

The Lighthouse



PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

February 2020

Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the North Northeast

Moderators Message



Lisa Gray

I've been studying MIRACLES as a personal spiritual quest in 2019. I will quote www.allaboutphilosophy.org (I had to pick among a large pile I've accumulated in my literary travels): ***"Why do miracles take place? It may be that God wants your attention! When you believe in God, you gain awareness of Him. You see everything in a new light. He shows his great power through trials and tribulations of life, through nature and science. God is in the impossible business.***

What is a miracle? Someone once said, 'coincidence is when god want to remain anonymous'. Well miracles are when God reveals Himself. All glory and honor and praise belong to Him, without Him there would be no miracles!"

I do believe that God can work miracles in and through Presbyterian Women. The question then becomes HOW do we become the hands and feet of God to hurting women (children and men) in our congregation, our Presbytery, and our Synod? As I wind down my term as Moderator PW Synod of the Northeast, I'm always looking for the best thing to say that may MOTIVATE, ENCOURAGE and ENTHUSE **YOU** to become active and invite **OTHERS** to join you on your journey of faithfully living out your calling through Presbyterian Women.

So what MIRACLE can we watch unfold before us as Presbyterian Women? The 2020 Triennial Design Team has been busy organizing a very special meeting this summer to help with this.

It will give us all an opportunity to become an inclusive, caring, **empowered** community of women. For those of you in leadership (PWSNE Coordinating Team and PW Presbytery Moderators) I hope you already have August 21-22 on your calendar, we need you there. For everyone and anyone else who loves or wants to love PW please plan to attend. Hopefully your

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Editor's note:

Comments appreciated on *Light-house*.

The next issue of the *Lighthouse* will be published in August.. Due to the date of the Triennial the due date will be no later than August 27 to accommodate news from the Triennial.

In addition it is hoped we will hear from PWP's. What are you doing? Ideas to share and photos, etc.

Susan Silliman Smith, editor
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Moderator's message continued

Presbytery can help *with* some of the expenses, and if not or you need additional support please see PWSNE webpage for a scholarship form.

Expect keynote inspirational speakers, liturgical dancers, special music, workshops to learn in, bible study and worship to fill your spirit and comradery with others who share your heartfelt quest of service. And we will be voting for a new slate of leaders!

Since I can be a worrier when it comes to attendance at Gatherings please invite friends and church members to drive with you (and room with you at the lovely DESMOND HOTEL in Albany). ALL are invited and welcome at our table. Join the miracle!

Lisa Gray; Moderator PWSNE 2017-2020

Gates Presbyterian Women Gather for Annual Brunch

On Saturday, January 4th, approximately 60 Gates Presbyterian Church women joined together for their annual brunch at the Sweet Briar Lodge. Good time is always had by all and the food was absolutely delicious. Our oldest attendee, along with her daughter Laurie, was June Hungerford who turned 96 last October and unfortunately passed away about 10 days later. Christmas carols were sung and another senior church lady, Frona Rossman, always comes up with some funny jokes for entertainment. In the past, we have had some fun games but this year we decided socializing was the big choice rather than play games. This event is a great way to bring all the lady church members together around the holidays and enjoy each other's company. As in previous years, the ladies support "Willow", a battered women's shelter organization in Rochester, New York, by donating personal items and cleaning items to assist the women when they move on for a better life. Feel free to come join us anytime for a fun, holiday get-together.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN SYNOD OF THE NORTHEAST

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2020 TRIENNium

The Presbyterian Women Synod of the Northeast are pleased to announce that Scholarship Applications for the 2020 Triennium are currently being accepted. The guidelines and application form can be found on the following web site:

- PWSNE.org
- On the top bar – "hit" scholarship
- Near bottom of page – "click" Printable Scholarship Guidelines
- Near bottom of page – "click" Printable Scholarship Application

Scholarship applications must be received prior to Friday, June 19, 2020 and award notification will be announced on July 10, 2020. However, please note that applicants are requested to register and **pay all fees in advance**, by the registration deadline of the Triennium. **Payment** of the scholarship **will be made after the Triennium** by submitting a Reimbursement Voucher, with documentation, to the Treasurer. Documentation may take the form of a hotel bill, airline ticket, mileage declaration, etc.

Please send your application and/or questions regarding scholarships to:

Bev Hoover, Scholarship
11 Olde Lantern Road
Bedford, NH 03110
603-488-5445 (H)
703-362-3911 (C) No, this is not a typo, cell
area code is 703
mikebevhoover@yahoo.com

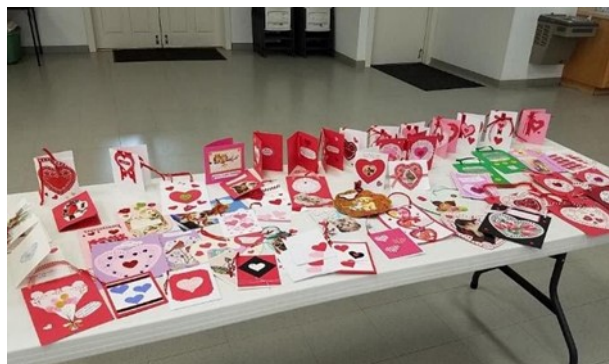
Together in Service

Kristen Gerling

Are your women looking for project that involve knitting? Check out knitting 4peace.org. This organization has varied project that include. Knitting, crocheting and sewing. Here is their own description. Knitting4peace.org "Knitting4Peace harnesses the power of love through compassionate creative action that invites, involves, and serves all women, children, and families in our own communities and countries around the world. Since our founding in June 2006, we have delivered requested crocheted, knitted, and quilted items to more than 139,428 people living in communities across the United States and 78 countries around the world. This work is possible thanks to thousands of individuals who create the items independently and in groups called Peace Pods; more than 4,032 volunteer delivery partners; and hundreds of financial supporters just like YOU!

I need the names and emails of the Together In Service (Mission) contact for each presbytery. Please send to me at kristen.gerling@gmail.com or leave a phone message at 610-724-1797

see story on page 4 for picture below



Moments and Memories: Encouragement

by Patti Williamson

For my first column in our PWSNE newsletter, I want to begin by saying thank you to the wonderful women in our synod for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Horizons/ Celebration Giving representative.

Then I want to invite you to pause with me and reflect on those moments when encouraging words or acts have touched your life.

Encouragement: the word that perfectly describes the life among people of faith and especially Presbyterian Women. The bible provides endless amounts of encouragement. Philippians 4:13 reminds us "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Presbyterian Women is the most encouraging group anyone could imagine. From my church PW, to my presbytery PWP, and to our remarkable PWSNE, I have always received a warm welcome, immediate acceptance, invitations to participate, opportunities to serve, friendship offered, and encouragement unlimited. My PW sisters believe in me, support and strengthen me, open doors, and help me grow. Yes, I love the amazing Presbyterian Women and I know you do too.

So, let's spread the word. How??? Simple.... Horizons Magazine. Let's start with your church PW, your friends and neighbors, club members, and all those women in your life that you care about.

Open doors for them by showing them your copy of Horizons. Loan your copies. Give gift subscriptions. Please.... don't keep Horizons a secret. Treasures are meant to be shared.

Models Needed!

22 Models, 1 Narrator, 1 Stage Manager are needed for our Triennial Gathering
Fashion Show

All ages, sizes, and shapes accepted

No experience necessary

Will not require a rehearsal

The first twenty-four to contact me are hired!

Contact: Lisa Gray

Lisa_A_Gray@hotmail.com

The Valentine Express Keeps on Rolling

By Maxine G. Hunter

“Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us; yes, establish the work of our hands!” Psalms 90:17

Started in 2012 and now in its' ninth year, the Valentine Express is an outreach activity supported and planned by the Presbyterian Women's Ministry Team of the Morrisville Community Church: PCUSA, Morrisville, New York.

Why Valentines? Valentine's Day is in mid-February. It is also about 60 days since the joy and festivities of Christmas. It is a slow time—or as some say, “gloomy time”. Our group wanted an interesting and fun activity that we could come together and do in an afternoon. Our date for the workshop has basically been in mid-January. Most importantly, we had a destination for the Valentines: the 120 residents of the Crouse Community Center, which is a combination nursing, physical therapy and assisted living center located in our village. We hand deliver the valentines to the residents usually one or two days before Valentine's Day.

The valentine workshops have been filled with lots of creative energy and laughter, but distributing the valentines to the Crouse residents has been the best part. “How lovely this valentine is. Please thank, your women,” is a comment we have heard often. On one

occasion a staff member told us, “We have a resident that hoped he would receive at least one Valentine this year.” Well, we made his day. On another occasion a gentleman resident was thrilled because he now had a valentine to give his wife. Then there is the story one of my friends from Saint Joan of Arc church related to me: “I went to visit my mother who is now in Crouse. She'll be 100 on her birthday. My mother had several valentines in her room, but the one she kept picking up and admiring was not from our family. When I looked at the back of the valentine, I saw the name: Presbyterian Women of the Morrisville Community Church. You women at the Community Church are amazing. You do so much.”

We all know that it only takes a spark to light up a winter day. This was our hope for this simple small mission and so it keeps on rolling!

Photos of our work: Enjoy the Valentines!



Greetings From Friends Who Moved Away

Editor's Note: We received letters from two of our friends who moved away. I had asked anyone who could be willing to share their lives with us. Ginny Miller and Sandy Grillo.

Hi, Sue, from one who moved away. I'm here in PA living in a mother/daughter house with my oldest daughter, Nancy, where I have my separate apartment, I call my 'roost', with a living room, bedroom, bathroom and kitchen. The large 3 car garage is beneath me so I don't even get my feet wet in inclement weather. I found that there are no Presbyterian churches anywhere close to me so after going to churches close by I settled on a Reformed United Church of Christ, a mile down the road from me. I am now a member of the church, singing choir and the bell choir. It is very similar to my church in NJ but larger (attendance from 75-115). Yes, it is an older congregation, but we have children and middle ages, also. The women are hard workers, along with men available at hours they are needed for projects. They raise a lot of money through the year to sponsor programs for the community and members, plus to cover some maintenance (the men did a lot of remodeling the past year getting ready to build the housing for an elevator we had installed). The first project I volunteered for was to peel 500 pounds of potatoes for potato stuffing to sell for Thanksgiving. 25 people, all ages, women and men came with walkers, canes, peelers and aprons and in two hours the job was done and we had a hot dog lunch in thanks for our time. In the same manner, I volunteered with a similar number who peeled potatoes, to cut up turkey in very small pieces for the turkey barbecue burgers being sold for a festival in The Grove. Imagine my horror when I went to take my rubber gloves off and found the top of one of the fingers had been cut off!!! My finger wasn't cut, but where was the top of the rubber glove finger? I began to paw through the cut

up turkey (with glove on) to no avail and found the turkey was the same color as the rubber glove! I got up and went to the kitchen for a minute to confess and when I returned the gal next to me had found the top of the glove on my chair. That was a relief, but then there were several others who found that they cut their glove fingers off. We all had a good laugh! No reports of anyone getting pieces in their turkey burgers.

We are in an agricultural county so there are many farms of all sizes around us. The church was founded in 1736 by the German Calvinists (as the Reformed were sometimes called) and from 1919-2019 shared the church building with a Lutheran church. The cemetery is on both sides of the road and there is a section we use as a park which we call The Grove. Two festivals are held here each year for church members and community, Strawberry and Peach, with lots of food, strawberry and peach sundaes for dessert, games and a local band plays on the bandstand as we sit in our lawn chairs under the trees as it darkens. Other church activities are also held here and in late August we hold a church service out there.

In my life here, I have added two granddaughters-in-law, and will add a grandson-in law in June, as well as three great grandchildren now (late Jan.) a boy 5 months, a girl 1 year, and a boy 2 years old. What could ever be greater!! Well, I was pretty excited this week to register for my 70th Reunion from Denison University in Granville, Ohio, the end of May. My younger daughter, Kristin in VA, said she would go with me. I was hoping both girls could go, but Nancy will still be teaching and also, her daughter's wedding is in

June. Kris wondered if I would be the only one (I AM 91) but I laughed and told her I have already gotten a letter from a roommate who travels all over and I am sure she'll come. Another roommate called a couple of weeks ago and she won't travel alone. I am going to try to convince her to get her college age granddaughter to come with her. I am enjoying the less hectic, pleasant life in the country after living all my life in the New York metropolitan area. . it is a kinder more caring atmosphere

Do what you want with this. I was for several years writing the PWP newsletter and the Synod PW Enabler newsletter and know how hard it is to get people to send some info to put in the letters, so am trying to help you out!!!! Good luck!

Ginnie Miller

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Phone: 484-218-8150 (If for any reason you have Fisher reply to call, it is my daughter's phone and you can leave a message. We are all on the same plan)

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Greetings to the PW Synod of the Northeast.

I missed being at your last meeting. It seemed odd not to be part of the planning after all these years. I enjoy reading the Lighthouse and keeping up with everyone's work. PWSNE is doing good things.

I am loving life in northern VA very much and am involved in quite a few things here in my community, but have not as yet found a church I can call home. The one I am leaning toward the most does have an active PW group which would be a real plus.

When I find a church home, I will write and let you know.

Meantime, I could write a book on what churches should NOT do, at least if they want new members. When I visited a church as Moderator, it was easier to just start talking to strangers – I had a position and a reason to be there. Believe it or not, I can be very shy when I am surrounded by strangers. Are you done laughing yet??? It really is true, I don't tend to walk up and start conversations in that situation. I cannot tell you the number of churches (PC and other denominations also) I've been to that not one person has even said hello. It felt very strange. It happened in SNE, too, but I'd just start talking as I was there with a purpose.

Watch for the stranger, greet them warmly. Even just a hello is very welcoming, no need for deep conversations, but when a person knows no one, a smile makes her feel good and welcome. Presbyterians are a great group of people and Presbyterian Women are wonderful, warm, loving, caring and interesting. Say hello to the visitor, especially in a large church. You may be very glad you did!

Sandy Grillo

Thoughts from Lisa Gray

I don't want to step on any of my Coordinating Teams toes by writing about topics they are assigned to produce articles for the newsletter BUT in the current issue and the Nov/Dec issue of HORIZONS two of the authors PWSNE have had as Presenters at Gatherings during my tenure. Does that sound a little smug? Of course, the current theme of "Humility and Respect" speaks to my heart because I have trouble with both. Not to bore you with my sins and shortcomings, I'll highlight their articles.

My dear Fossil Free PCUSA (now part of Presbyterian Peace Fellowship) buddy **Rev Abby Mohuapt** (yes she purposely spells her name with all small letters and that's a sermon in humility waiting to happen) wrote in **Jan/Feb 2020** Nothing We Do is Enough; Humility & Climate Change. I'll quote only a little, hoping you have a COPY and will read the entire article. *"Countries and people from the developed Global North have benefitted from the convenience and profits of fossil fuels, while the countries and peoples of the developing Global South have borne the consequences- rising sea levels and increased global temperatures- because they often do not have the infrastructure that insulates them from changes. This inequality is global climate racism. We must work to dismantle that racism, and all systems of oppression that deepen as ecological crises worsen." ... "The process of recognizing our sins and recognizing that our sins are not our whole story frees us to focus on DOING THE BEST WE CAN."* In humility and in respect for all of you I second her words *"to believe in God that calls us to love beyond boundaries and borders, to dismantle systems of oppression like racism, patriarchy, homophobia and militant consumerism."* **My dear PW sisters join with others, using the PW Eco-Justice Initiative flyer for sugges-**

tions, learn, call for change and act faithfully!

My dear senior director for Mission Engagement and Support (PCUSA) new-found fellow Italian heritage friend, Rosemary Mitchell, has written Celebrating the Gifts of Women's Sunday; Honoring Women's Spirituality, Struggle and Survival worship service that I hold up to you for use. **ASK YOUR SESSION IF YOUR PW GROUP (or women who meet but don't officially think they are Presbyterian Women; membership is by participation!) CAN LEAD A GIFTS OF WOMEN WORSHIP SERVICE.** It doesn't have to be on March 8th. Hey, you could save Session from paying for a substitute when your pastor is on vacation.

The service is mostly laid out for you and you can add touches of your own. Some of her words support the Message Bible interpretation of Matthew 5:3 "You're blessed when you're content with just who you are-no more, no less. That's the moment you find yourselves proud owners of everything that can't be bought." Ask a woman or women (or even youth, two confirmands were amazing at my church one year) who *"understand the limits of their own humanity and the incredible power of God in their lives"* to speak. Interestingly this ties in with the Humility and Respect them we are presented in the next issue.

A Thousand Points of Light: Be One

Submitted by Maxine Hunter

Again, Jesus spoke to them saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life." John 8:12

"...go and make disciples of all nations...And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28: 19,20

I enjoy watching the television show "Jeopardy". A couple of evenings before Christmas, there was an interesting and, I thought impossible, Jeopardy category: Four Word Phrases Spoken by Presidents. Yes, quite impossible, except, unlike the contestants, I got the answer to "the four words spoken in a 1988 speech". The answer in Jeopardy form: what is a "thousand points of light?" These were the words spoken by George H. W. Bush at the 1988 Republican National Convention. He repeated the phrase in his inaugural address, January 1989.

When President Bush spoke these words, many said they didn't understand what he meant. Well, I didn't need it explained. The imagery the phrase invoked was powerful. It was a message to us all to use our time and talents in volunteer service. But for me the phrase transcended simply doing good works. It reminded me that in all our doing, our being is to be immersed in the Light.

Today, when the world seems wrapped in a cloak of darkness of both thoughts and deeds, the Gospel of John 1:5 reminds us that the Light shines in darkness even if the world does not comprehend it. In John 8: 12 Jesus reminds us with these words: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

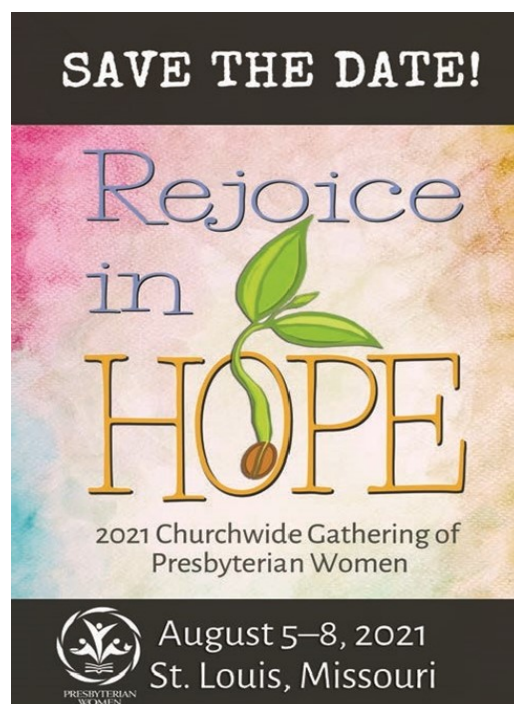
Let us, as Presbyterian Women, continue to be the "light of life" of God's love, hope, joy and peace. Let us, as Presbyterian Women, continue to take this welcoming light into the world, letting all know that God is with us always. Let us, as Presbyterian Women, continue to be one of God's thousand points of light.

Prayer: Dear God, it is only by the light of your love and grace as taught to us by your son, Jesus, that we are able to hear and understand your Word. Each day fill us with your light so we can carry it into the world. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

Maxine G. Hunter
Past Moderator PWSNE

Looking Ahead to St. Louis

The Churchwide Gathering will soon be here. Have you begun to save for it or be creative in finding ways to fund it for a woman or two to attend.



PW in BITS & BYTES

Greetings to all! Once again it is time for us to gather. Our next gathering will be coming up very quickly and we need to make reservations. Details are listed below.



We will be gathering at St. Margaret's House

47 Jordan Road, New Hartford, NY

Wednesday, February 12th

Cost - \$15 which will cover lunch, coffee and other snacks

Registration - 9:30 - 10 AM

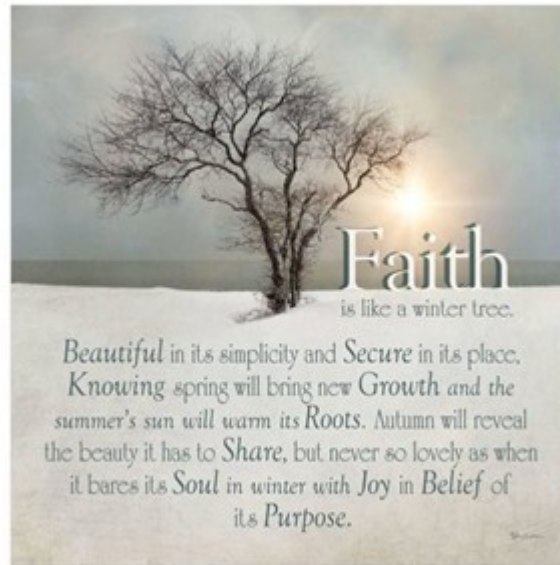
Lunch - Noon

Meeting - To follow until 2:00

Rev. Tamara Rozzano will be our speaker -

She is the pastor of the Little Falls church

***COME AND JOIN US... REFRESH YOUR FAITH AND
ENLIGHTEN YOUR SOUL.***



***WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING ALL OF YOU AT THE
GATHERING AS WE WARM OUR HEARTS TOGETHER.***

Save the Date



Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Albany Spring Gathering

Thursday, May 21, 2020 – 11:30 am to 2:30 pm

First Presbyterian Church of Hudson Falls

Program

Lisa Gray, the representative to the 2019 USA Mission Experience Trip to the Finger Lakes Region from Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Northeast (PWSNE) will speak on her experiences learning about origins of women's empowerment. Lisa is also the current PWSNE Moderator.

General Information:

- Bring a bag lunch. Beverage and dessert provided.
- Registration fee of \$5.00 will be collected at the door.
- A freewill offering will be received.
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For further information contact:

Rosalie Hemingway at 518-758-7886 or silver3213@gmail.com

Charlotte Hasselbarth at 518-356-0637 or chasselbarth@hotmail.com

**The 2020-2021 PW/Horizons Bible Study at Stony Point Center
May 6-8, 2020**

Into the Light: Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament

Led by the Author and Artist—P. Lynn Miller

Into the Light: Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament revives lament as a proper theological response to the difficult situations of our world. One of the foundational points of the study is that, in scripture, lament usually leads to hope. After crying out to God, the one who laments remembers God. And while that doesn't fix things in the moment—the injustice, the loss still exist—the lamenter is strengthened to face the world and to hope. And for us as Christians, hope is not just an emotional response or an attitude of pie in the sky. Hope implies movement: both God's inherent movement toward justice and our movement toward God. Recovering lament may be one of the church's most timely gifts to the world.

As you see, the author is also an artist, so anticipate some time spent creatively.

P. Lynn Miller, author and artist, is a Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). She has served as a workshop leader, graphic designer, and keynote speaker for conferences and gatherings on theology, worship, spirituality, education, and the arts.

Lynn has been a practicing artist for more than 25 years. She holds undergraduate and graduate degrees in fine arts and art history. Her work is in private and church collections throughout the country. She is a painter, a designer of textile art and stained glass, a curriculum writer, a graphic designer, and an art historian. Presbyterian women will recognize Lynn's work every time they see or don the Honorary Life Membership pin that Lynn designed.



The full program begins at 4pm on WEDNESDAY and ends with lunch on FRIDAY. Registration and check-in will start on Wednesday at 3:00 PM. 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 with any questions.

**STONY POINT CENTER
Conference Registration Form
Horizon Bible Study May 6-8, 2020 (Wed-Fri).....**

Name
Address
City State Zip
Phone
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:

Rates include program fee of \$80.

☐ Double Occupancy \$280.00
☐ Single Occupancy \$380.00
(if available)
☐ Commuter \$180.00
☐ Add'l Overnight Stay \$100.00

Dates: Early Arrival
Late Departure

☐ Transportation \$
☐ Donation for Program \$

TOTAL\$

☐ Check enclosed (payable to Stony Point Center)

☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express

Credit Card Number

Expiration Date

Signature

Questions? E-Mail Jane MacDonald at
jkmac3536@gmail.com

OR REGISTER ONLINE
www.stonypointcenter.org/horizons

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EMPOWERED TO SERVE



JOURNEY WITH US!

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

JOIN US!

Friday, Aug. 21 & Saturday, Aug. 22, 2020
 Desmond Hotel and Conference Center
 Albany, NY

WE INVITE YOU!

For a weekend of connecting with awesome sisters in Christ, amazing worship services and informative workshops.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

The Revered Dr. Diane Moffett
 President/Executive Director
 Presbyterian Church USA Mission Agency

For more information, contact: 585 526 5841
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 Virginia Champlin, Registrar (danvirginiac@aol.com)
 Lisa Gray, Moderator (lisa_a_gray@hotmail.com)



MORE TO COME



Presbyterian Women Synod of the Northeast
2020 Triennial Business Meeting and Gathering
Registration Form
Please! Register on or before: August 3, 2020

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Name _____ Presbytery _____
Address _____
Phone _____ Email _____

Emergency Contact _____

Special needs (dietary, mobility, etc.) _____

Mod. or voting delegate _____ CT member position _____ Guest _____

All Participants must pay the Program Fee \$100

(Registrations received by July 21, 2020 – “Early Bird” Registration Fee \$75)

Commuter Plan is per person and is priced by component Commuter may choose not to eat in at the Desmond Hotel.	
Program Fee – All pay, non-refundable \$100/\$75	
Friday Lunch \$40.00	
Friday Dinner \$50.00	
Saturday Lunch \$40.00 (Breakfast \$25.00)	
Circle which meals are desired, and move amount to right column, then total.	
Total for Commuter	

FULL Package Plan is per person and includes program fee, 4 meals (Fri. Lunch & Dinner, Sat. Breakfast & Lunch), 1 night (Fri) overnight		
Option	# in Room	Fee
Program Fee – All pay, non-refundable		\$100/\$75
Single Occupancy	1	\$323.00
Double Occupancy	2	\$255.00
Triple Occupancy	3	\$226.00
Quad Occupancy	4	\$216.00
Children 12 and under stay free – just pay \$75.00 for meals. Children 13 and over are considered adults, and pay the full Package Plan Amount.		
Circle one fee, please, and indicate roommate(s) below. If no roommates listed, we will assign you one.		
Roommate 1		
Roommate 2		
Roommate 3		
Total for Package Plan		

PWSNE pays room (based on double occupancy) & board for PWP Moderator or voting delegate, PWSNE CT members currently serving and 2020 nominees.

Total Enclosed _____

Return this form with check payable to PW Synod of the Northeast and mail to Virginia Champlin, 4381 Wabash Road, Geneva, NY 14456. Any questions regarding registration please contact Virginia Champlin via email danvirginiac@aol.com or 585-526-5841. All Registrations will be validated when accompanied by payments.

Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Northeast
2020 Triennial Gathering
“Empowered to Serve”
 Friday-Saturday, August 21-22
 The Desmond Hotel and Conference Center, Albany, New York

Program Registration Fee \$100

Helps PWSNE pay for our worship and workshop leaders’ transportation, honorariums, room and board
 Any supplies, printed materials needed, postage
 Everyone attending must pay the non-refundable Program Fee

Early Bird Program Registration Fee \$75

All Registration Fees paid by July 21, 2020 will receive a \$25.00 reduction

Room and Board Fee

Helps pay for the participant’s room, 4 meals (Friday lunch, Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast, Saturday lunch), workshop meeting rooms, audio-visual equipment rental
 Single Occupancy \$323 / Double \$255 / Triple \$226 / Quad \$216
 Children 12 and under stay free – just pay \$75 for meals
 Children 13 and over are considered adults, and pay full package plan amount
 You may suggest a roommate. Make sure it is a mutual request. If you have no preference, you will be assigned one.
 If you are attending as a non-voting attendee and you room with a voting delegate, you must pay for half the room fee
 Hotel Check-In is at 4 p.m. on Friday and Check-Out is 12 Noon on Saturday

Scholarships

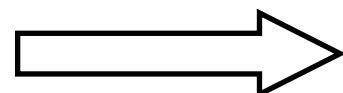
Go to PWSNE Web Site for guidelines and applications
 Preference will be given to first time attenders

Address and Directions to The Desmond Hotel & Conference Center

660 Albany Shaker Road, Albany, New York 12211. Phone 800-249-8071
www.desmondhotelsalbany.com
 Please check Map Quest, Google Maps, Waze or your GPS

Public Transportation

The Desmond Hotel provides pre-arranged shuttle to/from the Albany airport
 The Desmond Hotel does not provide transportation to/from the train and bus



Commuters Fee

All Commuters are to pay the Full Program Registration Fee plus any meals that they would like:

Friday Lunch - \$40

Friday Dinner - \$50

Saturday Breakfast - \$25

Saturday Lunch - \$40

Commuters may choose not to eat in at The Desmond Hotel

Workshops

Three Workshops and everyone will be able to attend all three

Business Meeting

There will be a brief Business Meeting on Friday 1:00-1:45 p.m.

To hear a report from the Search Committee and vote on the slate of officers

Any other business brought forward

All Delegates should attend to vote, and all others are welcome to attend

Voting Delegates

The currently serving Coordinating Team Members

Each PW Presbytery Moderator (or a Designated or Contact Person)

only one per PW Presbytery

All mileage reimbursements & other event expenses must be submitted to the Treasurer within 30 days of this event – September 30, 2020 at the latest

Coordinating Team Meeting

During Saturday breakfast 7:00-8:00 a.m.

Childcare

Scholarships are available for those needing to be subsidized for childcare at home while attending this event

Gathering Offering

We will be collecting brand new socks (any size) to be distributed to organizations that have a need
A monetary offering will be taken during Saturday afternoon Worship for Presbyterian Disaster Relief (PDA)

