



# The LIGHTHOUSE

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN of the SYNOD of the NORTHEAST

February 2011

## *Moderator's Message....*

As I write this, I look out my window to see my mountain covered with snow and icicles hanging from a forgotten plant at my window. The ice will melt as will the snow and spring will eventually start peeking through. The cycle of life continues, bringing new life and new experiences with it. So it is with terms of office. Mine is coming to an end, this is my last message. In July, Charlotte Hasselbarth will become your new Moderator. She is a caring, capable, very intelligent woman (organized, too!!) who will do a marvelous job of leading Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Northeast.

I have enjoyed being your Moderator. The best part has been getting to know so many of you in far flung corners of our synod. Some of my travels since August, and the last Lighthouse, have taken me to Presbytery Partnership Group (PPG) Gatherings for the Fab Five, Western New York, Metro NY, and New England. All were wonderful experiences that showed how well the women in our presbyteries can work together and create excellent programs. I do hope it becomes standard every three years. I attended a Synod Council meeting, Synod Assembly, several PW Presbytery Gatherings and worked with Sisters Stand and Walk Together, our leadership development program for immigrant women. I have spent countless hours on the computer and have shared laughs with many of you.

Our women have supported many mission projects both local and foreign. The types of mission and interests are as varied as our women. We are so creative in our ideas. Be sure to write and send in your annual report so your sisters across the synod can see what your events and projects have been and give one another ideas.

In September, Jo Ann Burrell represented our synod on a mission trip to South Dakota and Lucy Janjigian has been selected to go on the Global Exchange to India next October. Also in September, we had 8 women from our synod go to Orlando for training by the Churchwide Coordinating Team. The idea is to bring back information and ideas that congregations can use to grow, thrive and embrace Presbyterian Women's ideals. Maxine Hunter is leading this for us and you will hear more about this as their plans to reach out to you develop.

In July, it will be four years that I have represented you; it has been my honor and privilege to be your Moderator. During my tenure, I had two major surgeries and felt so much love and caring, I am sure that helped me recover so well and easily. I know you will give Charlotte the support and love that I have received. I am so proud to be part of this organization. Thank you all.

Love,

*Sandy*

# PW Leadership Network: What it is? Where it is going?

By Leadership Network Coordinator, Maxine Hunter

What is the Leadership Network? When the Presbyterian Women's Enabler Committee existed, there was also a Leadership Development Committee. They were both committees of the Churchwide Coordinating Team. In 2006 the long standing Enabler Committee and the Leadership Development Committee were rolled together to form the Leadership Enhancement Committee (LEC). This new committee, which works on an array of business, is one of several committees that make up the Churchwide Coordinating Team (CWCT). Martha Pool, the committee chair explained it this way: "The LEC's work is dictated by items coming out of business meetings of our Churchwide Gatherings. Their ongoing work covers lots of topics: leadership training; newly retired women; bridging the generation; training racial/ethnic populations, and data base information."

Following the merger of the Churchwide Enabler Committee and the Leadership Committee, the synod set up the new leadership coordinator position. The transition from the enabler position into this new world of leadership network is very fluid. As we move forward there are two very practical matters to address:

- The establishment of a clearer but flexible job description for the synod's Leadership Network Coordinator. (This is being addressed at this time and hopefully will be ready soon.)
- The establishment of a PW Leadership Network. In September 2010, our synod had eight in attendance at the leadership enhancement workshop, *Takin' It to the Congregations* in Orlando, Florida. These eight women are the beginning of our network. As we work with women in the congregations and presbyteries of our synod through workshops such as the *Recharge your Congregation or Presbytery PW*, at our PWSNE gathering at the Desmond, Albany NY, July 22-24, 2011, our network will grow. But there is no need to wait for July and the Desmond. If you are a person that has identified needs either in your PW of the congregation or presbytery, please contact me now. These needs can be as simple as where do I obtain PW resources to as seemingly major as how can my small group of women be a part of the PW ministry.

Before I close, I would like to introduce you to the women who represented our synod in Orlando. I affectionately refer to us as the Orlando 8: Charlotte Hasselbarth, Virginia Champlin, Gladys Ortiz, Joanne Schnaudt, Jyung In Lee (Jennie); Nydia Murphy-Leger (member of the LEC); Elaine Brown; and Maxine Hunter. We all look forward to sharing ideas and working with you.

Contact: [huntermg@frontiernet.net](mailto:huntermg@frontiernet.net)

## Hello, Synod Presbyterian Women,

I am replacing Gloria Ghirarduzzi as your new coordinator for Justice and Peace. This is an area of the church that has always been my favorite. For many years I've been touched by the stories of people who have experienced prejudice and exile because of their skin, religion or nationality. I won't watch a movie on PBS (Public Broadcasting Sys.) or some display that shows discrimination of any kind. I know PW espouses all kinds of non-discrimination based on many factors, so I know I'm in good company! I was officially introduced to PW in 1999, when a friend invited me to serve as the Peace, Justice, and Hunger rep for Southern New England, and from there I've held many positions in PW. I look forward to serving in this area and hope to meet many of you in July at the Desmond. Until then, Spring is coming! I rejoice but will endure all this snow until then.

With love, *Dotsie Shaw*

# **PWSNE Representative to the Churchwide Coordinating Team**

**Virginia (Ginny) Champlin**

It has been quiet during the holiday months. I have taken some time for family. But, now I am gearing up for the my final series of meetings that go with the Spring Churchwide Coordinating Team meetings. Most of my report below reflects the Fall CCT meetings and Leadership Training.

In late January, I attended the Religious Conference Management Association convention in Tampa. Lois Carter serves as the chair of the Site Selection Committee for the Churchwide Gathering 2018 where I am a member. Our search and homework has just begun.

I hope you all have had a chance to use the Christ Candle Litanies for this year's Bible Study. It is available for a free download from the PW Churchwide Web page under **Horizons**. You just might know one of the authors.

There are back copies of **Horizons** Bible Study & Magazines in the warehouse in Louisville. Please consider providing studies/issues to missions (local and/or global). Contact Carissa Herold (PW Office-L'ville) to negotiate the price. You would be responsible for the postage.

Please help promote the Birthday Offering. The January-February issues of **Horizons** has details. If you would like a promotion packet, please call the L'ville office.

A new edition of **Justice and Peace Links** is available. You may download all of the issues from the PW – Churchwide PW Web page. Note the article on the Beth-El Ministry. You will hear more about this as we get closer to the Churchwide Gathering.

Be sure to read the article from Maxine Hunter about the Leadership Training and our “Orlando 8.” PWSNE sent the greatest delegation. They are getting ready to go on the road and visit you.

The Mission committee is working on revising the “Together in Service” and “Mission Matters” fliers. The Mission Matters will include the Roma Development and Congo Palm Development Projects. Two of the CCT members visited the Sudan. Part of their report can be found in the January/February issues of **Horizons**.

Thank You for permitting me the privilege to represent you. This has been an awe inspiring experience. It is my pleasure to partner with you in ministry and mission.

## **NEWS from our PWPS...**

**NEWARK PRESBYTERY...**The Winter Gathering will take place on Saturday, February 26, 2011 (snow date-March 5) at FPC Irvington, NJ. The theme will be “Celebrate the Gifts of Women” with keynote speaker Rev. Doris Glaspy, Pastor, Roseville Presbyterian Church, Newark. The Spring Gathering is scheduled for Saturday, April 30, 2011.

**NORTHERN NEW YORK...**The Spring Gathering will be held at the Ft. Covington Presbyterian Church May 14, 2011 starting with coffee/registration at 9:30 AM. Following a short worship service, business meeting will be held.

Lunch will be available at Noon. Adjournment is usually around 2:00 PM. Looking for a great attendance.

**ELIZABETH...**Spring Gathering will be held at Fanwood PC on April 12, 5:30-9 PM with Joanne Burrell as guest speaker. Fall Gathering will be on October 15, location to be determined, 9-12 N.

**UTICA...**The Winter Gathering was held February 9 at FPC in Rome. Joanne Strike spoke on “Encouraging Self-Reliance through Fair Trade” and her trip to Nicaragua.

## **NEWS from our PWPS continues**

**BOSTON...**The Spring Gathering will be held on May 15 at the Roxbury Church, Roxbury, MA.

**HUDSON RIVER...**Sunshine and cool breezes (doesn't that sound *wonderful*) greeted the women attending the Fall Gathering at Camp Holmes. Women from Hudson River met the large, wonderful group of PW women from the New York and Long Island Presbyteries with coffee and treats outside the lodge by the lake. Rev. Cathy Surgenor and Rev. Nancy Thornton welcomed the group and lead the singing. We divided into small groups to reflect on our lives as streams of living water. A picnic followed with a time to share thoughts and stories. We were particularly pleased to have our Moderator Sandy Grillo join us on this day of inspiration. We will have an Ash Wednesday Retreat at Stony Point Center on March 9, 2011

### **SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND...**

Winter Retreat will be held March 18-19 with Carol Showalter as our leader. Carol is a Presbyterian minister's wife, mother of four, grandmother of five and has been active in ministry throughout her whole life. Retreat begins on Friday night at 7:30 PM and concludes on Saturday at 3 PM.

**GENEVA...**The Spring Gathering is Saturday, May 14 at Palmyra, NY. The program is "Mission Partnership with Mexico" – experiences shared by Mary Lou Havens & Company (Canandaigua Church). Day of Inspiration & Fall Gathering is Wednesday, September 21 at Camp Whitman. Dotsie Shaw, PWSNE Justice & Peace Coordinator will be the keynote speaker.

**God loves Presbyterian Women  
– you will too. Come meet us at  
the Gathering at the Desmond,  
Albany, NY, July 22-24, 2011**

## **RISE & SHINE**

"Arise shine; for your light has come and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you." Isaiah 60:1

**The Desmond**

**Albany, N.Y.**

**July 22-24, 2011**

There will be no time for sleeping in on July 22, as women throughout the Northeast are packing their cars, dashing for the bus or hopping the train, to go to the Triennial Gathering of Presbyterian Women of the Synod of the Northeast! The Gathering is July 22-24 at the Desmond in Albany, NY

If you have not received a registration brochure from your PW moderator please go on line to [www.PWSNE.org](http://www.PWSNE.org) and download one for yourself and a friend. An exciting program has been planned by the Design Team with a number of interesting Learning Circles, outstanding speakers and entertainment guaranteed to teach and make you laugh at the same time. There is so much to say, but space is limited so download the registration booklet and read all about it.

PW is a diverse group of women– we come in all shapes, sizes and colors and from parts near and far and we speak different languages yet we all love and serve one Lord. If you are looking for an experience that will enrich your spirit and rejuvenate your ministry, circle the date and start saving your money now for this special event. Help us spread the word – bring a car load with you – room rates are cheaper with 4 in a room! Make it part of your vacation plans. I'm looking forward to seeing you there. Rise and Shine and give God the Glory!

RITA HOOPER, GATHERING CHAIR

	<p align="center"><b>Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Northeast</b></p> <p align="center"><b>CALENDAR</b></p> <p align="center"><b>OPPORTUNITIES AND REMINDERS</b></p> <p align="center"><b>EVENTS / ACTIONS</b></p>		
	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>FOR</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>2011:</b>			
Feb 9	PWP-Utica Gathering	All Women	Rome, NY
Feb 26	PWP-Newark Winter Gathering	All Women	Irvington, NJ
Mar 9	PWP-Hudson River, Ash Wednesday Retreat	All Women	Stony Point Center
Marzo 12	Asamblea Anual de MPHL-NYC y LI en El Cristo Vivo	Todas las Mujeres	Brooklyn, NY
March 19	PWP-NYC Mid Winter Gathering	All Women	
March 20	PWP-Newton Spring Gathering	All Women	TBA
April 2	PWP-New Brunswick Spring Gathering	All Women	TBA
April 8-10	PWP-Newton Retreat	All Women	Mendham, NJ
April 8-11	Women's Healing Retreat	All Women	Mantoloking, NJ
April 12	PWP-Elizabeth Spring Gathering	All Women	Fanwood, NJ
April 16	PWP-Monmouth Spring Gathering	All Women	Shrewsbury, NJ
April 16	PWP-Albany Spring Gathering and Annual Meeting	All Women	Hudson Falls, NY
April 29	-May1 PWSNE Spring Spiritual Retreat	All Women	Syracuse, NY
April 30	PWP-Newark Spring Gathering	All Women	TBA
April 30	Retiro Anual de MPHL-NYC y LI	Todas las Mujeres	
May 11	PWP-Utica Spring Gathering	All Women	Sauquoit, NY
May 13-15	<b>Horizons</b> Bible Study — "Confessing the Beatitudes"	All Women	Stony Point, NY
May 14	PWP-WNY Spring Gathering	All Women	Hamburg, NY
May 14	PWP-Geneva Spring Gathering	All Women	Palmyra, NY
May 15	PWP-Boston Spring Gathering	All Women	Roxbury, MA
May 19	LIPW Spring Gathering	All Women	Baldwin, NY
Junio 11	Evento de Recaudación de Fondos, Celebración Folklórica y Concierto	Todas las Mujeres	
July 22-24	PW in the Synod of the Northeast: Gathering <b>Rise and Shine</b>	All Women	The Desmond
Sept. 14-15	PWP-Utica and PWP-Cayuga/Syracuse Fall Retreat	All Women	Vanderkamp
Sept 24	PWP-Newton Fall Gathering	All Women	TBA
Oct. 4-5	LIPW Fall Retreat	All Women	Sag Harbor, NY
Oct 8	PWP-Newark Fall Retreat	All Women	TBA
Oct 22	PWP-Monmouth Fall Gathering	All Women	Freehold, NJ
Oct 22	PWP-Palisades Fall Retreat	All Women	TBA
Oct. 28-29	PWSNE Leadership Training Workshop	PWSNE CT & PWP Mods	Stony Point, NY
Nov 12	Taller de Liderato y Crecimiento Espiritual	Todas las Mujeres	
Diciembre 1	Evento del Concilio Unido: Cristo es la Navidad	Todas las Mujeres	
<b>2012:</b>			
Feb 24-26	PWP-Newton Retreat	All Women	Mendham, NJ
July	<b>Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women</b>	All Women	The Gaylord Palms — 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 Jo Ann Braun
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 Shirley Fine fine.shirley@yahoo.com
June 1	Mission Reports due to PWS from PWP Mission Coordinators, send to Susan Silliman Smith

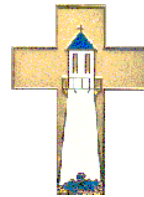
# Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Northeast Gathering



**“Arise shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.” Isaiah 60:1**



**The Desmond,  
Albany N.Y.  
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The original meaning of the term rise and shine actually means “get out of bed and prepare for work” which stems from Isaiah 60:1 “Arise shine for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you”... and that’s exactly what we plan to do: prepare you to go forth to recharge others, get along with them, forgive them if needed, to share your faith with them, and to give God the glory through worship, dance, song and celebration.

## **THE BEATITUDES**

‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

‘Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

‘Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

‘Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

‘Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

‘Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

‘Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

**Matthew 5:1-11**



## SHORT SCHEDULE & HIGHLIGHTS

### FRIDAY July 22

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm – PWS BUSINESS MEETING  
7:00pm – 9:00 pm – OPENING PLENARY; WORSHIP

### SATURDAY July 23

8:15 am – GATHERING PLENARY  
9:00 – 10:00 am – BIBLE STUDY  
10:30 – 11:30 am – SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY  
1:30 - 5:00 pm – LEARNING CIRCLES  
7:15 pm – WOMEN OF THE BIBLE ALIVE

### SUNDAY July 24

9:15 am – 11 am – WORSHIP/COMMUNION

## SATURDAY LEARNING CIRCLES

Learning Circles are offered twice in the afternoon except A1, A2 and F.



### A1 - Rise Shine & Recharge

In Korean– Jenny Lee, 1:30-3:00 pm

### A2 - Rise Shine and Recharge

In Spanish–Gladys Ortiz and  
Nydia Murphy-Leger, 3:30-5:00 pm

### B - Rise, Shine & Recharge –

Maxine Hunter and Elaine Brown

***“Recharge your congregation or Presbytery PW”***

Maxine is the former moderator of Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of Cayuga-Syracuse. She is currently the PW Leadership Network Coordinator for our Synod. Elaine comes to us from Northern New England, has served the PWP Coordinating Team in a variety of roles, and is active in Mid Coast Presbyterian Church, Topsham, ME.

These leadership enhancement workshops will focus on building skills by introducing participants to a variety of ideas, strategies and planning tools which they can use to help recharge their congregation's and/or their Presbytery's Presbyterian Women.



### C - Rise, Shine & Create –

Sabine Dirringer

***“Create and Share your own personal statement of Faith through Jewelry”.***

Sabine's fine craftsmanship guides a group called “Gifted Hands” where all proceeds from these hand made items go to PW missions. Sabine shares her talents with Hackensack University Hospital, N.J., Outpatient Cancer Department, beading with the patients during their treatment. In the workshop the women will create their own personal necklace and/or bracelet by using beads from around the world, at the end they will share and reflect on their own personal statements.



### D - Rise, Shine & Share the Faith

Rev. Denise Kennedy

***“One size doesn't fit all”***

Explore different ways to share your faith and find one that best fits you. See Denise's biography in leaders section.





### **E - Rise, Shine & Get Along –**

**Joan Ferris Coop**

***"What Happens to You When You Encounter Conflict"***

This workshop will help you understand why people respond to conflict in different ways and how you can use this understanding to lessen conflict and move towards understanding yourself and others. Joan Ferris Coop is an Elder in Mid-Coast Presbyterian Church, Topsham, ME. She is a Certified Christian Educator in the PC (USA) and was the Associate Executive in Albany Presbytery for 17 years.



### **F - Rise, Shine & Forgive – (Two Sessions)**

**The Rev. Eileen Epperson** has been a college, hospital and hospice chaplain as well as a pastor in seven churches.

Rev. Epperson has a private practice in spiritual and life coaching and created ***The Forgiveness Process®***, which she uses with individuals. This workshop will provide you with

a way of viewing forgiveness that does not leave you feeling that you lost and the other person won. It can seem that forgiving another carries an implicit sense that in forgiving we are perhaps letting someone "off the hook" or condoning some behavior. This program offers a key idea and an approach to forgiving that, when practiced, will put you squarely in the driver's seat, no longer an injured party and able to open your heart once again to your life



### **G - Rise, Shine & Go –**

**Jo Ann Burrell & Katie Rains**

***"Let us all run with perseverance the race that is set before us!"***

Jo Ann is an Elder of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Montclair, NJ, and Katie Rains was a young adult volunteer in Peru two years ago. Each will share their experience of what it means to "go" – to a different culture, different place, different people. Part of the workshop will give an insight into three of the eight reservations in South Dakota; looking at the issues of education, of racism, of poverty. Come and learn about the spirited and virtuous Sioux of South Dakota! Another part will be about working in Peru with fair trade artisan groups on product design and the principles of solidarity, transparency, self-esteem and human rights.



### **H - Rise, Shine & Worship –**

**Joan Kellam**

***"Why do we do what we do, and can worship survive our culture?"***

A lifelong Presbyterian, Joan chose church music as her career, graduating from Westminster College (New Wilmington, PA) with a B.Music, and from Temple University with an M.Music in Music History. Joan has served on the Continuing Education Board of Bangor Seminary (Maine), the Worship Committee of Geneva Presbytery, and experienced a week at Iona Abbey in Scotland. In 2009, she earned her CCM (Certified Church Musician) from Presbyterian Association of Musicians while working at First Presbyterian Union Church in Owego, NY.



### **I - Rise, Shine & Celebrate –**

**Stephanie St. Clair**

***"As we lift our arms in adoration we gather them in for your blessing"***

Stephanie is the leader of the "Flowing Psalms" Liturgical Dance Ministry from First Presbyterian Church in Jamaica N.Y. Her ministry is committed to creating an atmosphere of worship for God to dwell and commune with God's people so that they may be saved, healed, delivered, edified and brought into relationship with God. *"Oh Lord, we love to dance but moreover we love you. The Lord of the Dance. May we honor you through this glorious gift; our hearts are filled with emotions that mere words cannot express. As we move to the music we offer up to you, our grief's and disappointments our awe and gratitude. We dance in the joy of forgiveness, courage & hope. Be at work within us, our Divine choreographer; compose the patterns that come from your infinite imagination. Order our steps, may they be beautifully synchronized, full of passion and power. As we dance, we offer up to you the people we love. As we lift our arms in adoration we gather them in for your blessing. Accept this dance as an act of our worship we place our feet into the hands of the Master oh Lord, our God THE LORD OF THE DANCE."* -Pamela Rutherford.





## **J - Rise, Shine & Sing-**

**Diane Toigo**

### ***"Enriching Lives Through Music"***

This presentation, by a professional Music Therapist and church music director, will focus on two areas: teaching participants about the field of Music Therapy, and sharing ways to make church music more fun, original, participatory, and enriching for church members and choruses. Diane is the Music Director for Millerton Presbyterian Church, and has been a practicing Music Therapist for 30 years. She received her Bachelors Degree in Music Therapy from Michigan State University, and a Masters Degree in Professional Studies from SUNY New Paltz. She is a deep believer in the power of music to enrich lives.

## **LEADERSHIP for the GATHERING**

### **Sharyn Powell – Music Leader**

is a member of the Presbyterian Church in Geneva. She has been director of youth choirs for 21 years, and currently participates in adult choir and plays in the bell choir. She directed middle and high schoolers in "Spiritworks", a sacred musical theatre group, and also choreographed liturgical dances for grades 5-10 for Christmas Eve. Services. She is currently employed as a kindergarten teacher in the Geneva City school.

### **Ardelle Stewart – Accompanist**

is presently the director of music at First Presbyterian church, Valatie NY. The church uses organ, keyboard, and piano in their services, and includes the past and present trends of music. Ardelle has been a serious student of music since her teens. She considers the chance to attend conferences where sacred music is presented and performed to have been a wonderful gift. She considers it a privilege to share her knowledge with the congregations she has worshipped with and her PW sisters at gatherings. Music, for Ardelle, is form of prayer.

### **Rev. Nancy Thornton – Plenary Speaker**

has been nurtured by Presbyterian women throughout her life. Her earliest memories include Circle Meetings in her childhood living room. Nancy is a fifth generation Presbyterian. She has served the Presbyterian Church on General Assembly, Synod and Presbytery committees. She is a graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary and is the Designated Pastor of The South Amenia Presbyterian Church, Wassaic, NY and the first Presbyterian Church of Millerton, Millerton, NY.

### **Rev. Denise Kennedy – Sisters Graduation**

Denise Kennedy serves at First Presbyterian Church, Irvington, NJ, as the Minister of Christian Education for its multicultural, multi-ethnic, multi-generational congregation. Active with PW, while in seminary, she was the seminary intern for PWSNE and is currently the chaplain for the PW of the Presbytery of Newark. Denise has also served as deacon, elder, and moderator of her Presbytery.

### **Rev. Nancy Young – Worship Leader**

is the Coordinator of Racial Ethnic & Women's Leadership Development/Racial Ethnic Schools and Colleges at the PC(USA). She and her husband have been co-pastors in a number of churches in the mid-west, including a new church development.

### **Rev. Martha Carlson – Bible Study Leader**

has been serving churches in New York and Pennsylvania for 25 years. As a member of PWSNE CT, she served as historian, "Horizons" representative, and as part of the planning committee for "The Greening of My Soul" Synod gathering at Stony Point. She served on PWP CTs in Northern New York, Albany, and Hudson River Presbyteries. Martha presently is the pastor of Westminster United Presbyterian Church in Mifflintown, PA. Her mission experience includes trips to Nicaragua, Malawi, MINC Rural Rehab, and Honduras.

### **Women of the Bible Alive – Saturday Evening**

Alive is group of 15 storytellers from Baltimore, Maryland, who have been portraying women from the Old and New Testament for 12 years. The stories told are created from biblical facts with the storyteller bringing her own unique personality to bring the biblical women alive. The aim of this ministry is to give glory to God by helping others to get in touch with their own story of God in their life.

We all have a story. **Website:** [www.womenofthebiblealive.com](http://www.womenofthebiblealive.com)

## DIRECTIONS TO THE DESMOND

660 Albany Shaker Road, Albany, New York

### CAR

- ▶ From north, take Northway (I-87) to exit 4 (Wolf Rd/Albany Airport). Turn left on Rt. 155, then right on Albany Shaker Rd.
- ▶ From south and west, take NYS Thruway to exit 24. Go north on the Northway (I-87) to exit 4. Turn left at the exit light and again at the next light onto Albany Shaker Rd.
- ▶ From Massachusetts take I-90 west to the Northway (I-87 for Montreal and north). Go north to exit 4. Turn left at the exit light and again at the next light onto Albany Shaker Rd.

### TRAIN or BUS

- ▶ If you need transportation to the Desmond from the train or bus station in Albany, please call Ann McKinney at 518-356-1934, or e-mail her at [pmckinney@nycap.rr.com](mailto:pmckinney@nycap.rr.com) and arrange it with her, **by July 20<sup>th</sup>**. We ask that a free-will offering be made.

### PLANE

- ▶ The Desmond Hotel has a shuttle service – please use the airport facility to contact.

### LAST BITS of INFORMATION

All rooms at the Desmond are non-smoking except by special request. All beds are queen size; when 3 share a room, a cot will be added; 4 roommates will share beds. Hotel check-in opens at 4pm, check-out time is noon. The hotel includes 2 swimming pools and an exercise room. Rooms are guaranteed to be ready to occupy at 4:00 pm, but MAY be available sooner.

PW REGISTRATION TABLE opens Friday at 1 pm, because the PWS Business Meeting starts at 3:30pm.

There will be babysitting for children 12 and under; two people for the entire weekend.

Registration opens January 3, 2011 and **closes** June 17, 2011.

After you have completed the registration form, please fill out page 12 for your records.

If you have PERCUSSION INSTRUMENTS bring them along.

Questions about registration? E-mail [jkmac@nac.net](mailto:jkmac@nac.net)

Questions about the Gathering? E-mail Rita Hooper [twohoops2@juno.com](mailto:twohoops2@juno.com)

**(If you are tired of “stuff” for your birthday or holiday, cut out and give to gift giver as a suggestion. A gift of joy – “Rise & Shine”)**

### GIFT CERTIFICATE

For: \_\_\_\_\_

From: \_\_\_\_\_

To attend the PW Gathering July 22-24, 2011  
at the Desmond

Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Check Enclosed



**PLEASE COMPLETE AND KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS**  
**(You WILL NOT receive confirmation of your registration)**

Complete both sides of the registration form on the next page, and mail it with your check (payable to PWSNE) to:

**Registrar**  
**Jane MacDonald,**  
**36 Carriage Lane,**  
**Newton, NJ 07860-1927**

**More registration information is also available at [www.pwsne.org](http://www.pwsne.org)**

\_\_\_\_ I registered for package plan # 1 (program fee + 5 meals + 2 nights lodging) with these roommates:  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I registered for package plan # 2 (program fee, + 3 meals + 1 night lodging) with these roommates:  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I registered for this commuter plan: Friday dinner\_\_\_\_ Saturday lunch\_\_\_\_ Saturday dinner\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I registered as a PWP Moderator or a PWS CT member with this roommate\_\_\_\_\_

I sent check no. \_\_\_\_\_ in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ on (date) \_\_\_\_\_

I indicated interest in these Learning Circles for Saturday

A1. A2. B. C. D. E. F. G. H. I. J.

**♥ BE KIND TO YOUR REGISTRAR ♥**

♥ Spouse pays full rate, and is considered a roommate

♥ **PLEASE** send all roommate registrations in one envelope, with **1 check per person**

♥ No cancellations after June 25, 2011, since PW is locked in at that time.

♥ Cancellations prior to June 25 will be reimbursed only ½ the lodging and meal amount

♥ Indicate the age of any child, and include \$70 if 12 or under

## REGISTRATION FORM

LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_

FIRST NAME \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E -MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

NAMES/AGES of CHILDREN \_\_\_\_\_

PRESBYTERY \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I request press credentials as a representative of \_\_\_\_\_ (publication)

EMERGENCY

CONTACT \_\_\_\_\_

Special needs (dietary, mobility, etc)

Please indicate interest in Saturday Learning Circles

A1. A2 B. C. D. E. F. G. H. I. J.

**PWP Moderators and PWS CT members** – PWS pays your room and board (double occupancy)

Program Fee – All pay, non-refundable	\$70.00
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Single room – add	\$150.00
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Roommate	
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<b>Total for PWP/PWS member</b>	
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PWSCT – check here \_\_\_\_\_ if staying for CT meeting Sunday-Monday so we will have lunch and a bed for you.

Make checks payable to: **Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Northeast (PWSNE)**, and mail it with this form to **Registrar:**

**Jane MacDonald (jkmac@nac.net)**

**36 Carriage Lane Newton, NJ 07860-1927**

**PLEASE KEEP A RECORD OF YOUR REGISTRATION IN THE SPACE IN THE BOOKLET – NO CONFIRMATION WILL BE SENT**

## FEES, LODGING, AND MEALS

**Package Plan # 1 is per person** and includes program fee, 5 meals (Fri Dinner thru Sunday Breakfast), 2 nights (Fri & Sat)

Option	# in Room	Package Fee
NO Roommate	1	\$520.00
ONE Roommate	2	\$370.00
TWO Roommates	3	\$330.00
THREE Roommates	4	\$310.00

Children 12 and under stay free – just pay \$70.00 for meals. Children 13 and over are considered adults, and pay the full Package Plan Amt.

Circle one fee, please, and indicate roommate(s) below. Please include all roommates registrations in one envelope

Roommate 1	
Roommate 2	
Roommate 3	

If a box lunch is requested for Sunday, please add \$20.00, per person.

<b>Total for Package Plan # 1</b>	
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**Package Plan # 2 is per person** and includes program fee, 3 meals (Fri Dinner, Sat Breakfast, Sat Lunch), 1 night (Fri)

Option	# in Room	Package Fee
NO Roommate	1	\$315.00
ONE Roommate	2	\$230.00
TWO Roommates	3	\$210.00
THREE Roommates	4	\$200.00

Children 12 and under stay free – just pay \$70.00 for meals. Children 13 and over are considered adults, and pay the full Package Plan Amt.

Circle one fee, please, and indicate roommate(s) below. Please include all roommates registrations in one envelope

Roommate 1	
Roommate 2	
Roommate 3	

<b>Total for Package Plan # 2</b>	
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**Commuter Plan is per person** and is priced by component

Program Fee – All pay, non-refundable	\$70.00
Friday Dinner \$40.00	
Saturday Lunch \$30.00	
Saturday Dinner \$40.00	

Circle which meals are desired, and move amount to right column, then total.

<b>Total for Commuter</b>	
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# *Women's Healing Retreat*

*at*

*St. Joseph's by the Sea*

*South Mantoloking, New Jersey*

April 8-11, 2011

Come and enjoy the peace and beauty of the Atlantic Ocean while you relax and rejuvenate your body/mind/spirit. There is no formal program but all women are encouraged to share their ideas and gifts with the group. We will gather and discuss what each participant hopes to receive from the retreat and formulate a schedule based on those needs. All activities are optional.

**\$250** Price includes a room with semi-private bath and all meals.

**Reiki** and **Massage** will be provided as an option for those who are interested.

**Reiki** and **Massage** will be provided by **Linda L. Thompson**. A licensed Massage Therapist and Reiki Master, she has practiced Reiki, Craniosacral therapy, Massage and Sound Healing in Saratoga Springs, NY and numerous other locations. She loves the ocean and the peace that St. Joseph's has to offer all who gather within its embrace.

A session is **\$50/hr** or **\$25/30 min.**

**Patricia Trudeau**, a retired **Christian Educator**, artist and long time retreat participant will offer **Qigong**, **Donna Eden Energy Medicine** and **Yoga**. She is known as "*the labyrinth lady*" and she will be sharing an indoor and beach labyrinth with her retreat sisters.

Check in is 4 PM Friday

Check out 1 PM Monday

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Make checks payable to Linda L. Thompson

Please detach and forward to: Linda L. Thompson, 117 A Eastern Ave, Ballston Spa, NY 12020

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline March 1** We must have a minimum of 15 women. Your money will be promptly refunded in full if the minimum is not reached.

To view **St. Joseph's by the Sea** , visit [www.sjbsea.org](http://www.sjbsea.org)

Please direct questions and concerns to Linda Thompson- [Lthomps2@nycap.rr.com](mailto:Lthomps2@nycap.rr.com) 518-466-1075

or Patricia Trudeau 518-462-0817

# Stony Point Center Horizons Bible Study May 13-15, 2011

## Confessing the Beatitudes

Led by Margaret Aymer  
Author of the Study



Horizons

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an open space...

17 Cricketown Road  
Stony Point, NY 10980  
845-786-5674  
www.stonypointcenter.org

### Cost: \$250/Person

The full program, which offers additional resources, begins with dinner on Friday and ends with lunch on Sunday. Registration and check-in will start on Friday at 4:00 PM.

Or, register for a one-day Intensive Program, Saturday Only - 9 to 9 for \$75/Person.

Cost covers meals and a shared double room in one of our lodges. If requested at registration, a limited number of private rooms may be available at an additional cost. Call 845-786-5674 x107 with any questions.

For transportation information email our Transportation Coordinator, [transportation@stonypointcenter.org](mailto:transportation@stonypointcenter.org) or call 845-786-5674 x 123



**Margaret Aymer** is associate professor of New Testament and chair of Biblical Studies at the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Georgia. She is an ordained minister of Word and

Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), serving within the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta. Margaret is the author of *First Pure, Then Peaceable: Frederick Douglass, Darkness and the Epistle of James* (New York: T&T, 2007), as well as various academic and liturgical articles and resources. She serves as the chair of the board of AIDS Alliance for Faith and Health, an Atlanta-based nonprofit helping those infected with and affected by HIV to thrive. Margaret is married to Laurent M. R. G. Oget of France, a software engineer.

### Conference Registration Form Horizon Bible Study May 13-15, 2011

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Female ☐ Male ☐ Roommate Request

*We will assign a roommate unless you provide a roommate request. Each person must fill out a separate registration form.*

#### Special Dietary or Other Needs:

☐ Double Occupancy \$250.00  
☐ Single Occupancy (if available) \$330.00  
☐ One-day Intensive (Saturday Only) \$ 75.00  
☐ Add'l Overnight Stay \$ 90.00  
Dates: Early Arrival \_\_\_\_\_  
Late Departure \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Transportation \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Donation for Program \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Check enclosed (payable to Stony Point Center)

☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard

Credit Card No. \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

(SPC only uses your credit card to hold the space and charges it when you check in.)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_





**Spring Spiritual Retreat**  
**April 29 – May 1, 2011**  
**Christ the King Retreat House – Syracuse, NY**  
*“Lifting Our HEARTS and HANDS to GOD  
In Praise and Service”*

**Come, join** us for a relaxing spiritual retreat including meditation, praying with scripture, interest centers, nature walks and wonderful fellowship with other Presbyterian Women.

We gather on **Friday, April 29 at 4:00 PM** (registration starts at 3:00 PM) and continue through **Sunday, May 1** after worship at approximately 12 Noon. **Special needs** of participants include the need for a first floor room because of stairs and/or special dietary needs (diabetic, vegetarian, etc). Please include these requests on the registration form.

**Christ the King Retreat House** is minutes away from downtown Syracuse, nestled atop six acres of rolling hills. This secluded mansion provides a wonderful setting with comfortable rooms, delicious meals and an opportunity to pamper yourself.

**Barbara Johnson**, well-known Spiritual Retreat Leader for the Presbytery of Cayuga-Syracuse and beyond, will again be our Retreat leader. She will guide us through activities that leave us renewed and refreshed.

**Things to bring:** Casual indoor/outdoor seasonal clothing, Bible, pen/pencil/notepad

**Scholarships** are available. Please contact Jane MacDonald, [jkmac@nac.net](mailto:jkmac@nac.net) or 973-383-4166.

**Confirmation of reservation** will be made if you have an e-mail address.

**COST: \$215.00 – Registration deadline April 15, 2011**

**Early Registration Fee - \$195.00 if registered prior to April 8, 2011**

[Registration fee includes two nights lodging (single room), all meals and program]

Directions: From **Thruway**, take Exit 34A to Rt. 481 to Exit 3W to E. Genesee St. (Rt. 92), continue west for 3.1 miles on E. Genesee St. (note Nottingham High School on left); at next stop light turn left onto **Brookford Road** and continue to end. From **Rt. 81** exit at Rt. 481 to Exit 3W and follow above directions. From **Rt. 690E** continue to Rt. 481S and follow directions above.

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Spring Spiritual Retreat  
**Registration Form**  
Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the NorthEast

**Fee: \$215.00 [registration deadline April 15, 2011]**

**Early registration fee: \$195.00 if registered prior to April 8, 2011**

**REMIT IN FULL with registration making checks payable to PWSNE**

Send to: **GAIL BANKS, COORDINATOR**

**817 Coughlin St., Syracuse, NY 13206**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Special Needs: 1<sup>st</sup> Floor \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Dietary \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ In case of Emergency contact:

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Presbytery \_\_\_\_\_