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Presbyterian Women Churchwide

River of Hope: PW's 2012–2015 Churchwide Coordinating Team sets sail at fall meeting

By Susan Jackson Dowd

Coordinating Team charts course for triennium

The Churchwide Coordinating Team of Presbyterian Women (CCT) met September 6–9, 2012, in Louisville, Kentucky, to embark on the business of the triennium. Just prior to the CCT meeting, the Churchwide Search Committee, 2012 Gathering Planning Team and Communications Committee met. Highlights are part of this report.

Churchwide Gathering wrap-up

Kathy Randall, Gathering Planning chair

The leadership of the 2012 Churchwide Gathering met for a wrap-up meeting in Louisville, to evaluate the event and make recommendations for the 2015 Gathering (June 8–22).

Gathering by the numbers

Attendance was 1,887, plus exhibitors. Full registration was \$480; 1,668 qualified for early registration at \$440. There were 185 scholarships, 187 waived registrations for CCT, GPT, workshop leaders, and helpers. There were 83 women in the 20s–30s age group and 21 attendees under 17 years of age. Another 200 opted for one-day, five meals/plenary and weekend registrations. Fifty-two percent registered online. *Horizons* benefitted from a special Gathering renewal and subscription rate—380 new subscriptions.

Evaluations

Participants particularly noted satisfaction with plenary topics, diversity, international guests, mission emphasis, talking with individuals, living out the Gathering theme, gift cards for Immokalee, action opportunities and learning new skills to take home. For ongoing information about the Gathering, visit www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering and check out the September/October issue of *Horizons*.

CCT committee work

Antiracism—*Gloria Moorman, chair*

Antiracism reports that Teresa Chavez Saucedo is developing a new resource for PW on culturally proficient leadership. The resource is titled *Practicing God's Radical Hospitality: Reflecting on Difference, Change and Leadership through the Spiritual Discipline of Hospitality*. Download a sampler at www.pcusa.org/resource/culturally-proficient-leadership-sampler.

Communications Coordination—*Mary Martin, chair*

The CCT approved a revised name and job description for the committee.



Photo by Susan Jackson Dowd

Ann Ferguson, program coordinator, Amy Frimpong, New Immigrant Women representative, Mary Cook Jorgenson, CCT moderator, and Meagan Manas, staff to the the Justice and Peace Committee, take a break at the September CCT meeting.

Ecumenical editions of several Bible studies are available on Amazon.com and are beginning to sell. We are hoping that selling on Amazon will widen the PW Bible study circle.

Mary Cook Jorgenson will convene a CCT and staff field-testing group for the upcoming 2 Corinthians study by Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty. Additional field-testing groups are needed for the upcoming study. Please consider groups in your congregations or presbyteries who may be candidates for field testing. For information, contact Betsy Ensign-George, betsy.ensign-george@pcusa.org. Application forms and information are available at www.pcusa.org/horizons.

Bible Study—*Judy Lovejoy, chair*

The committee needs author nominations for *Who Is Jesus?* They will choose an author for this study during the March 2013 meeting. The author will be a woman writer in the Reformed tradition, well-versed in New Testament.

Horizons Editorial—*Mary Jorgenson, chair*

The *Horizons* Editorial Committee [met] September 19–21. Please contact Sharon Dunne Gillies, sharon.gillies@pcusa.org, with magazine theme and article writer suggestions.

Funds Development—*Mary Martin, chair*

Celebration Giving representatives (CGRs) promote giving opportunities for all PW Celebration Giving programs. CGR webinar trainings (including advanced training) will be held this fall. (For details, see page 7.)

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Don't miss what's inside! • First CCT meeting of the triennium, this page! • Special two-for-one offer for *Horizons* subscribers! • PW joins Foundation's online giving community! • Let there be . . . stuff! • Esther Byu memoir • and more!

Let there be . . . stuff? Alternatives for the holidays

As the holidays approach, we face many choices regarding Christmas—on the one hand, we want to observe Advent and wait for the Christ child; on the other we want to shop and wrap and bake and run ourselves ragged with all the trimmings.

Whose Birthday Is It Anyway? from Alternatives for Simple Living, gives ideas for intentionally celebrating Advent and Christmas as Christ-centered. It is available through the Presbyterian Hunger Program.

Alternatives for Simple Living also has a free downloadable calendar for Advent and the Twelve Days of Christmas. The calendar offers an idea every day for living simply and maintaining a Christ-centered season. Get off the consumer hamster wheel and make yours and your family's Christmas season more joyful, less stressful and more meaningful.

Let there be . . . stuff?

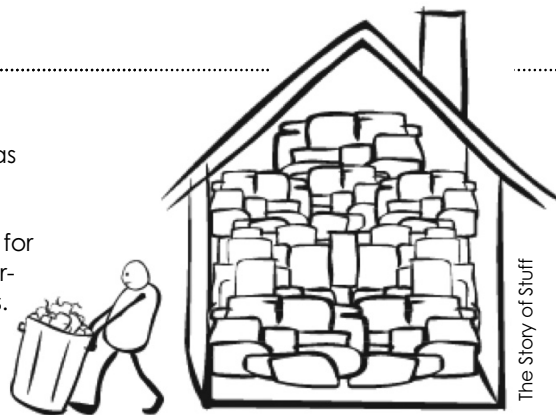
Those of you who attended the Churchwide Gathering will remember *The Story of Bottled Water* from one of the plenaries. From the creators of the widely-used video *The Story of Stuff* (www.storyofstuff.org), *The Story of Bottled Water* tells of the human and environmental cost of making water a bottled commodity.

Now The Story of Stuff Project has teamed with GreenFaith to issue a faith-based study guide called *Let There Be . . . Stuff?* on consumerism for high school students. For more information, visit <https://www.z2systems.com/np/clients/greenfaith/donation.jsp?campaign=164>.

As you do your holiday shopping, keep this story in mind, and make choices that keep God's creation and people in mind.

The Story of Electronics

The Story of Stuff Project also has a new video called *The Story of Electronics*, which traces electronic gadgets through their life cycles, from development, production and use to disposal. Some of the facts and figures from this video are staggering: We produce 25 million tons of e-waste a year. Older TV sets contain five pounds of lead. Many e-waste recycling ventures take place in unsafe conditions for workers in developing countries. Watch *The Story of Electronics* to learn more.



Prepare for World Day of Prayer 2013!

World Day of Prayer falls on March 1, 2013. The women of WDP France prepared this year's materials around the theme "I was a stranger and you welcomed me." They reach into Jesus' identification with "the least of these" in Matthew 25 and draw on customs of hospitality found in Leviticus to paint a picture of welcoming the stranger. Participants put themselves in the shoes of "the stranger," remembering their own feelings of being on the outside—and the blessings of welcoming. Order materials online at www.wdp-usa.org/store.

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Search Committee seeking gifted candidates for the 2015–2018 Churchwide Coordinating Team!

We, the search committee for the 2015–2018 Churchwide Coordinating Team of Presbyterian Women, are excited about the task you've entrusted to us—to search for and find the women whom God has already chosen to provide leadership for Presbyterian Women during the next triennium.

We have already met as a team, and are beginning to connect with the PW entities in our areas. Here, for your information, are the search committee members, the geographic areas for which we are responsible, and our email addresses:

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As you meet with your PW colleagues, we want to encourage you to do at least two things. First, look at every Presbyterian woman with an eye toward whether she

might have the gifts and skills to serve PW at the national level. Second, start mentioning CCT at the various PW events you attend, and invite women to consider whether they or women they know might be good candidates for the CCT. The positions for which we are seeking gifted candidates are:

Moderator
Vice moderator, Justice and Peace Concerns
Vice moderator, Mission Relationships
Board secretary
Finance Committee chair
Historian
Moderator of the Search Committee
Five regional Search Committee members
Six racial ethnic members-at-large, representing the following constituencies:
African American
Asian American
Hispanic/Latina American
Korean American
Middle East American
Native American
Two young women at-large representatives

CCT fall 2012 meeting, continued from front page

The committee presented the PW in the PC(USA) Gift Acceptance Policy for review and approval. This policy will provide gift acceptance criteria for donors and will be useful to the Funds Development Committee during review of nontraditional gifts (assets). The policy can also guide the committee when there might be a conflict between the gift and the mission and purpose of PW and PC(USA).

Justice and Peace Concerns—Sheila Louder, chair

The Justice and Peace Concerns Committee has discerned three main focus areas for the new triennium: human trafficking, Native American women, and issues involving children. Immediate work will begin with planning the Together in Action Day on human trafficking, reaching out to Native women's communities and engaging Bread for the World's 1,000 Days campaign for maternal and child health.

Scholarship selections are being made for the 57th UN Commission on the Status of Women, March 1–15, 2013, in New York. PW also will offer 10 scholarships of \$180 each to women who will attend Ecumenical Advocacy Days (EAD) April 5–8 in Washington, D.C. Email meagan.manas@pcusa.org to apply. For information on EAD, visit www.advocacydays.org.

The CCT approved a partnership with the group Heeding God's Call (www.heedinggodscall.org) and recommends the following resources to any circle or congregation interested in taking action to end gun violence: "Gun Violence, Gospel Values: Mobilizing in Response to God's Call," online at www.pcusa.org/resource/gun-violence-gospel-values-mobilizing-response-god; and *The Gun Violence Prevention Toolkit* online at www.pcusa.org/resource/gun-violenceprevention-congregational-toolkit.

The CCT will send letters to PC(USA) moderator Neal Presa, vice moderator Tom Trinidad, and stated clerk Gradye Parsons to address concerns from the General Assembly, including divestment discussion management and the bullying of Tara McCabe, who resigned as PC(USA) vice moderator. PW is calling for individual Presbyterian women to divest any personal holdings in Caterpillar until Caterpillar's machinery is no longer sold to be used as implements of violence and destruction.



Photo, info courtesy of Kathy Randall

RHINO, a ministry of St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church, New Orleans, dedicated another completed Habitat for Humanity home on September 19. Ann Feder (center) of Oakton, Virginia, a volunteer through national PW, was on hand for the celebration. Ann worked on the house in March 2012. At the dedication, she presented a gift from PW. Pictured with Ann are Sheereen Gaines, homeowner (left), and Avery Strada, RHINO (Rebuilding Hope in New Orleans) program manager.

Leadership Enhancement—Susan Skoglund, chair

LEC continues to evaluate the roll-out of the Takin' It to the Congregations training provided in September 2010. A task group has been formed to plan one or more Webinar sessions to reengage, reeducate and inspire the trainers. LEC also has formed a task group to develop a process to expand the Sisters Stand and Walk Together program to additional synods as approved at the 2012 PW Business Meeting.

The CCT will participate in adaptive leadership training at its March 2013 meeting. And LEC has initiated a partnership with Presbyterian Mission Agency staff who have expertise in working with young adults. LEC will begin to explore PW-focused young adult initiatives (for example, intergenerational dialogue). See page 6 for more on LEC initiatives.

Mission Relationships—Pam Snyder, chair

The Mission Relationships Committee selected the Caribbean region for the 2014 Global Exchange. MRC will work with the Caribbean North America Council for Mission, which aims to build partnership and increase mission formation and education among Caribbean nations.

The Roma Development project is facing a turning point in its life that we hope will lead to a more independent organization with local leadership. To help facilitate and encourage this transition, we will sponsor a consultation between representatives of PW and regional partners.

The 2010 USAME visited The Sweetgrass Project on Pine Ridge Reservation. The project seeks to prevent suicide among teens and young adults of the Oglala Sioux Tribe. PW will continue to support this project through inclusion in its 2012–2015 Mission Matters program.

Creative Ministries—Doreen Der-McLeod, chair

CMOC met on August 23–25 in Louisville to review 34 submitted proposals for the 2013 Birthday Offering of PW. Just one recipient was selected to receive a grant from the 2013 offering. See page 4, as well as the the January/February issue of *Horizons*, to learn more about this recipient and the 2013 Birthday Offering.

Search Committee—Virginia Champlin, chair

The Search Committee met September 3–5 in Louisville. They reviewed and revised forms, developed a communication plan, discussed assigned regions and made additional assignments, to include racial ethnic women's caucuses and groups, and young women's networks. See page 2 for more.

Greetings Presbyterian Women!

As one of your newly-elected Young Women's Representatives at Large to the CCT, I would like to say both thank you for welcoming us and hello on behalf of all the young women on the CCT. Our young women's network currently includes: Ruth-Aimee Belonni-Rosario, Racial Ethnic Young Women Together (REYWT); Katie Blume, Young Women's Representative at Large (YWRAL); Sung Yeon Choi-Morrow, REYWT; Lynn Hasselbarth, YWRAL; and Virginia Hines, National Network of Presbyterian College Women. At the recent CCT meeting in Louisville, we were able to gather as a group to discuss various issues and concerns that we have as young women, as PC(USA) members and as PW participants. Whether via email, conference calls or at future board meetings, we will continue to meet to share ideas and information. Though we all have different backgrounds and interests, our goal is the same: to work with the CCT in promoting a caring and inclusive community of women.

Blessings,
Katie Blume, YWRAL

Save the date! First annual PW Together in Action Day, January 11, 2013, to focus on human trafficking

By Meagan Manas

Make plans now to participate in PW's first annual Together in Action Day, January 11, 2013. That day is Human Trafficking Awareness Day, and, since the focus of the first annual PW Together in Action Day is human trafficking, PW has planned its action day to coincide with that observance.

PW Together in Action Day was initiated by the Mission Relationships and Justice and Peace committees of the CCT. The idea behind PW's Together in Action Day is that once a year Presbyterian women around the country will join together to take action on an issue that is important to PW. One of the issues where we feel lots of energy and an urgent desire for change is human trafficking, so it was chosen by PW as the focus for its first annual action day.

January 11 falls on a Friday, but feel free to hold events through the weekend and honor this day in worship on Sunday, January 13! For information and action suggestions, download the PC(USA)'s Human Trafficking Toolkit at www.pcusa.org/humantrafficking. The toolkit, created by the Human Trafficking Roundtable, includes several good resources and action ideas, like organizing a free training event sponsored by Freedom Network USA. Get many more ideas by downloading the toolkit today.

Also, see the latest issue of *Justice & Peace Links* available now at www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/pw/justice; sign up to receive *J&P Links* directly through your email at www.presbyterianmission.org/subscriptions/lists/justice-and-peace-links.

Creative Ministries Offerings

Birthday Offering recipient chosen for 2013; promotional materials to mail in early February

Recipient offers services to children, families in Indiana

In his letter to the faithful in Rome, the Apostle Paul reminds James that "Each of us should please our neighbor for their good in order to build them up" so that "together, with one voice we can glorify the God and father of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Rom. 15:2, 6).

When the Creative Ministries Offering Committee met in August, it faced a difficult task. The committee received 34 applications for grants to fund projects that ranged from providing clean water to expanding schools and nursing homes. Because of a drop in donations to the 2012 Birthday Offering, we may not be able to fully fund the three projects approved for that year. CMOC made the painful decision to approve funds for only one of the many projects that submitted applications, hoping to raise at least \$200,000 for the recipient.

The Westminster Neighborhood Ministries Child, Family and Adult Educational Connection was selected for funding in 2013. This ministry is located in Indianapolis, Indiana. Westminster is dedicated to reaching out to low-income families and their children. Westminster will use the grant to expand its educational services, extending service to preschool-age



children, expanding its basic adult education program, and providing financial counseling to families so that they can more effectively improve and sustain their standard of living. Vocational training and participating in community gardens are integral parts of the program, with a focus on developing job skills, understanding how to effectively apply for employment, and exploring nutritious food options where grocery stores are not available in the inner city.

While funds continue to arrive to honor the three 2012 Birthday Offering projects, we continue to need broad, consistent support from our Presbyterian women in order to continue funding mission projects like the one selected for 2013. We hope you will continue to promote the Birthday Offering in your presbyteries and congregations so that our 2013 and future award recipients will receive their entire award.

If you need ideas for promoting the Birthday Offering, contact Cindy Goodman at cindy.goodman@pcusa.org. Promotional items for the Birthday Offering may be ordered from PDS (800.524.2612). See the January/February 2013 issue of *Horizons* for a copy of the dedication service and additional ordering information.

Antiracism

Antiracism Committee urges adoption of task group's recommendations regarding inclusiveness

By Susan Skoglund

Presbyterian Women strives to become an inclusive and caring community, but in order to become one, we need to know where we are. Who is currently committed and interested in taking a hard look at how well we are doing as a community? Who and what is motivating your PW group to take on racial justice work? What is your PW group's relationship with racial ethnic women in the church and community?

As was reported in the last quarterly newsletter, voting delegates to the 2012 Churchwide Business Meeting took

action, urging PW groups in presbyteries and synods to read and study the report of the Structural Review Task Group approved by voting delegates at the 2003 Churchwide Business Meeting and to make intentional efforts to implement the recommendations included in the report. For the report, go to www.pcusa.org/resource/report-pw-structural-review.

Some of these recommendations:

- that PW, as an organization, commit itself at all levels to electing and appointing more racial ethnic

women in leadership, using specific means to achieve that goal; and

- that PW use multiple approaches, such as antiracism training and cultural proficiency training as part of required PW leadership training in order to promote inclusion of all women in PW and the PC(USA).

PW's Antiracism Committee strongly encourages everyone to study this report and walk with the Antiracism Committee on this journey to an inclusive and caring community. We need companions!

Supporting the publishing mission of Presbyterian Women, one *Horizons* reader at a time!

Tucked into the new *Horizons* subscription card and renewal letter is an opportunity to add extra \$\$ over and above the subscription price to lend support to the publishing mission of Presbyterian Women. The ongoing response just confirms what everyone in the church already knows: Presbyterian women—and *Horizons* readers, in particular—never miss an opportunity to care much and give generously!

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If you know women who find ways to answer needs in their communities, donating their own time and talents creating networks of care, from volunteering in food pantries to supporting transitional housing and education programs, we'd like to spotlight this work and these women in *Horizons* magazine. Please send your suggestions to Carol Gruber at carolgruber@sbcglobal.net. Please include the woman's name, email address and telephone number.



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Presbyterian Women's leaders adapt, commit to intergenerational dialogue

Leadership committee promoting adaptive leadership

PW's Leadership Enhancement Committee (LEC) is promoting the use of adaptive leadership with buttons available from PW's marketing office (carissa.herold@pcusa.org). The buttons are free as long as finances permit. Limit 25.

Adaptive leadership seeks to solve challenges that defy traditional problem-solving. For example, we have been trying for years to bring more women into PW. We have tried changing our meeting times and days; we have varied our programs—all technical changes. We continue to lose members. So we need to learn adaptive leadership and change. Adaptive change requires experimentation, acquiring new knowledge and changing attitudes, values and behaviors. An example is PW's hiring of a funds development expert and joining the Women's Funding Network.

In July 2011, LEC sent two of its members to adaptive leadership training at Montreat Conference Center. LEC recommended and the CCT concurred that CCT have a training session as early as possible during the next triennium (scheduled for March 2013).

Adaptive change is not easy; it requires developing and using a different mindset than we might have used in the past. When we employ adaptive techniques, we often must turn up the pressure on an organization and allow conflict to exist rather than rush to keep everyone comfortable. It requires us to look at the big picture. Ron Heifitz, a noted expert on adaptive leadership, says it is like looking at a dance floor from above so that you see the whole floor, not just part.

All levels of the organization must be involved and committed to the change for it to be effective. How might you and your PW group use adaptive leadership to thrive and grow?

PW commits to intergenerational dialogue

Where are the young women? This question has concerned PW groups for quite some time. At the Churchwide level, PW has done several things to engage this issue over time. One was through inclusion of young women on the CCT. For some time, the CCT had four positions filled by young

women representing the National Network of Presbyterian College Women (NNPCW) and Racial Ethnic Young Women Together (REYWT). At the 2012 Business Meeting, two additional young women representative at-large positions were added.

During the 2006–2009 triennium, PW also created the Young Women's Task Force. LEC worked closely with this task force and, through this process, has grown deeper in its appreciation of young women's perceptions, perspectives and needs. The idea of intergenerational dialogue emerged from this process.

On September 8, LEC met with Presbyterian Mission Agency staff who are engaged in young adult ministry. We learned a great deal about the ways in which the church is currently engaged in ministries with young people. We also learned:

1. If we want to engage young people, we need to first hear them; in order for us to hear them, young people need to have a safe space where they can speak their truth.
2. The traditional faith journey has been believe–join–serve, but young people typically follow the pattern of serve–join–believe. They are passionate about mission and doing justice, and their engagement in service often leads them to a faith community.
3. The age group most hungry for programs is that of those who are post-college.

We talked about how to take intergenerational dialogue forward. We learned that as many as eight young women will be attending the UN Commission on the Status of Women. LEC has concluded that this would offer optimal space and opportunity to begin a dialogue. Four members of LEC will be participating in CSW in March 2012. We are hoping that this gathering at CSW, with a common purpose of addressing the issue of violence against women, will help women of different generations find points of connection and that this conversation will help us build trust across generations, find ways to support and strengthen one another, and carry out God's mission together.



Mission Relationships

Upcoming trips offer opportunities for hands-on mission and encounters with Presbyterian heritage

Brethren Service Center and Ecumenical Advocacy Days Mission Trip, April 3–8, 2013

Experience hands-on mission and learn how to mobilize for advocacy on specific U.S. domestic and international policy issues. The tour begins in New Windsor, Maryland, at the Brethren Service Center. You will learn how this distribution center processes the items that you send for mothers and babies in Africa; you will assemble Safe Motherhood Kits and sort other items to be shipped to other parts of the world. The second part of the tour will take you to Washington, D.C., to participate in Ecumenical Advocacy Days (EAD). The theme of EAD 2013 is Food Justice for a Healthy World. For more information about EAD, visit www.AdvocacyDays.org.

The cost of the tour is \$600 per person, based on five nights shared accommodations with private bath at the Brethren Service Center, all meals, registration for Ecumenical Advocacy Days, and transportation from New Windsor to Washington, D.C. Transportation to New Windsor is not included in the cost of the tour. The deadline for registration is March 1, 2013. The tour is limited to 12 participants.

Women of the Reformation Tour, Geneva, Switzerland and Southern France, August 27–September 4, 2013

Encounter Presbyterians' faith heritage; visit Reformation sites in Geneva, Switzerland and southern France. Join Reformed Church of France congregations at their annual Assemblée de Desert worship celebration on Sunday, September 1.

Mary Jorgenson and Hillary Mohaupt will be tour leaders. Space is limited so be sure and register early, if you are interested in going. A valid passport is required for participation. The registration deadline is May 15, 2013. The cost is \$1,550 per person, including shared accommodations, ground transportation, all meals and sightseeing. Air fare is not included.

For more information on both trips, email Kathy Reeves at katharine.reeves@pcusa.org or call 888.728.7228, ext. 5402.

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PW joins Presbyterian Foundation online giving community! Plus, more training and materials available

By Jen Lenard-Benson

PW joins Foundation's online giving community!

PW announces a new partnership with the Presbyterian Foundation's Ministry Partnership Program, an online giving community that provides a more seamless experience for those wishing to support PW mission and ministry online. Donors to PW will still be using the "donate" links on the PW website to give by debit or credit card, electronic funds transfer or from donor-advised funds, but they will be connecting to PW's funds through the Foundation's online giving community. This means that, beginning in November, donors who give online will receive a thank-you for their gift immediately, will be able to print a receipt, learn how their gift is making an impact and even set up recurring gifts!

To donate to the PW mission and ministry area of your choice, go to www.presbyterianwomen.org/givingandfunding/. For questions regarding PW giving, please contact Jen Lenard-Benson at 888.728.7228, ext. 5308, or jen.lenard-benson@pcusa.org.

The Presbyterian Foundation can help you grow support for your other mission projects, too, while relying on a trusted partner to professionally administer and safeguard the funds you raise; the Ministry Partnership Program is available to any PC(USA) congregation or ministry aligned in mission with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Please contact Stephen Keizer at 866.317.0751 or smk@fdn.pcusa.org should you have a question about the Ministry Partnership Program.

Celebration Giving rep training coming in November

Training for Celebration Giving representatives will take place via webinar on Thursday, November 15. There will be two sessions, one held at 2 PM EST and one held at 7 PM EST. The same material is covered in each session; you only need to attend one session to receive the information. Celebration Giving representatives are critical leaders who assist with interpretation and promotion of giving opportunities within Presbyterian Women. If you are interested in serving in this important role, please register for training. Call Jen Lenard-Benson at 888.728.7228, ext. 5308, or email jen.lenard-benson@pcusa.org.

Materials available for PW's 2013 Mission Pledge

You or another leader in your congregation and/or presbytery should have received promotional materials for the 2013 PW Mission Pledge campaign by now. Every PC(USA) congregation received a 2013 Mission Pledge packet addressed to "PW/Women's Group." If you know of someone who should have received a packet and did not, request one by calling 800.524.2612 (item PWR12011), or download materials at www.presbyterianwomen.org/missionpledge. Also, please email patricia.longfellow@pcusa.org or call 888.728.7228, ext. 8015, to ensure that the PW database contains up-to-date contact information.

Traditionally, pledges toward PW mission are received in the fall. Please be sure to receive your gifts for 2012 and pledges for 2013 before the end of 2012.

If you have questions about collecting pledges in the PWC, sending individual gifts, using the information in the packet, or need more information about any aspect of the Mission Pledge, contact Jen Lenard-Benson, jen.lenard-benson@pcusa.org or 888.728.7228, ext. 5308.

Honoring leaders during the holiday season—Honorary Life Membership and Memorial and Recognition Gifts

With the holidays just around the corner, this is a good time to exercise options available through PW to honor women, men and groups for their dedication to Presbyterian Women and its purpose.

You can nominate leaders for Honorary Life Membership in PW; they will receive a certificate and a silver or gold pin (depending upon gift amount). This high honor recognizes your honoree's dedication to PW and the purpose we live by each and every day.

You can also make a gift, in any amount, as a recognition or memorial gift to honor or remember anyone who has shown dedication and commitment to PW. If you are interested in this gift option, please complete the form found online at www.pcusa.org/resource/pw-memorial-and-recognition-gifts-form, or contact Nancy McWhorter, 888.728.7228, ext. 8014, nancy.mcwhorter@pcusa.org.



Mark your calendar: Stewardship Kaleidoscope 2013

Stewardship Kaleidoscope 2013 will be held March 11–13 in St. Louis, Missouri. Stewardship Kaleidoscope is a gathering of laity and clergy from across the United States who meet annually to learn from one another about matters relevant to the financial life of PC(USA) congregations. Through plenary sessions, workshops and the sharing of real-life experiences, the leaders of your churches swap notes with others and consider new ways of inspiring member giving. This year's theme is "Generosity for Every Generation." Presbyterian Women will be one of the sponsors for this event. We hope you will attend and encourage others to do the same. For more information, visit www.stewardshipkaleidoscope.org.

Reminder: Workshops available to PW groups

Did you know that PW staff members are available to present workshops at synod, presbytery and other gatherings? This can be done in person or, for smaller groups, via webinar. New workshop topics include "Building Bridges, Connecting Generations: An Intergenerational Dialogue"; "Global Exchange: Perspectives from India"; "Prevention of Human Trafficking"; and "Money, Mission and Ministry." Many others are available, as well. For more information, contact Ann Ferguson, PW program coordinator, ann.ferguson@pcusa.org or 888.728.7228, ext. 5365.

PC(USA) Connections

Third annual Montreat Multicultural Institute

November 6-9, 2012

The third annual Montreat Multicultural Institute, sponsored by the Presbyterian Multicultural Network (PMN) and the Office of Multicultural Congregational Support (OMCS) offers courses to enable and inspire clergy and laity in cultivating God's biblical vision of gathering people of diverse identities into inclusive communities of faith. Join empowering and illuminating group activities and inspiring and embodied worship each evening. Learn more at www.montreat.org/current/presbyterian-multicultural-institute-2012.

New for the holidays!

PW-logo tablet sleeve and carrying bag

Carry your computer tablet (such as an iPad) in PW style with the new PW-logo tablet sleeve with carrying bag! Available in three color combinations: green neoprene sleeve with black carrying bag and matching green PW logo embroidered on the bag; pink neoprene sleeve with black carrying bag and matching pink PW logo on the bag; and royal blue neoprene sleeve with black carrying bag and royal blue PW logo with gold accent (see item numbers below). All cases include a small pocket on the carrying bag, a pen loop and a D ring. The neoprene sleeve measures approximately 9" x 7" and fits comfortably into the zippered carrying bag (the brightly colored neoprene sleeve sits just above the black carrying bag). Do measure your tablet first; first-generation iPads do not fit the sleeve.



- PW logo tablet sleeve with carrying bag, black and pink, PWR12305, \$17.00
- PW logo tablet sleeve with carrying bag, black and royal blue, PWR12306, \$17.00
- PW logo tablet sleeve with carrying bag, black and green, PWR12307, \$17.00

Fellowship of Least Coin's Esther Byu publishes memoir

My Memoir: A Long Journey Back Home is the compelling and inspiring life story of Esther Byu, a shy orphan who, through faith and prayer, rose to leadership in international Christian women's organizations, including the International Committee for the Fellowship of the Least Coin. "Esther's story not only reflects her life, but many courageous women and men who have given up all they had for what they believed in" (Valamoto Palu, Mascot Uniting Church, Australia). Item PWR12465; \$13.95.

Bylaws available online to complete your PW Manual

Please note: If you have ordered the 2012 edition of the *PW Manual*, and have not yet downloaded the revised Churchwide bylaws (updated at the Churchwide Business Meeting in July 2012), go to www.pcusa.org/resource/presbyterian-women-bylaws.

Ordering PW resources

Unless otherwise specified, order all PW resources from Presbyterian Distribution Service by calling toll-free, 800.524-2612, or ordering online at <http://store.pcusa.org>. Please add 10 percent of order total (\$5.25 minimum, \$65.00 maximum) for shipping. Although not anticipated, prices and availability may change without notice.

Good communication depends on up-to-date info

Did you know that Presbyterian Women works very hard to keep up-to-date contact information for Presbyterian women all over the world? Please help us stay connected; send your contact info, including email address, as well as contact lists, rosters from gatherings, congregational directories and so forth. These updates are especially critical as leadership changes occur. Send to Patricia Longfellow, patricia.longfellow@pcusa.org, fax to 502.569.8026, or mail to PW, 100 Witherspoon Street, Louisville, KY 40202, attn: Patricia.

Horizons Reps' Corner

Dear Horizons reps,

Who doesn't love quizzes? Please answer yes or no to the following questions. Each question begins with "Have you ever . . ."

- ...risen before the birds and driven many miles to staff a *Horizons* display at a PWC gathering in a far-off town?
- ...willingly performed in a skit, sang a song or cheered a cheer to promote PW's publishing ministry?
- ...given away your own cherished copies of *Horizons* magazine or Bible study just to share with someone who doesn't know what she's missing (until now)?
- ...called PDS or the PW offices to make sure you have enough subscription cards (or pens!) to see you through?
- ...dug deeply into your own funds to give the gift of *Horizons* to someone you just met?
- ...found yourself exasperated by Presbyterian women who say they cannot subscribe to *their* magazine because . . . they can't possibly keep up with their reading material or said "*Horizons* isn't for me, I'm not a leader!"?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then you are, indeed, a *Horizons* rep! Thank you! From coast to coast, *Horizons* reps are cleverly discovering lots of creative ways to promote *Horizons*. From skits and cheers to setting up displays and decorating bulletin boards, *Horizons* reps are on the move, spreading the word that supporting Presbyterian women's publishing is an important ministry.

Coming in *Horizons*, the magazine for PW

Women's Bible study on Churchill Downs' backside

In early October, the PW communications office received a request for copies of the 2003–2004 *Horizons* Bible study *The Face Is Familiar*. Jenna Wissink, a student at Louisville Presbyterian Seminary, is planning to start a women's ministry and Bible study group at Churchill Downs for the backside workers. She is serving as the chaplain intern there and says justice issues abound on the backside, especially for the women. "I chose *The Face Is Familiar* because I believe it conveys a powerful message about the women who go unnamed in Scripture. Working on the backside can often be a thankless job," and the women who work the backside go unseen. "I believe exploring what it means to carry a name may be an important message for these too-often-forgotten women." Jenna says, "I am passionate about this ministry, and I would love for more passionate people and more churches to hear about it!" See the full story in the January/February issue of *Horizons*!

Home for school girls dedicated in Madagascar

In September, Presbyterian Women mission and offering staff received good news from a Thank Offering recipient in Madagascar. Jan Heckler, PC(USA) mission coworker in Madagascar, reported that Akany Gazela, a boarding home built for young women of high school age so they can attend secondary school, was dedicated in July. The home was built by *Dorkasy*, the women's division of the PC(USA)'s partner church in Madagascar, FJKM, with the help of a grant from the 2011 Thank Offering. Watch for the full story in an upcoming issue of *Horizons*!