



# *The Lighthouse*



PRESBYTERIAN  
WOMEN

September 2021

Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the North Northeast

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*From the Desk of the Moderator*

*Adebisi A. Shofu*



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God

Greetings to my Presbyterian Women sisters in the Synod of the Northeast. The peace of which passes all understanding be yours now and always. It seems as we breathe a sigh of relief that with the vaccination we can go back to normal we are struck by two variants of COVID 19; the Delta which is deadlier than the previous variant and Alpha variant which is resistant to treatment. I pray that we have all been vaccinated so we can protect ourselves, our families and our communities so as to minimize the spread of these variants.

Presbyterian Women just had a national Business meeting on August 4<sup>th</sup> through the 5<sup>th</sup> where the voting reps voted on these items

Proposed Amendments to the Bylaws [BUS-03] [BUS-07] which were to change the term from "racial ethnic" to "people of color" for all the groups. The second was that we amend the part of our purpose which uses the language of God's Kingdom to God's Kin-dom. The first motion passed the second motion to change to kin-dom did not have enough votes to pass.

All the below motions passed

Proposed Revised Bylaws

Proposed 2022–2024 Budget [BUS-04]

Report of the Audit Committee [BUS-05]

Report of the Search Committee [BUS-06]

Slate of Nominees

An update on the three new New Jersey PW groups is that they are all on track to be completely formed with a slate of officers elected and By-Laws in place no later than October 2021. Once the work is done a new directory will be issued indicating the four PWs in the presbyteries with their new names

*"The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the op-*

Moderator's message continued

*pressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners". Isaiah 61:1*

This is what we as Presbyterian Women are called to do in this world; this world that is suffering from oppression, injustice, greed, cruelty and neglect. Our mission is to act to correct these injustices, to give us courage let us look to the reason were founded 230 years ago. The purpose was that our forebears realized that no one was answering the call to advocate for the oppressed and felt it was the mission and a call of PW to do something to make a change in the world. We have been on that trajectory since our founding; we must not let our energies be sapped nor strength to flag. We live by hope and faith and are once again called to action and not remain complacent in the face of evil and cruelty. We are to speak out, to take action in relieving the suffering that is being meted out to our world. We serve a living God who is with us always and who encourages us to look after our communities and beyond.

Be blessed this day and always. God be beside you, in front of you, behind you and surround you with God's love. Amen

Blessings & Peace  
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Adebisi A. Shofu  
Moderator

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## **From Your Editor**

This is a very short Lighthouse this time. I will get all of the articles sent to me for another edition ASAP. I want to get the info about some upcoming Gatherings out now other articles will follow

I appreciate the prayers and a cards but am not yet up to speed yet to so .

By the way Bisi said some your mail to me came back to you.. The address is correct but zip is 13114

You sill find flyers on next pages

# PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN THE SYNOD OF THE NORTH-EAST

## **Virtual 2021 FALL GATHERING**

### Divine Renewal

### **“Behold I am Doing a New Thing”**

Isaiah 43:18-19 NRSV

*“Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.  
I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert”.*



### **Join Us**

Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> 2021 from 2:00 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.

Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> 2021 from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

### **Virtual**

Any questions regarding registration please contact Virginia Champlin via email [danvirginiac@aol.com](mailto:danvirginiac@aol.com) or 585-526-5841.

Presbyterian Women - Synod of the Northeast  
2021 Leadership Gathering & Business Meeting  
Virtual  
Registration Form  
**Please! Register on or before: September 27th, 2021**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Presbytery \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Moderator or voting delegate \_\_\_\_\_ CT member position \_\_\_\_\_

Return this form to PW Synod of the Northeast attention Lorraine Cuffie, email the completed form to her at the email below. Any questions regarding registration please contact Lorraine Cuffie via email [lcuffie@verizon.net](mailto:lcuffie@verizon.net) or 908-436-9579. All Registrations will receive a Zoom Link if email address is provided.



## **Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Albany In - Person Fall Gathering**

**Saturday, October 16 – 11:30 am to 2:30 pm  
at  
First Presbyterian Church of Hudson Falls**

### **Program**

#### ***Westminster Presbyterian Church's African Mission***

Belinda Quaye, Director of Christian Education at Westminster Presbyterian Church, will speak on the Youth Connection between youth from Westminster Presbyterian Church and congregations in Tema, Ghana.

Lois Wilson, Chair of the African Mission Committee at Westminster Presbyterian Church, will speak on how the program developed.

- Masks are required except while eating.
- Bring a bag lunch.
- Registration fee of \$5.00 will be collected at the door.
- A freewill offering will go to the *FOCUS Churches of Albany*, an ecumenical group of six churches that collectively address hunger and homelessness.
- Canned goods for the First Presbyterian Church of Hudson Falls Food Pantry will be collected

For further information contact:

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**Directions to First Presbyterian Church of Hudson Falls**  
**5 River St, Hudson Falls, NY 12839**  
**(518) 747-3013**

From north and south take Exit 19 off the Northway (87).

Turn east onto Rte. 254. Right turn if coming from the south, left turn if coming from the north

Keep going until you can't go straight anymore.

Turn left (stay on 254 and Route 4 south)

At the top of the hill is our parking lot. The church is south, 3 buildings down. Go in the front door. There is a ramp to get to the front if you'd rather not do the stairs. Once in, look to your left to see the stairs. The fellowship room is down those stairs. There is an elevator to the left in the sanctuary.

If you need handicapped parking, don't turn into the parking lot, keep going and turn right into our driveway just before the church. Our parking lot is down and to the left. Go in the back door and you will be where you need to be.

Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of the NorthEast of NJ  
ZOOM GATHERING

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“Fall Retreat” Gathering, September 25, 2021

Gathering Leader: Rev. Debrah Given Honorary

Retiree, from the Presbyterian Church in Leonia

Theme: “Even The Sparrow Finds a Home Caring for Creation

Scripture, Psalm 84: 3; Genesis 1: 1-2



**Agenda**

- 9:15 Registration  
9:30 Welcome & Prayer  
9:35 Lighting Christ Candle  
9:40 Greetings & Announcements  
9:55 **Business Meeting:**  
    **Program Coordinator:**  
    **Secretary**  
    **Peace & Justice:**  
    **Treasurer:**  
10: 30 Program Leader Introductions:  
    **Bible Study: Scripture Reading-**  
11:45 **PW DVD Presentation**  
12:00 **Service of Worship & Communion**

**Zoom on line**

- PWCT, Moderator, Adina Yacoub  
PWCT, Treasure, Debbie Heatwole  
PWCT, Moderator, Adina Yacoub  
Moderator, Adina Yaoub  
PWCT, Sophie Diaz-Corporan  
PWCT, Katheryn Epper  
PWCT, Marion Gregg-Whited  
PWCT, Deborah Heatwole  
PWCT, Sophie Diaz-Corporan  
Rev. Debra Given  
Communication Specialist, Diane Nafash  
Rev. Debra Given



Rev. Debra Given is a graduate of Earlham College and Yale Divinity School. She has served in several Presbyterian churches and retired in 2016 after 15 years as pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Leonia. She lives in Manhattan with her husband of 42 years. She enjoys hiking, sewing, dancing, and singing in a hospice choir, Eventide, which she founded after retiring.

Theme: “Even the Sparrow Finds a Home: Caring for Creation”

Scriptures: Psalm 84:3

Genesis 1:1- 2:1

And others...

