

The Lighthouse



August 2013

Presbyterian Women in the Synod of Northeast



Charlotte Hasselbarth

Moderators Message

How can PW reach the non - PW world? We have a lot to offer to people who are not involved in PW. There have been several successes in this area.

- From the Synod of the Northeast there were 3 applications for a '14

Birthday Offering Grant.

- The Brazilian Immigrant Center received a \$5000 Thank Offering grant for it's Domestic Workers Project located in Bridgeport, CT. The staff person who wrote for the grant found us by doing a Google Search for "grants faith based groups"

- A member of the Presbytery Council in the Presbytery of Albany arranged for copy of a *Horizons* Bible study was given to every clergy person at the last Presbytery meeting.

- 2 clergy have told me that they use the *Horizons* Bible study as adult ed.

I wonder:

- Is there a group on your area that would qualify for a Birthday of Thank Offering grant?

- Is there a group in your church or community who would be interested in the *Horizons* Bible Study?

- Is there place where you could donate old *Horizons* Bible Studies and Magazines where they would be used?

- How do women in your congregation not involved in PW learn about PW activities?

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Editor's Note: Next Lighthouse due Feb. 1. Hints, label subject in your email : "for Lighthouse Feb14." You can tell me other info in body of email. Any changes you want please let me know. Sent pics of your PPGs

Your editor, Susan Silliman Smith.

Message from the Vice Moderator

JoAnn Burrell

Can you believe we are now in the second half of the year two thousand thirteen. Wow! This year is moving so fast! When I was a little girl, days seemed long and slow. I wondered constantly, when am I ever going to grow up. Now, the days just seem to whiz by. I am happy I am here to feel the heat, smell the flowers, feel the breeze, and watch the birds. I am now a bird watcher. I wake each morning to the sound of a lovely bird singing sweetly outside my window. I can't find her in the bushes. It is a sweet song that woos me out of bed. I tiptoe over to the window. I quietly put my binoculars up to my eyes (I keep them by the window), but I never find her. She is there singing. Always hidden; never seen, but there. I don't see her today, but I realize that I get to do it again tomorrow. One day, I will see her. Oh, God is so good!

The Triennial Gathering is coming along. We will be at a beautiful new venue (Silver Bay YMCA Conference Center) that offers something for everyone. We will be looking at "Grace". God gives us Grace constantly, and we sometimes take it for grant it. In 2014, we will discern God's Grace. Our theme is "Grace Abounds", and our Scripture is 2 Corinthians 9:8. We have lined up interesting and exciting guest speakers and Learning Circle Leaders (some you know, some you don't). Saturday night will be a bit different from what you are used to. When you are asked do you have a talent you would like to share with us, I urge you to share it with us Saturday night. Also, I need volunteers to help in a number of areas during the Gathering, so let me know if you can help. Save your money, and come on up, down, over to the Triennial Gathering at Silver Bay, July 18 – 20, 2014.

Moderators, Vice Moderators, Co-Moderators, and any everyone who wants to learn, meet new people, get new ideas, and find out what's happening, come to the Leadership Training November 8 – 9, 2013 at Stony Point Conference Center. Stony Point Center is a lovely place with good food, and a relaxed atmosphere. You will get a lot out of it. You can watch birds with me there also!

Let's explore together the many issues confronting women, children, and men throughout the world. Issues like trafficking, racial justice, medical issues, Autism, immigration, governmental changes, gun control, interstate commerce, social justice, findings from the USA Mission to Eastern Tennessee and Western North Carolina.

Let's continue to laugh, love, listen, share, work together, and rejoice in the adventure of life. See you in November!

The 57th Commission on the Status of Women New York City March 1- March 15, 2013

Dotsie Shaw Coordinator for Justice and Peace

I start my message with a **"thank you"** to members of the Synod coordinating team who helped pay for my train trip to New York City so that I could attend the United Nations 57th Commission on the Status of Women in March, 2013.

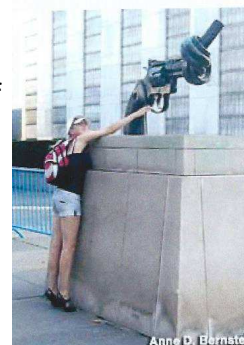
The experience of the Commission (aka CSW) was one every Presbyterian Woman should have. For me, it was an endorsement of what the church stands for – advocacy for the ones who live with violence, poverty, distrust, and fear. Those of us who stand by and claim our Christianity need to take notice and become advocates for women (and girls) who struggle for life, rights, equality and justice at the local level.

The theme this year was "the elimination and prevention of all forms of violence against women and girls", one of the platforms of the Peking Convention in 1995 when 36,000 participants from around the world gathered devoting the subject to women with the purpose of listening to women's stories. The concept of the commission came from the mind of First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt who called on world governments to encourage women to take a more active part in national and international affairs in 1946. The commission is now a part of United Nations Economic and Social Council. The Commission was organized by Ecumenical Women, many of whom we met the first day of the 2 week convention.

Every morning at 8 AM we met at the UN Church Center Chapel for an ecumenical worship service. From there women (and a few men) attended an NGO of their choice, starting at 8:30 AM and going through the day until 9 at night. This is where the "meat" of the commission occurred. The following titles give you some idea of what we heard from various panels:

1. ECPAT – Carol Smolenski, head of ECPAT and four others dealing with issues.
2. Feminenza – a program for women acknowledging "fear".
3. Men as allies in ending gender-based violence.
4. Developing justice: transforming frameworks to address inequality.
5. A Global Outcry: it should not hurt to be a Girl.
6. Violence Against Women: will the churches help?

Knotted gun at
UN



For example, on Tuesday, March 5, there were 63 NGOs to choose from – at 8:30 AM located at 5 different venues! Some of the topics were very specific, some general – all fascinating and worth learning about. Sometimes we sat on the floor of the many Church Center rooms because all the chairs were taken - the topic was of great interest and importance to so many.

You would be proud of our Presbyterian representatives at the UN. Rev. Mark Koenig is head of the ministerial staff and internships at the UN. Rev. Ryan Smith, our special advocate and representative to the UN ; he holds special status and can speak and write in the UN. Meagan Manas - Justice and Peace program specialist for Presbyterian Women and chair of Ecumenical Women.

There are many visible efforts we can do to stress our involvement in the movement to end violence against women and girls. One is the ORANGE RIBBON campaign. One of our PW moderators, Lori Evans, has been inspired to advocate for this effort. The **orange ribbon** should be worn on the **25th of each month** showing your support to "end violence against women and girls". Lori has the support of the Brick Town Mayor's Office. She received permission to "paint the town orange". "The UN and US Congress recently endorsed a Bill and Campaign to stop the violence against women," Lori tells. The ribbon is a symbol of the desire to end violence in all descriptions of the word – at home, on the streets, in the super market, in schools, in churches. Take up the cause and wear ORANGE on the 25th of each month!! Thank you, Lori.

Think about attending the 58th Commission on the Status of Women in March, 2014. The topic is: women in science and technology – increasing opportunities in education, research, and employment. Looks pretty interesting to me!
July, 2013



USA Mission Experience 2013

Rita Hooper

I have just returned from the USA Mission Experience in Appalachia. We went back to school to learn the history and culture of the area. We learned the impact of the Presbyterians both then and now. We visited food banks, jails and hospitals, even the Tooth Bus. We took part in a poverty simulation and selected homes that would be part of a work project. We met with a woman who has taken the burden of human trafficking upon her heart and is working to make a difference. Oh there is so much to tell about this beautiful area of our great country. I would love to share what I learned with your PW groups. I have 5 'gigs' in October and 1 in September already on the calendar. Send me an e-mail or give me a call – I'll be itinerating for the next 2 years! Rita Hooper 315-706-3564 twohoops2@juno.com.



Children from the church at Chucky, Tn, sang for our supper following worship at the Presbyterian Churches in the area. One little girl asked one of our ladies if she could take her and her 3 siblings home - they were looking for a place to live...together.

Mr. Blue is a patient at Mission Children's Hospital near Asheville. He shows the kids that there is nothing to be afraid of when they have to go through the MRI machine. Notice his earplugs and IV. He also has veins and a 'port' in his chest. Then they slide him in a 'pretend' MRI just his size.



I'm happy and proud to say that the donations from PWP's and PW's in the congregations for Rita Hooper's participation in the USAME trip was \$1,960. This is more than what was requested by churchwide PW. We now have resources for expenses associated with the trip, such as hosting someone from Appalachia, Rita's airfare to and from the trip's start and end point. Charlotte Hasselbarth

Together in Service

Rita Hooper, Coordinator

Are you looking for a hands on project for your PW? Check out the site 'daysforgirls.org'

What if not having sanitary supplies kept you isolated during menstruation? DAYS without school. DAYS without income. No leaving your room... for DAYS. It happens worldwide to women in struggling communities. Girls miss up to 3 months of school in just 1 year. Worse, girls are often exploited in exchange for hygiene. It turns out this issue is one of the keys to social change. It's hard to imagine, but true for women all over the world.

Days for Girls empowers Days of education. Days of health. Days of safety. Days of dignity. So far our efforts have reached over 60,000 girls and women in 60 nations on 6 continents and counting. There are millions to go, and thanks to thousands of exceptional volunteers and collaborations worldwide, it's working. YOU can help.

This site will show you how to make a kit for girls and women who have no access to sanitary supplies. There are also a number of other sites that will show you how to make washable sanitary pads. If you don't know how to 'google' ask one of your friends for help.

On another note – drop me a line and let me know what your group has been up to...I just love to share and spread the good word of PW! Reporting is no longer mandatory but it is nice to know.

News from Horizons

“Helloooo, Out There!, From Maxine G. Hunter, PWSNE Horizons Representative

This spring I attended the **2013-2014 Horizons Bible** study workshop at Stony Point Conference Center. As I set listening as well as taking copious notes, I scribbled these words in the margarine: “Helloooo, out there!”

You may be asking, “Helloooo, out there? But the study is **“An Abiding Hope: the Presence of God in Exodus and Deuteronomy”**? Why or where did this “Helloooo” thought come from”? I’ll try to explain.

First: **Exodus and Deuteronomy** are scriptures that tell us to care about people. There is specific emphasis on the caring for widows, orphans and strangers. God is reminding us to care for all humankind, particularly those that are most vulnerable.

Second: The study also revolves around the theme of migration/migrant. Thus, the word migrant was defined: **1) Environmental migrants:** peoples moved/displaced because of storms, earthquake, fire, draught or famine; **2) Political Refugee migrants:** those who flee or if they don’t flee, die. Often they are in refugee camps with minimal amounts of care and where they can neither really stay nor move-on; **3) War refugees:** they are migrants that are caught in the middle of battle. They are not in a safe place. To survive they must move; 4) and **Seasonal Worker** migrants: these are people seeking a better life.

Third: The concern: These peoples often (if not always) find themselves in a political no-man’s-land. They are often exploited. Women, youth and children are targeted by those with unsavory motivations. Migrants find themselves trapped in these dangerous situations where they can’t go back because that is dangerous. They can’t stand still, because that is dangerous. They need to go forward, but they are blocked. People trapped in limbo. They are metaphorically in jail. Who hears their cries and prayers? Is anyone listening? This is the moment during the lecture when I scribbled in my notes, “Hellooo, out there!”

Let me explain: When I was in high school (over 50 years ago) my drama class put on a one-act play titled, **“Hello, Out There”** by Armenian-American playwright, William Saroyan. As the curtain rose, the stage was cast in minimal light. The only prop on stage was a small jail cell. A prisoner set silhouetted behind the bars. All was quiet. Then an agonizing howl, “Helloooo, out there!” filled the auditorium. I have never forgotten the loneliness and despair dramatized in this moment.

Just like the isolated prisoner from the one-act play, as I listened to our lecturer I felt the loneliness and despair that humankind often finds itself: Crying out and no one is listening! I call these feelings/realities in my life as “helloooo” moments.

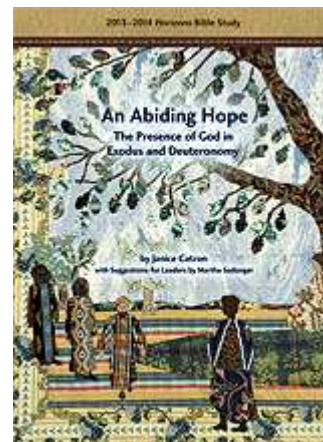
To discover your own “hello moment”, and renew your understanding of God’s abiding hope as it relates to the story of migrations then and now, I highly recommend the **2013-2014 Horizon Bible Study, “An Abiding Hope: The Presence of God in Exodus and Deuteronomy”**. Though this study you will be challenged, enlightened and rekindled with hope.

Women of Faith

Shirley Fine

The Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of NYC celebrated the gifts of women called to lead at their eighth Women of Faith Luncheon on March 16, 2013. Unsung-heroine in many churches, and community servant, works tirelessly behind the scene getting things done with little or no recognition. Therefore, we recognized 15 women from various congregations to receive our auspicious PW Award. Our keynote speaker was the noteworthy Rev. Rose McCray Niles, Associate of Theological Education and Seminary Relations, and our theme, “Vision expanded by Faith.”

In celebration of her Gifts and talents, our Vision Expanded by Faith luncheon was dedicated to Ruling Elder Mary E. Martin. Elder Martin, a phenomenal Woman, who used her God given gifts and talents to nurture and strength Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of NYC. . She was a behind the scenes heroine, that used her gifts to encourage others to find and develop their God given gifts. Gone yet not forgotten, although we are apart, your spirit lives within us, forever in our hearts: past moderator, leader/teacher /friend, newspaper editor, originator of women of faith luncheon and many committees and councils within the Presbytery of New York City.



Your Thank Offering at Work



Thursday, June 13, seven women represented the Synod of the Northeast at a Thank You luncheon, hosted by the Brazilian Immigrant Center in New Canaan, Ct. BIC is a recipient of PW's Thank Offering. Our ladies came from NY, NJ and Ct. We were welcomed by Meghan Vesel, Deputy Director and blessed as their executive director Natalicia Tracy (Mass. BIC) and Nellie Alta.... a domestic worker originally from Ecuador, shared their stories and told us about their journeys; from Exploitation to Empowerment. The mission of BIC is to help the domestic worker, most easily defined as a nannie, house cleaner or elderly care attendant. These people are often immigrants. While many are educated in their own countries they may not be able to find employment in their field here. Teachers, social workers and lawyers may find themselves as domestic workers in the United States. They are in need of a job and do what is asked of them sometimes to the detriment of themselves, their children and their own families.

BIC is open to all regardless of immigration status, nationality, gender, sexual orientation, religion or any other status. They work through advocacy and mediation programs, educational workshops ranging from safety issues to English and citizenship classes. They are currently working on a Bill of Rights for Domestic Workers in Ct.

BIC began in Mass. and is expanding to CT. with their headquarters in Bridgeport.

There is so much more to tell, but just wanted to share with my sisters who were not able to attend. I am so glad to be part of an organization that works with other groups to make a change that makes a difference. Your Thank Offering Money is being well spent!

Peace..... Rita Hooper, Together in Service Coordinator for PW in the Synod of the Northeast from Presbytery of Cayuga-Syracuse

Ecumenical Advocacy Days – Apr. 5-8 2013

Bobbie Knickerbocker, Coordinator Celebration Giving NNE

What a wonderful opportunity! Working at the Brethren Service Center for a couple of days and attending Ecumenical Advocacy Days with a focus on food justice. Both are dear to my heart.

For several years I have been president of Nashua Area Church Women United. When one of our members passed away, her daughter, also a member, challenged us to fill school kits in her memory. The next year we switched to health kits and this year our ten to twelve members provided 60 health kits and five clean-up buckets for Church World Service. Checking many, many health kits during our two days at the center brought home the need to follow the directions and provide exactly what is on the list.

I have been a hunger advocate for nearly forty years, walking for and working on CROP committees, and as a member of Bread for the World. It was exciting to be at Ecumenical Advocacy Days with over nine hundred people with the same desire to eradicate hunger. The most significant information I came home with is about the 1,000 Days campaign. The 1,000 days between a woman's pregnancy and her child's second birthday offer a critical window of opportunity to build a healthier and more prosperous future. For everyone! I plan to use this information at our PWPNE retreat and during the Offering of Letters at Nashua Presbyterian Church to encourage people to write to their congressmen and women about the Farm bill.

Highlights of CNY PPG

The Women of the Central New York PPG gathered together at the beautiful White Eagle Conference Center on Lake Moraine on July 27, 2013. Our theme was "The Journey of the Soul and Spirit" It was a delightful day with lots of joy and learning. Highlights, Learning from Judy

Leadership Enhancement Grant

PW in the Synod of the Northeast has received a \$2000 from the Churchwide PW Leadership Enhancement Committee grant for the creation of a multi-session *Racial Ethnic Dialog*, so that women from different cultures and ethnic groups can come together and share their experiences plus make plans for increased understanding. A planning committee of 5 people has been established. There is still a need for additional members. Contact Charlotte Hasselbarth at 518-356-0637 or chasselbarth@hotmail.com, if you have an interest in this area.

Winfield regarding worldwide refugees. Did you know around 45 million persons are forcibly displaced. In Utica area they have around 6,000 Bosnians, 3500 from Burma, 2500 from Russia, 100 each from Cambodia and Bhutan, and around 500 from Africa and Afghanistan. Judy has another mission where she and her husband go to Thailand helping students get education there. Also heard from Caroline Hood a young college student tell of her experiences of bringing the Good News of the Gospel to students in China. She says she just thirsts for it and wants to know more and be baptized. We had a skit regarding the Horizon's Bible Study. Anne Reynolds was creative in taking our theme drawing of the tree with the Fruits of the Spirit and making a puzzle out of it. Each participant was given a puzzle piece in their goody bag to help put it together again. She also discussed this. After a delicious lunch, a unique Fashion Show was presented by the women from the Second Hand Rose Consignment shop, a mission of the Presbyterian Women of First Presbyterian in Oneida. Gail Banks of Cayuga-Syracuse gave a very entertaining commentary for the fashion show. Closing worship and Communion was held down on the lake shore with a message from Barbara Epley Schuck on the Fruits of the Spirit and Communion led by The Rev. Dr. Patricia Shick. (See photo highlights on the page 8.)

Photos CNY PPG



Above: Judy Winfield, right photo, Caroline Hood



Left photo, The Rev. Dr. Patricia Shick



Above: Barbara Epley-Schuck



Some waiting for the service to begin overlooking Lake Moraine



Modeling for us with a big smile.

A Note from HUDSON RIVER PW

Our Presbytery has a long (30+years) history of support for the dynamic RURAL AND MIGRANT MINISTRY program. Many of our churches aid the work of RRM with both financial support and advocacy. (Take a look at their fine web page: <http://www.ruralmigrantministry.org/>.) On a regular basis our Hudson River PW sponsors women to attend their annual *DESTINY RURAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE*. We also encourage our local PW groups to join in to offer financial help for individual worthy women to attend this conference. (*This is a unique opportunity for rural women to connect and gain strength from one another and their allies as they develop networks for change.*) The cost per woman this year is \$501. If your local PW or Presbytery PW would join us in supporting RRM women, you could send checks to Rural & Migrant Ministry, PO Box 4757 Poughkeepsie, NY 12602

Utica PW News

As many of you know the Oneida, New York and areas around had in early July serious flash flooding due to the heavy rains. The Deacons and members of Oneida First Presbyterian Church have joined forces along with many other volunteers from other churches and the community to reach out and give a helping hand. Many of the victims have been either left homeless or in dire need of assistance. Volunteers helped to rescue families and pets, set up food pantries, make and feed meals three times a day for weeks, dispatch clothing, clean up items provide shelter, appliances and comfort and in so many other ways as well. Muddy waters came rushing in minutes covering large areas with water levels reaching up to three feet into first floor living areas and businesses. Many are left homeless, without out autos or need to replace all belongings' What a blessing to see the community come forth to help.

Any questions should be referred to Jan Whiting, jpw606@twcny.rr.ny or 315-363-4392.

Utica-Cayuga Syracuse Retreat

The Cayuga-Syracuse and Utica PW will be having their annual Vanderkamp Retreat in Cleveland, New York on September 11-12, 2013 from 2:00PM Wednesday to 2:00PM Thursday. We alternate years and Utica PW is in charge of this year's event. Our Theme is "Nurturing the Mind, Body and Soul" – at time for spiritual renewal for God's disciples to get out in the wilderness for prayer, meditation and of sharing the many ways we experienced God at work in our daily life throughout this past year.

Our spiritual leader this year will be Amy Bobbette, Associate Director of Church World Service for Upstate New York. Amy has just returned from Serbia and Soviet Georgia. Caroline Hood, a young Missionary, who has just returned from China, will be telling us of her experiences setting up churches in China. We also will be blessed by local harpist Linda Kaiser, who will be with us for our closing Service.

We are always searching for a guitarist so if you or a friend has this talent we would love to have your presence.

All are welcome.

If you need more information you may contact:

Vivian Brucker vivbrucker@yahoo.com 315-942-4251

Or

Jan Whiting JPW606@twcny.rr.com 315-363-4392

(Editor's note)

Please find registration flyer from Utica PWP in this newsletter. Cayuga-Syracuse members should register with Marcia Vair, marciavair@twcny.rr.ny, all others with Utica. Everyone is welcome. We often have many from around the Synod come and enjoy themselves at our beautiful Vanderkamp Center. Vanderkamp, by the way is coming off a great summer camp season with most of the sessions having been full.

PW Events Coming around the Synod

Date	Event	Place
Aug. 18	Western NY PWP retreat	Chautauqua Institute
Sept. 7	NJ PPG gathering	Bound Brook, NJ
Sept. 11-12	Utica- Cayuga-Syracuse retreat	Vanderkamp Center, Cleveland, NY
Sept. 21	Newton PWP gathering	TBA
Sept. 21	Hispanic/ Latin PW leadership event	Hammonton, NJ
Sept. 28	WNY PPG gathering	Seneca Falls, NY
Oct. 5	NNY PWP gathering	Plattsburgh, NY
Oct. 5	Susquehanna Valley PWP gathering	TBA
Oct. 5	Metro NY PPG gathering	Holmes Retreat Center
Oct. 10	Cayuga-Syracuse PWP gathering	Amboy-Belle Isle Church Syracuse, NY
Oct. 12	Newark PWP gathering	TBA
Oct. 19	Palisades PWP Retreat	Tenafly, NJ
Oct. 19	West Jersey PWP gathering	Haddon Heights, NJ
Oct. 26	New England PPG gathering	Worcester, MA
Oct. 26	Monmouth PWP gathering	Freehold, NJ
Oct. 26	Elizabeth PWP gathering	Bethlehem Pres. Pittstown, NJ
Nov. 8	PWSNE Coordinating Team 2-6	Stony Point, NY
Nov. 8	PWSNE Business Meeting 7-9	Stony Point, NY
Nov. 9	PWSNE Leadership Enhancement 9:30-3:30	Stony Point, NY
Nov. 16	Hispanic/Latin PWP Leadership Workshop	La Trinidad Pres. Brooklyn, NY
2014 dates		
Feb 21-22	PW of Newton "Get Away with God"	Star Lake Lodge Bloomingdale, NJ
July 18-20	Triennial Gathering PWSNE	Sliver Bay Conference Center
2015		
June 18-22	PW Churchwide Gathering	Minneapolis, Minnesota

One heart, one love, one community—
visions of hope in the islands of the sea



November 4–20, 2014 • Presbyterian Women Global Exchange to the Caribbean

Every three years, a group of Presbyterian women travels to another part of the world to hear the joys and pain that our sisters there experience, and to share faith stories and ministries with one another.

It is a global exchange because, the following year, a group of women from the same part of the world is invited to itinerate in synods and participate in the Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women, to share their stories.

Celebrating our partnership with sisters in the Caribbean, together we will share our common concerns:

- cultures of violence that promote human trafficking, abuse of women and children, and other issues;
- declining church attendance; and
- disempowerment of women.

Together, we will work on our solutions by:

- developing and providing tools for reconciliation;
- creating strategies for bringing more people into the church community;
- empowering women in church and society through leadership development programs.

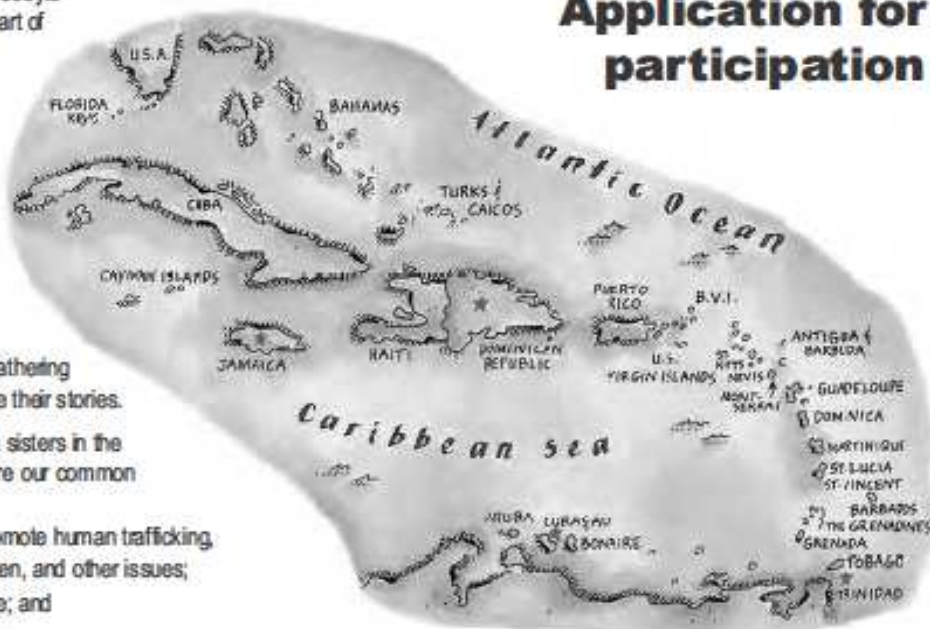
To learn more about Presbyterian Women's Global Exchange, visit www.pcusa.org/pw/missionmatters, or call the PW associate for mission at 502/569-5402.

Return this application to your PW in the Synod moderator no later than August 13, 2013. Send a copy to your PW in the Presbytery moderator and keep a copy for yourself.



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Application for participation

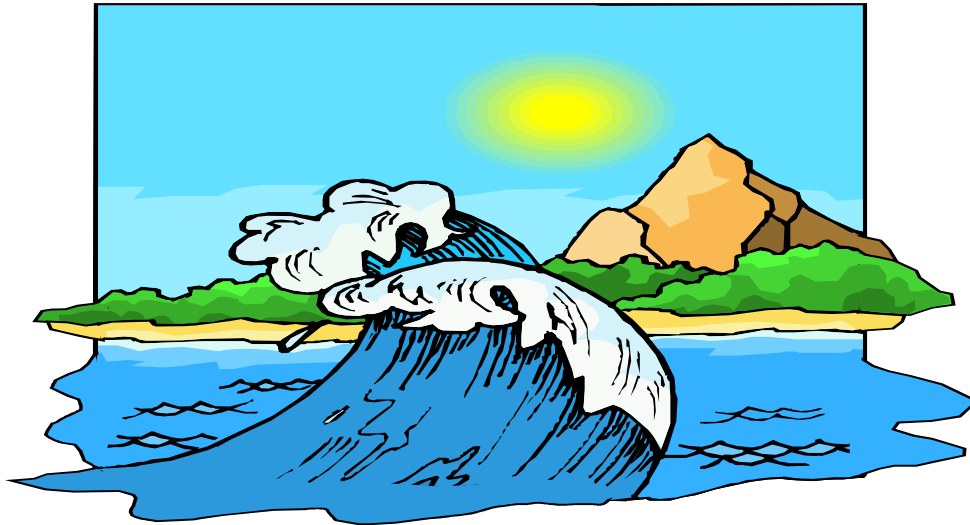


On that day the Lord will
extend his hand yet a second
time to recover the remnant
that is left of his people and
from the coastlands of the sea.

—Isaiah 11:11, NRSV

You Are Invited

To the NJ Presbyterian Women
Presbyterian Partnership Group
Gathering



ABIDING IN HOPE

Exodus 33:14 "My presence will go with you and I will give you rest."

Saturday, September 7, 2013

9 AM to 3 PM

The Presbyterian Church at Bound Brook, NJ

Keynote Speaker: The Rev. Mary-Lynn Morrison, Assistant Coordinator, Sandy
Response Team of Monmouth Presbytery

Horizons Bible Study ("An Abiding Hope: The Presence of God in Exodus and
Deuteronomy") Leader: Amy Aaroe, Moderator, Elizabeth PWP

Worship and Communion Leader: The Rev. Dr. Eileen W. Lindner, Pastor, The Presbyterian Church
at Tenafly

Registration form on next page

ABIDING IN HOPE

GATHERING

SPONSORED BY NJ PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PRESBYTERIAN PARTNERSHIP GROUP

Saturday, September 7, 2013 9 AM TO 3 PM

The Presbyterian Church at Bound Brook, NJ

409 Mountain Avenue, Bound Brook, NJ 08805

732-356-3575

DIRECTIONS:

From 287 Northbound: take exit 13A, Rt. 28 East - Union Avenue. Follow Union Avenue for 1.5 miles to traffic light at Mountain Ave. Turn left onto Mountain Ave then left onto Maple Ave. Turn immediately left into parking lot.

From 287 Southbound: take exit 13, Rt. 28. Turn left at top of ramp onto Rt.28 East - Union Ave. Travel 1.5 miles to light at Mountain Ave. Turn left onto Mountain Ave then left onto Maple Ave. Turn immediately left into parking lot.

From Route 22 Eastbound: take Mountain Ave. exit south toward Bound Brook. Turn right at Maple Ave then immediately left into parking lot.

From Route 22 Westbound: take the Mountain Ave. exit south toward Bound Brook. Turn right at Maple Ave. then immediately left into lot.

Registration fee: \$15.00 includes program costs, lunch &

Coffee And. Deadline to register is Saturday, August 31st.

Please return with check made out to PW First Presbyterian Church Newton to Jane MacDonald, Registrar, 36 Carriage Lane, Newton, NJ 07860-1927.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone number _____

Email address _____

Presbytery _____

Church _____



Presbyterian Women

Western New York ♦ Genesee Valley ♦ Geneva



PW Fall Gathering
Saturday, September 28, 2013
9:30 am – 3:00 pm
Seneca Falls Presbyterian Church

Journey of Change

“What are we next to do?”

(Elizabeth Cady Stanton, 1848)

The Presbyterian Women's Journey, “Where We've Been...Where We're Going” – Mary Cook Jorgenson, Churchwide PW Moderator
A Biblical Journey, “An Abiding Hope” – the Rev. Nancy Meehan Yao (Hector/Hammondsport)
A Personal Journey, “A Global Calling” – the Rev. Leah Ntuala (Seneca Falls)
The Women's Rights Journey – Park Ranger, Women's Rights National Historical Park
Worship leader – the Rev. Leslie Latham (Randolph)
Motion Choir (Kenmore)
Thank Offering Received & Dedicated
Afternoon assembling CWS kits or Visit Women's Rights National Park

\$10 Registration Fee for Program & Lunch - RSVP by Friday, September 13, 2013
Questions & Reservations Contact Lois Carter 607-742-0301 or carterlois@hotmail.com

Go to PWSNE.org to find the registration form or contact Lois Carter at the above info.



Out of Chaos, There is Hope



Romans 15:13 - May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN THE SYNOD OF THE NORTHEAST

LEADERSHIP ENHANCEMENT WORKSHOP

ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

**Saturday, November 9, 2013 - 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM
Stony Point Center, Stony Point, NY**

Guest Speakers:

Rev. Ruth- Aimee Belonni – Rosario, previous Member - at - Large Representing Racial Ethnic Young Women Together on the Churchwide Coordinating Team - Speaking on her experience in that role,

Meagan Vesel, Deputy Director of the Brazilian Immigrant Center - Speaking about the Domestic Workers Project, a 2013 Thank Offering Grant recipient

Dotsie Shaw, Justice and Peace Coordinator on the Coordinating Team of Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Northeast - Speaking about the 2013 United Nations Commission on the Status of Women

Fri. Nov. 8, 2013 - Pre -Workshop Meetings

2 pm - 6 pm: PWSNE Coordinating Team Meeting is for current, incoming and outgoing members. Others are welcome to attend.

7 pm - 9 pm: PWSNE Business meeting will be held for current, incoming and outgoing Coordinating Team members, PW in the Presbytery Moderators and non-Moderator voting delegates. Others are welcome to attend.

* See pwsne.org for information on PWSNE scholarships that cover 1 day of room and board.

* See <http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/pw/leaderdev-fund/> for information on individual grants.

Registration form and directions on next page

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STONY POINT CENTER

17 CRICKETOWN ROAD
STONY POINT, NY 10980

DIRECTIONS:

From New Jersey, find your best way to 287 North, then go east toward the Tappan Zee Bridge. Exit onto the Palisades Parkway North toward Bear Mountain. Take Exit 15, Stony Point – turn left at the intersection with Rt 106. At the first traffic light, turn left onto Reservoir Rd, and right at the end.

Proceed to Cricketown Rd, turn left. The Center is on your left.

From New York City, public transportation is an option – go on the Stony Point website and request pick-up at the bus or train station. Or, find your way to the Tappan Zee Bridge, go west on 287, then North on the Palisades Parkway. Follow directions above from Exit 15.

From New England, find your best route to the Tappan Zee Bridge, and follow from above.

From upstate New York, either come down on Route 17, or the NY Thruway. In either case, take 287 East toward the Tappan Zee Bridge, and take the Palisades Parkway North. Follow from above.

Registration Fee is \$35 for everyone, to include program costs, speakers, etc. If you are NOT a PWP Moderator or Representative, or a PWS Coordinating Team Member, current or incoming, then the room and board for 1 night is \$120. Lunch for those coming for Saturday only is \$10.

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS OCTOBER 25TH. Questions on the registration to Jane MacDonald, jkmac@nac.net

Please cut here, and return with check made out to PW, Synod of the Northeast to
Jane MacDonald, 36 Carriage Lane, Newton, NJ 07860

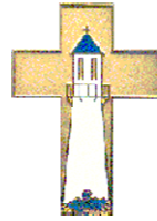
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E-Mail Address _____

Presbytery _____ Church _____

_____ PWSCT _____ PWP Mod or Rep _____ Amount Enclosed



Save the Date! July 18, 19, 20, 2014

Presbyterian Women Synod of the Northeast 2014 Gathering

Nurture yourself in Spirit, Mind, and Body;

Silver Bay YMCA Conference Center, 87 Silver Bay, Silver Bay, NY.

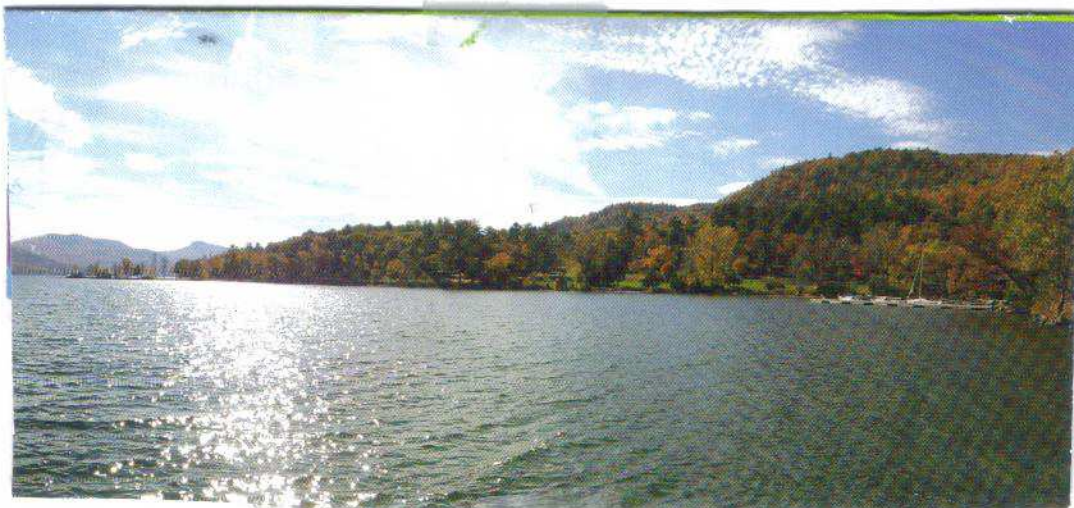
Come on up to, down to, over to the

PWSNE Triennial Gathering, July 18 – 20, 2014

Let's enjoy the beauty of the mountains, fresh air, and spiritual development together. You will learn, share, meet, greet, laugh, smile, sing, dance, and go home with more than you brought with you. You will be empowered by the Holy Spirit and your sisters in Christ.

Remember the date, and encourage your friends and relatives to come. There will be something for every one at the Gathering at Silver Bay!

July 18, 19, 20, 2014





Presbyterian Women of Newton Presbytery

GET AWAY WITH GOD!

"The Message In The Music"

**Led by The Reverend Dr. Nancy Young
Of The Presbyterian Church of Franklin**

**At Star Lake Lodge (Camp and Conference Center)
268 Macopin Road, Bloomingdale, NJ 07403 • Tel:(973)838-7000**

Handicap Accessible Rooms on First Come, First Served Availability

**Friday, February 21, 2014 (registration at 4; dinner 6) until
Saturday, February 22, 2012 4:00 p.m.**

(Please note that it is a one night retreat!)

Come for the whole experience or part – Invite The Women of Your Choir

Cost for 1 night/3 meals \$105;

Sat 8 am – Sat 4 pm/2 meals \$70

There are handicap accessible rooms on the first floor. All other rooms are double. Register early to be with friends. (Bring your own towel and toiletries.) Bring your Bible any copy of the Presbyterian Hymnal whether current or past edition, and the name of your favorite hymn.

NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE PERMITTED ON PREMISES.

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS FEBRUARY 1st

Mail application & payment to: Donna Rahmann 278 W. Valley Brook Rd, Califon, NJ 07830-3528 (908)894-3176)

Checks made out in full to Presbyterian Women Presbytery

Name _____ e-mail _____
(please print) (please print)
 Phone _____ Emergency Phone _____
 Address _____
 Roommate preference/church _____
(Indicate if hand cap accommodation is required)