

# The Lighthouse



February 2019

Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the North Northeast

## Moderator's Message



Lisa Gray

***Celebrate Wonder*** from: Fragments of Your Ancient Name by Joyce Rupp  
***Creator of wintry ice and snow,  
The untamed winds of frosted winter  
cough their way into penetrating cold-  
ness.  
Heavy snowflakes swirl wildly every-  
where. You invite us to witness this  
fresh beauty,  
To lessen complaint about its incon-  
venience. You speak to grumbling  
hearts in this season:***

***“Celebrate the wonder of what is before  
you. Abandon your schedule and organized plans.  
Settle into the long wintry evenings of quiet and sip the  
good red wine of my contentment.”***

I was on the Synod Moderators conference call this week and there is SO much going on with Presbyterian Women that it's hard for what I choose to lift up to you. Then one woman brought up the discouraging issues of aging women, lessening numbers and no one seems to be interested like “they used to”. I was thinking yes PWSNE has six with no Presbytery Moderator, just adding a seventh to that and one with an “acting Moderator”. We plan Gatherings and just don't get the attendance. UGH that could be discouraging.

BUT the theme I came up with for our (annual meeting) Fall Gathering is: **“Women Move Mountains”** Matthew 17:20 “If you have faith as small as a mustard seed (or a small PW group) you can say to this mountain ‘move from here to there’ and it will be done.” So plan to come to Stony Point Conference Center October 18-19. It's for **ALL women not just leaders**.

Although I've found it difficult to delegate without having the energy flowing from having someone sitting next to me at a meeting, somehow God just places pieces of the program in my lap. Rosemary Mitchell PCUSA Senior Director of Mission Engage-

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## Editor's Note:

Send pictures of your gatherings, service projects, etc. for the next issue of the *Lighthouse*. Articles for the next issue due by August 1, 2019.

Please be certain that you put in the subject line of you email the words Lighthouse article. In addition make certain you send to me at this email address: [august13sss@gmail.com](mailto:august13sss@gmail.com)

I no longer use the aol address. I found a couple under there and am not certain if I missed anyone for that I apologize.

Moderator's message continued

ment and Support has agreed to be our keynote speaker for Friday evening. I'm working on a liturgical dance troupe. You'll hear about the USA Mission Experience which will be in our "back yard", so I think that will open many doors for ministry we could all share in. We'll do something hands on *the TOGETHER IN SERVICE (pillow cases for Puerto Rico)*, we can walk the labyrinth, watch a movie and we can **share ideas on how to move those mountains**. LET ME KNOW WHAT YOU'D LIKE FOR WORKSHOPS or volunteer to lead one!

We've been discussing new ways of being Presbyterian Women. If you want you can to come to the "starter kit" **Sisters Stand and Walk Together** whose first meeting will be April 6 in Valley Stream, Long Island NY. I know there are some Ghanaian women interested but it's open to all women who need help getting going. See the flyer and application!

Some of you may have heard this before (I heard it at the 2018 Church wide Gathering Workshop) we must **find our WHY** and what we will do is the easy part. The WHY for me is the same as when I was thirty following the PW purpose but the **HOW needs adjusting!** At a minimum when you get women together please don't forget the **Mission Pledge**. The Thank and Birthday Offerings goes for missions, yes projects you'll find listed in *Horizons* and the promotional packs that are mailed to EVERY CHURCH. Easy enough to interpret. TO KEEP OUR RESOURCES glued together we need staff help, so could you please try to donate at least \$50 from each congregation?

Let's not be discouraged but **look for the wonder** and celebrate it! When you're done "abandoning your schedule and organized plans" as Joyce Rupp suggests become refreshed and face a new PW a new way!

Peace, Lisa Gray PWSNE Moderator

## What Does Mission Pledge Do?

Staff support and participation in events for OUR PW groups.  
programming, publishing  
USA Mission Experience & Global Exchange  
Partnerships such as **Knitting4Peace**  
Peace and Justice Advocacy  
Solidarity with ecumenical movements:  
World Day of Prayer, Fellowship of the Least Coin, and Church Women United.  
Presence at General Assembly, the Big Tent & other churchwide events  
Meetings to discern the goals and works towards true diversity.  
Publishes *Horizons magazine*, including an annual Bible Study.  
Management of this national nonprofit with worldwide mission and ministry reach.  
Operating expenses: rent, utilities, insurance, staffing, and office supplies.  
Support of PCUSA mission and partnerships

If this reads like Greek to you, come join us in learning and sharing at your Presbytery Level Gatherings or the Synod level workshops. Call National Staff or CALL US, invite us we can come and educate and support you! Use the PW web-site and resources.

## Together in Service Change

Our Together in Service spot Marion Gregg-Whited has resigned due to health issues and will be replaced, the way be clear (I think I can appoint vacancies & a vote can happen next fall), with Kris Gerling. We welcome Kris and continue to pray for Marion.

Look further for the Pillowcase project for Puerto Rico.

## **Churchwide PW Vice Moderator For Mission Relations Message to PWSNE**

**JoAnn Burrell**

Editor's Note: We are grateful for JoAnn to take the time to submit the following to us. We are so pleased with our PWSNE representation of the Churchwide level.

Happy 2019 women in the Synod of the Northeast! We are a bit into the year, but I like to wish everyone a happy and healthy days all year long.

I am happy to hear that the women in the Synod of the NE are starting a new class of Sisters Stand and Walk Together (SSWT) program that trains women to be leaders in the future. This is a wonderful program that has proven success. I urge each of you to help Moderator Gray and the Team with this new class. You will enjoy having a hand in building future leaders.

This year, PW has two new Together In Service (TIS) mission opportunities that everyone (women, men, & children) can take part in. These two opportunities were developed from the overwhelming needs of the people in the Synod of Puerto Rico resulting from the Hurricane that devastated most of the island and adjoining islands. The efforts from the Federal Government have not been enough to bring back the necessary services for healthy living, and re-building. The first new TIS is the opportunity to individually (or as a group) support with a financial contribution(s) for a long-term water supply system, and home reconstruction. The second new TIS is a hands-on project (PW Pillowcases) for children in Puerto Rico. These pillowcases will demonstrate love, concern, and will provide prayers for children who have suffered the devastating results of loss from Hurricane Maria. It might be fun for a family to decorate some pillowcases together to be sent to children in need! We are hoping for at least a 100 by August 2019.

More information for both of these TIS projects can be found at:

<https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/giving-funfing/give/together-in-service/>

I thank all of you for your support of the Thank and Birthday Offerings. I encourage you to continue supporting these two giving opportunities. We do have another giving opportunity (the Mission Pledge Annual Fund) that we all should support continuously. Quarterly support would really help our organization with the many items that this fund addresses. Our Mission Pledge Annual Fund is used for programing, publishing, and staff support to our PW Groups in the congregations, presbyteries, and in the Synods. It provides participation in events that develop and enhance PW leaders. It helps with continued mission partnerships with PCUSA, with past Global & USAME partners, and it helps develop new partnerships brought about through our mission trips. The Mission Pledge plays a part in hands-on projects, directing prayer, supporting solidarity in ecumenical movements, and advocacy efforts for peace & justice. This fund supports the regular meetings of your PW Board of Directors, and it provides funds for operating expenses (rent, utilities, insurance, office supplies, and staff salaries). It is the fund that enables us to carry on the mission work of the Presbyterian Women Organization.

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A suggestion might be for all of us (at our churches) to have an annual celebration of the PW Mission Pledge Annual Fund. A Dedication Service could be designed just like we do for the Birthday and Thank Offering. Writing and designing a celebration service would give the women of your church an opportunity to show off some of your talents. This once a year dedication fund raising service at our churches would encourage us to do more, help us grow in faith and numbers, help make connections with church members, and help Presbyterian Women with economic stability.

There are other opportunities for mission work. One opportunity is to encourage Presbyteries to give their PWP Moderators voice and vote. If you have voice and vote in your Presbytery help your sisters in other Presbyteries that do not have voice and vote. Encourage them to speak up and request voice & vote. Advise them on how you got voice and vote. Another mission opportunity is to work with our sisters who do not have organized Presbyterian Women circles/groups in their congregations. Invite them to your meetings, your teas, your gatherings, your book groups, your get-togethers. Include them in every activity your group does. Treat them just like they are a member of your group. Show them how the Presbyterian Women organization can benefit them in their activities. Show them that sharing stories can be faith strengthening, and shared stories will open new doors for them.

PWSNE I applaud all that you do, and I pray for continued success in your endeavors in mission, peace, and justice for all.

Have a wonderful 2019! Let Moderator Lisa Gray and your PW Synod Rep Jo-Ann Estella know what you are doing.

Yours in Christ,  
Jo Ann Burrell

**USA Mission Experience  
To Visit Central NY**

Several PWs from Central NY will be sponsors of the USAME from July 12-22, 2019. Delegates from our PWSNE are our Moderator, Lisa Gray and Linda Franklin from Long Island PWP. They will be visiting various sites which for the most part will showcase women's empowerment. It is also the 100th anniversary of women gaining the right to vote.

Both women will share their experience after their visit with PW groups throughout the Synod.

In the meantime donations will be appreciated towards this experience. Send donations to the

Treasurer: Nancy Lack, 15 Lincoln Ave. , Florham Park, NJ 07932

The next payment for the trip will be due on April 13, 2019.

If anyone wishes more information, please contact :Linda Werts, Virginia Champlin or Rita Hooper. There may be others but they will be able to answer you questions about the trip.

Email addresses are:

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Rita: twohoops2@gmail.com

## Together in Service Hands-on Project for Children in Puerto Rico

### PW Pillowcases

Presbyterian Women can demonstrate love, concern and prayers for the children affected by Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico. PW, Inc. is partnering with the three presbyteries on the island of Puerto Rico to create personalized pillowcases and distribute them through Presbyterian churches and schools. PW will send personalized pillowcases to the PW of the Synod of Puerto Rico in August 2019. We are hoping for at least 100! How can you help? Create a special pillowcase for a child!

#### Purchase a "blank" pillowcase and . . . get creative!

- Create a pattern with fabric paint or dip-dyes and stencils or stamps. Glue on buttons, felt or ribbons.
- Embroider designs or use iron-on appliques. Stitch on lace borders or a crocheted edging.

#### Or make your own pillowcases!

- Sew, quilt, crochet or knit a whole pillowcase with fun colors.
- Choose child-friendly designs; skilled sewers can make them reversible!

#### Be sure to include a message.

- Write a note telling a child in Puerto Rico that you are sending love and care with the pillowcase.
- Send a prayer or special bible verse; send a picture of yourself, your church or your PW group.
- Sew in a label that identifies the group or shares a word of hope (perhaps in Spanish).

#### Make it an intergenerational project.

- Invite a young person to decorate a pillowcase with you; use the time to teach a new hands-on skill.
- Talk about the importance of mission while you're working.

#### Or, you may choose to donate craft supplies

During Presbyterian Youth Triennium in July 2019, we will use the PW exhibit space to create pillowcases.

We need the following supplies:

- Pillowcases, fabric glue, appliques, fabric markers and stamps

#### Where to send completed pillowcases

- Presbyterian Women, Attn: Cheri Harper, 100 Witherspoon St., Louisville, KY 40202-1396
- Send pillowcases with youth who attend the Presbyterian Youth Triennium at Purdue University July 16-20, 2019. They can deliver the pillowcases to PW in the Exhibit Hall

#### Where to send donated craft supplies

- Presbyterian Women, Attn: Cheri Harper, 100 Witherspoon St., Louisville, KY 40202-1396
- Or order supplies through Amazon (use AmazonSmile and donate a portion of your supplies to PW in the PCUSA—win-win!) and have them shipped directly to Louisville

#### Going beyond

- Together in Service is PW's hand-on mission program, supported, in part, through financial gifts. Send your contribution of any size to PW, Inc., Remittance Processing, PO Box 643652, Pittsburgh PA 15264-3652; or give online (<https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/giving-funding/give/>). Indicate the project name in the notes line of the check.
- Share your pillowcase ministry online! Visit the PW Facebook and Pinterest page and post your ideas!

For more information, contact PW's mission associate, Cheri Harper, at [cheri.harper@pcusa.org](mailto:cheri.harper@pcusa.org). To give to this Together in Service project, go to [www.presbyterianwomen.org/tis](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/tis).



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## Historian

Sandy Grillo

**Editors Note:** As Sandy mentions in this article she is moving to be closer to her son. We bid her not only a fond farewell but best wishes for her future in her new home. Maybe if we head that way we can pay her a visit.

This will be my last article as PWS Historian. I have enjoyed doing it and being a part of the Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Northeast in several capacities, but all good things must come to an end. Many of you know I am moving, for those that do not, I am heading to VA to be nearer my family – something I did not think I would do! The closing on my condo will be February 15 so this whole thing is moving more quickly than I expected it to, but it is what it is!

I've asked several past moderators for their thoughts on PW and perhaps what got them involved way back at the beginning. This time I asked Maxine Hunter for her thoughts. Here is what she had to say:

**As I stood washing the breakfast dishes, I found myself singing, “Precious memories, how they linger...”. The song was triggered because I was in the process of writing this article for Sandy Grillo. She had tasked me with the challenge of sharing some of my thoughts, feelings, memories, etc., for the Lighthouse History section. Here are few thoughts and remembrances for you. Enjoy!**

**My journey at the PWP level began with the promise of a homemade chicken sandwich complete with mayo and lettuce. It was time for the 1986 Spring PWP Gathering in the Presbytery of Cayuga-Syracuse. The only requirement for us to attend was to bring our own lunch. As a newbie in the Morrisville Community Church I was enticed to attend by one of our group's best cooks/lunch makers. She said, “If you come, I'll make you a chicken sandwich with lettuce and mayo.” What a deal I thought, and I accepted the offer without hesitation. Over the next 15 years I became increasingly involved in PWP, leading to my becoming their PWP Moderator in 2001. Just think about this: It all begin with a chicken sandwich.**

**Another small, but to me, interesting moment in my journey occurred at the registration table of my first ever attendance at a PW in the Synod of the Northeast Gathering. It was the 1999 Fall Gathering/Business Meeting of PWSNE. Although I had no official position with our PWP or the Synod at that time, I was able to attend. On arrival, and since I wasn't an officer or voting representative, I was left alone. I walked up to the registration table to give my name and get whatever info. I would need. What luck. Jane Mosher was the registrar that day, and Sandy Grillo was standing smiling beside her. I didn't know who they were but registering went smoothly. I thought to myself, “Wow, these gals seem friendly.” As I lingered over signing my name, Sandy Grillo, who I just met for the first time in my life, said, “My, but you have beautiful blue eyes!” I was totally surprised, and said, “I don't think my hus-**

Historian cont.

band has ever noticed.” We both laughed. As I ambled away in search of my room, I thought to myself, “Now that was really unexpected---and I wasn’t even fishing for a compliment. I think this is going to be okay.” Actually, the whole event—the workshops, the plenary meetings, and particularly the singing-- was better than okay. I sometimes smile to myself about all of this because that day which started with a compliment morphed fifteen years later into my accepting—which surprised me and perhaps my friends—the position of Moderator of PWSNE.

Lastly, the best part for me about being involved in Presbyterian Women was and still is all the friends I have made. Here’s a sample of my friendship roll call (get the beat): There is Gail, Anne, Magdalene, and Jane M.; there is Jo Ann, Joanne, Joan, and Joann; there is Sandy, Charlotte, Sophie and Schuchen; there is Beth, Jane K., Jyungin and Moon; there is Sharon, Rosalie, Su-Ling and Lisa; there is Gloria, Susan, Ardelle and Rita; there is Gin-nie, Virginia, Lorie and Hsiu-Fen; and forever within my heart and perhaps yours, too, is Viola, Jane M., Joan C., Emily; Dotsie, and Carlyon.

Yes, memories are precious and as the old gospel song says, “how they linger deep within my soul.”

I think Maxine expresses the heart and soul of PWSNE. What do you think?

Sandy Grillo

## Justice and Peace Info for PWPs

Lori Evens , Coordinator

1. Orange Days, wear an orange ribbon on the 25th day

Of the month, we will not tolerate violence against women and girls.

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2.Trace hands with a red crayon, to send to the United Nations

Or our mission agency in New York. This is called the Red

Hand campaign No child soldiers.

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3. KNIT4PEACE, GLOBAL YARNS.

download their newsletter: [Knitting4peace.org](http://Knitting4peace.org)

Email Lori at [Imegolfer@gmail.com](mailto:Imegolfer@gmail.com) with questions

## Enjoy a Visit From Virginia Champlin to Hear About the Global Exchange to Indonesia

I have already shared it with 4 Presbyteries and 3 churches beside my circle, friends, and family. Another PWP will hear me this Spring. You all paid for me to attend, would you like to hear/see your investment?

I come with photos and stories about this fabulous experience. Cannot and will not accept any honorariums. Only need to cover travel expenses.

Looking forward to sharing with you.

Virginia Champlin

PWSNE Representative to 2017 Global Exchange, Indonesia

585-526-5841 home (call this number first)

585-752-1032 cell

[danvirginiac@aol.com](mailto:danvirginiac@aol.com)

## Presbyterian Women Building Community

Lisa Gray

Recently I was invited by a long time church friend (my former congregation in Long Valley) to join about a dozen people for lunch and she invited (my first) the pastor from the “late seventies”. What a warm reunion! One woman who use to run an antiques shop in the Poconos reminded me of the time I planned a “day trip” (I was moderator of the church’s Presbyterian Women at that time) to her shop, a few other shops, the candle factory and of course lunch. She even remembered the pink Depression Glass plate I purchased. She asked if I still had it. I do. AND she remembered I collect it.

It got me to thinking this morning about my planning to write something for the winter newsletter for my local church, Presbytery PW as Peace and Justice Coordinator (yes still) and Synod level as moderator. I’m trying to wrap up and promote all the things Presbyterian Women can do to follow their purpose: prayer and bible study, support mission, work for justice and peace, and there comes: **“...build an inclusive caring community of women that strengthens our denomination and witness to the promises of God’s kingdom”.**

**When we build those ties we create women who will join us in ministry and mission of Presbyterian Women.** So I invite all women to think about ways we can be bound together in Christian love, if even on a “road trip”. Look to a talent, job, hobby, (another trip was the Gospel Cruise around NYC from Weehawken NJ), entertainment that is local or even a food bank to spend a “mission day”.

So dear sisters I suggest we not forget the building block, which although it appears **last** in the purpose is the thing we should begin with **first**. Tell PW in your church what you’d like to do or better yet volunteer yourself to organize it!

## Birthday Offering

The Birthday Offering is one of Presbyterian Women’s two offerings. Received in the spring each year, it gives women a tangible way to celebrate the blessings in their lives. The Birthday Offering funds up to five projects each year, in amounts of \$75,000 to \$150,000 each. The recipients are selected before the offering is received, so grant amounts depend on the gifts received.

### Disaster Response Team

Presbytery of Charlotte, Charlotte, North Carolina The Disaster Response Team of the Presbytery of Charlotte will expand its ministry to support people affected by human-made or natural disasters. PW’s grant will help provide a warehouse, parking lot and security fencing. This new space will hold household goods, food, hygiene, and school kits, and clean-up buckets, and will house mobile shower units and disaster recovery trailers.

### Effingham Child Development Center

Inclusive Playground, Effingham, Illinois In a child’s early years inclusive play environments set the tone for successful future relationships. The Effingham Child Development Center serves children and families of differing abilities and is paving the way for all kids to learn and play together. The Birthday Offering will improve the center’s playground by helping to provide a protective play surface and all-inclusive play equipment.

### Presbyterian Homes and Services of Kentucky, Inc.

#### Good Shepherd Community Nursing Center, Phelps, Kentucky

Presbyterian Homes and Services of Kentucky cares for people who are sick, poor, lonely or vulnerable due to infirmities of age and poor health. This project will improve the quality of life and safety for nursing center residents in the Appalachian region of Eastern Kentucky. PW’s grant will help provide new wardrobes, bedside cabinets, over-bed tables, nursing beds, mattresses and lift recliners.

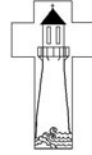
### Wings of Refuge

Restoration Home, Iowa Falls, Iowa Wings of Refuge provides a safe and healing space for women victimized by human trafficking. Without safety and shelter, there is little healing. PW’s Birthday Offering grant will help fund a larger long-term safe home where many more women will find restoration, identity, community, opportunity and hope, and transition into independent living.





## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN in the SYNOD of the NORTHEAST



### SISTERS STAND AND WALK TOGETHER

SISTERS STAND and WALK TOGETHER (SSWT) is beginning enrollment for a **new class**. It can be up to a three-year program of Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Northeast. It was originally designed to acclimate and motivate new immigrant women from congregations within the Synod to Presbyterian Women. They met three times a year. We hope to attract ALL women who are new to Presbyterian Women who want to start or enhance an existing PW group by learning skills to prepare for leadership roles. There is no financial cost to the participant.

The goals of the program are to build community and confidence, help women feel comfortable with public speaking and commit to the purpose of Presbyterian Women. SISTERS STAND and WALK TOGETHER seeks to prepare the women through leadership development training including forums and workshops where cultural and gender differences are explored and leadership shared. Several graduates have taken leadership roles in Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Northeast and Churchwide.

The group will meet at Valley Stream Presbyterian Church (Long Island, walking distance from the Long Island Railroad train stop). Participants are encouraged to attend PW events in Albany, at Stony Point and Louisville. The training sessions could include (as needed):

- Exposure to the Presbyterian Women's manual (purpose, principles, structure, and are circles are they still relevant), Horizons magazine and the PW Quarterly Leadership Newsletter.

- Conversations about cultural and gender barrier issues and women's role in the church. Finding your WHY in Presbyterian Women.

- How to develop and lead a Bible study (including how to build community by conducting an 'ice breaker').

- How to plan and lead a worship service, creating one for the training sessions.

- How to plan an agenda and lead a meeting (by consensus), run a workshop.

- Communication skills including listening/conflict resolution and technology for flyers, newsletters, conference calls. Best practices for (personal invitations) attracting attendance at Gatherings, fundraising events and securing participation on a Design Team.

- Bringing it all together, taking it to the world.

- Homework may be given to participate and/or lead in a worship service, small group session or Sunday School class in our home church.

The next class begins **Sat., April 6, 2019, from 9:30- 3:00 pm**. More classes will be scheduled at everyone's mutual need and availability. For further information, contact:

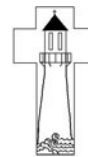
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## **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN in the SYNOD of the NORTHEAST**



### **SISTERS STAND AND WALK TOGETHER**

Class beginning Sat. April 6, 2019, 9:30 am- 3:00 pm at Valley Stream Presbyterian Church 130 South Central Ave Valley Stream, NY 11580 (516-561-0616) Pastor at Valley Stream PC - Rev. Kymberly (KC) Jones

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Church you attend \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have an active Presbyterian Women's group? \_\_\_\_\_

Please state briefly what is most important to start the first discussions:

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Do you need to be picked up at the train station? \_\_\_\_\_



## Do Not Say “NO” Until You Know?

By Alpha Brown, Search Committee Moderator

The Search committee is responsible for recruiting, evaluating, and recommending qualified candidate for officers for the PW SYNOD of the Northeast. In the months to come, we are recruiting women who are committed, dedicated and willing to serve as an officer in PW of the SYNOD of the Northeast.

In order for Presbyterian Women (PW), to grow we must elect leaders periodically, so the current leaders can rest and refuel themselves. By changing leaders periodically, we will absorb talents and skills from a diverse group of women that will enhance our growth.

Our Search is to make sure the women in this SYNOD is well represented and qualified Officers, on all levels of PW. Before you say NO, take the time to listen to your heart by accepting an invitation or nominate someone who you think will be qualified to become a member on the team.

We have been grateful that God has blessed us with wonderful leaders. They said, YES.

Positions that need to be filled:

Moderator Elect	2019
Together- In- Service	Vacancy
Justice and Peace	2022
Historian	Vacancy
Search Committee	2022
Moderator Finance Committee	2022

***God has given all of us a gift - To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Matthew 25:15 (ERV)***

Your gift is important to Presbyterian Women.

Search Committee: Sophie Diaz-Corporan, Ardelle Stewart, and Kathy Nealand



**Presbyterian Women in the SYNOD of the Northeast  
2019-2021**

**Nomination Form**

Please recommend only the Presbyterian Woman with whom you have consulted and who is willing to serve. Nominations are accepted and processed as they are received. The final acceptance date is to be postmarked or submitted by August 25, 2019.

Please type or print!

Please tell us about your nominee Not only her Name and Church tell us about the person and why you are nominating her.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephones \_\_\_\_\_

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

Church \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

What Position do you feel would be best fitted for the person being nominated?

Positions to be filled for 2019: Please check one

Vice Moderator { }

Search Committee { }

Peace and Justice { }

Financial Officer Elect { }

Historian Vacancy

Together-In-Service Vacancy

Each one should use whatever gift she/he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10

The Information below is about the **Person Submitting** the Nomination

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title/position in Presbyterian Women \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

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

How do you know the Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

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The Nominee would be an asset to PW of the SYNOD of the Northeast because

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The Nominee's ability to interact and communicate in a group setting \_\_\_\_\_

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All Nomination Forms must be postmarked or submitted by no later than  
August 25, 2019 – earlier would be preferred!

The Search Committee Thanks You!  
Please submit to the Search Committee Moderator  
Alpha Brown  
255 39 147<sup>th</sup> Drive  
Rosedale, NY  
olevia228@gmail.com

**Save the Date  
Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Albany  
Spring Gathering**



**Avila Retirement Community  
100 White Pine Drive, Albany, New York 12203**

**Saturday, April 6, 2019 – 11:30 am – 2:30 pm**

***Keeping Girls in School***

Linda Wistar, *MoonCatcher Project* Board President, will speak on the establishment of sewing cooperatives in undeveloped countries to make reusable menstrual hygiene products.

Fatmata Hilton, President of *Susu Women's Club* and member of *Westminster Presbyterian Women* will speak on the issues in Liberia and Sierra Leone (her native country) that prevent girls from getting an education.

Lyn Kucij, a Physician Assistant, will speak on the educational program that accompanies the distribution of *MoonCatchers* reusable menstrual hygiene kits.

**General Information**

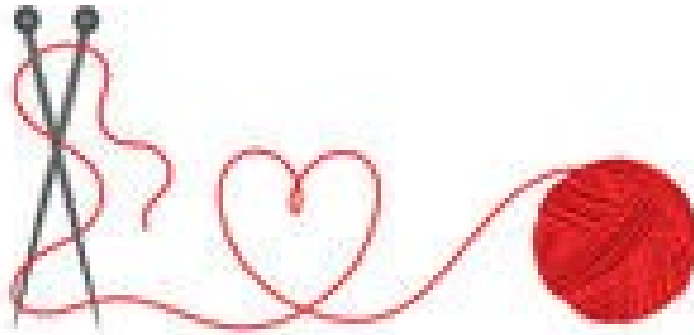
- Meal reservations for a complementary lunch will be required.
- Registration fee of \$5.00 will be collected at the door.

**For further Information**

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# Monmouth Presbyterian Women SPRING GATHERING FOR ALL WOMEN *Knitting the Unity Together*



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SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2019  
POINT PLEASANT PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

Registration and "Coffee and" -  
9 AM

Program - 9:30 AM

Keynote Speaker: Lisa Gray,  
Moderator, Presbyterian Women  
in the Synod of the Northeast

Dedication of Birthday  
Offerings

Installation of new Treas-  
urer

Business Meeting

*Bring a sandwich...*

*Beverages and Dessert will be provided*





**PW in the Presbytery of the Palisades**

# **“SPRING GATHERING”**

**Saturday April 27, 2019**

**9:15 am - 1:30 pm**

**The First Presbyterian Church of Hackensack**  
64 Passaic St. Hackensack, NJ

**Bible Study: Qualities of Great Leadership**  
**Scripture: Matthew 1:1-6, 15: 21-28**

**Host Pastor &  
Gathering leader:**  
**Rev. Steven McClelland**  
Telephone: 201-342-7570



**REGISTRATION: Only \$5.00**  
**Breakfast, Lunch and**  
**Dessert will be provided.**

*Do not miss this opportunity  
of praising, learning and  
sharing the blessings that our  
Lord has given us.*

# Presbyterian Women Synod of the Northeast Fall Gathering

Theme: **WOMEN MOVE MOUNTAINS** - Matthew 17:20 If you have faith as small as a



mustard seed you can say to this mountain “move from here to there” and it will be done.

**Save the date for the annual Fall Gathering  
OCTOBER 18-19 at Stony Point Conference Center (NY)**

**Coordinating Team to meet early at 2, business meeting 3-4 Fri, ends 3 pm Sat**

**Community building with Workshops and Worship for ALL women at any level**

PWSNE covers room costs for Presbytery Moderators, Coordinating Team and Presenters

**ALL PAY registration: early 9/21 \$25, regular \$45; registration deadline Oct 8**

**Single room fee \$150, shared \$75 each, (will assign roommate if none requested)**

**Commuters- registration fee (no meals), plus (1/2 day & 1 meal) \$32.50, both days**