placeholder."

Michelle Chen, writer and activist

Making Red Hands Presbyterian Red Hand Campaign

What Is the Issue:

On February 12, 2002, a new treaty came into being that prohibits the use of children under the age of eighteen as soldiers in war. Nonetheless, UNICEF estimates that as many as 300,000 children are involved in conflicts worldwide.

Presbyterians have joined the effort to end the use of children as soldiers. The Red Hand Campaign is an international movement to encourage nations of the world to ratify the *Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict*. This protocol establishes 18 as the minimum age for compulsory recruitment and requires nations to do everything they can to prevent individuals under the age of 18 from taking a direct part in hostilities. The Red Hands Campaign seeks to encourage nations to ratify the *Optional Protocol* and to enforce its ban on the use of children in hostilities.

At different times, Red Hands are delivered to different international leaders. But always the message is the same: Children are children, not soldiers!

The Office of Child Advocacy, the Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations, and the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program are coordinating efforts within the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

How to Participate:

For a simple version of Red Hands, use red construction paper and black markers (or white construction paper and red markers). Invite participants to trace their hands on the paper and write a message about why using children as soldiers is a bad idea. Individuals may write their name, town, state, and country on the paper.

As an alternative, use paint to make the Red Hands.

What You Need:

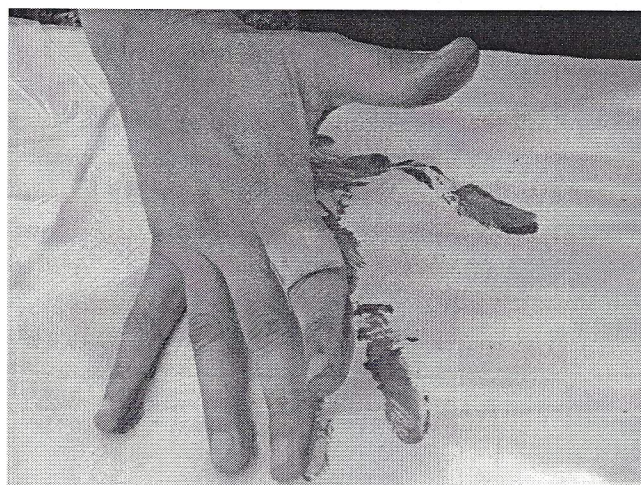
- 8 1/2" x 11" sheets of white or red paper or pieces of muslin cloth cut to 8 1/2" x 11".
- Fine-lined marking pens or fabric pens.
- Red tempera paint.
- Dishwashing liquid.
- Aluminum pie plate.
- Water and towels for clean-up.

What You Do:

1. In advance, mix up some thick red tempera paint. Add a little liquid dishwashing soap for easier cleanup easier.
2. Tell the participants about the Red Hand Campaign, using the information above. Find additional information at www.pcusa.org/children.
3. Invite the participants to think about what they would say to the adults in the United Nations about child soldiers. Then encourage them to print their message at the top of the sheet of paper, with their name, town, state and country at the bottom. Tell them to be sure to leave enough space in the center of the page for their handprint.
4. Using the red paint, participants can make a red handprint on their sheet of paper.
5. Set the handprints aside to dry.
6. Individual Red Hands can be made or a group of handprints may be created on one piece of muslin.

When the Red Hands Are Made:

Send Red Hands to Office of Child Advocacy, 100 Witherspoon Street, Louisville, KY 40202. They will be combined with Red Hands from across the country and delivered to appropriate world leaders.



Office of Child Advocacy
Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations
Presbyterian Peacemaking Program
Compassion, Peace and Justice
General Assembly Mission Council
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
100 Witherspoon Street
Louisville, KY 40202
800-728-7228, ext. 8700



Children are Children **Not Soldiers!**



Contact Information

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHILD ADVOCACY OFFICE, PEACEMAKING PROGRAM AND UN OFFICE INVITE YOU TO SAY 'NO' TO THE USE OF CHILD SOLDIERS:

Write your own message calling for an end to the use of child soldiers inside the red hand on the attached card. Include your contact information, and mail it to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Child Advocacy Office. It will be sent to officials at the United Nations.

WHAT IS THE ISSUE?

Human Rights Watch reports that children under age 18 are currently used as soldiers in at least 14 countries. UNICEF estimates that as many as 300,000 children are engaged in armed conflicts. This all takes place despite international laws that prohibit the use of children as soldiers.

WHAT IS THE RESPONSE?

People around the world have responded with a call to action: The Red Hand Campaign. The message of the Red Hand Campaign is clear. Red hand prints proclaim the message to the world—children should NOT be used as soldiers! Over 300,000 red hands have already been delivered to world leaders. The Red Hand Campaign calls for universal ratification and enforcement of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict. The goal is for every country in the world to ratify the optional protocol by 2012, the 10th anniversary of the treaty.

HOW DO WE GET INVOLVED?

Start your own campaign in your church, school or community. Visit www.pcusa.org/children for creative ideas and a Red Hand Campaign kit.

Send letters to the United Nations missions of countries that have not ratified the Optional Protocol. Find sample letters and send them online at: www.hrw.kintera.org/child-soldiers-treaty.

For more information, visit www.pcusa.org/children.





**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
SYNOD of THE NORTHEAST
COORDINATING TEAM
2011-2012**



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