



The Lighthouse

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Presbyterian Women of the Synod of the Northeast



Welcome to this Special Edition Happy Thanksgiving

Your Moderator, Virginia Champlin, requested that I pass this information along to you regarding the COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN held each year.

You will also find some sad news at the end of this edition.

It is application time to be part of the Presbyterian Women's delegation to the United Nations' **Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) 68** which will be held from **March 11-22, 2024!**

The focus of the 68th session of the Commission is: **"Accelerating the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls by addressing poverty and strengthening institutions and financing with a gender perspective."**

Throughout the Commission there will be opportunities to engage in advocacy efforts, to plan and participate in worship services, to attend and lead educational events, and to share these experiences using social media and other communication tools. Delegates are expected to participate in some manner in all four of these—advocacy, worship, education, and communication—while participating in the Commission and the Forum.

Details

- When: **March 11-22, 2024**
- Location: **UN Headquarters in New York City and online**
- Cost: **TBD for in-person**
- Application deadline: **Saturday, December 10, 2023**
- How to apply: Return your completed application to me at patricia.longfellow@pcusa.org by Sunday, December 10, 2023

Please pass this message along to any Presbyterian Women you think may be interested in applying.

Thank you!

Blessings and Peace,

Patricia Longfellow

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Presbyterian Women

Also please find the application information attached to the email portion.

Sad News

Dear PWSNE Sisters in Christ ~~

It is with an extremely heavy that I must tell you that our former Moderator Anne Reynolds has passed onto the Great Church Triumphant earlier this week.

I am extremely rewarded for having known her. She was my PWSNE Mentor for 20 years.

In addition to being Moderator of our great PWSNE, she was Moderator and the organizing force with Utica PWP. She was one of the co-creators of Sisters Stand and Walk Together. She was extremely proud when any of the SSWT graduates rose in leadership. And who else but Anne would become a Certified Ruling Elder at about 70 years old. Fifteen to twenty years ago, she was active in Synod.

I am sure there are many more wonderful memories of Anne throughout PWSNE. I know many of you will miss her as much as I do.

At this moment we have no details of any service. When we know, we will let you know.

We are so fortunate that Barb Shuck had been visiting with her and was keeping us informed along Anne's final journey.

I always find comforting words embedded in hymns.

O Lord of life, where'er they be, Safe in Your own eternity, Now live You children gloriously.
All souls You call both here and there, Do rest within Your sheltering care; One providence alike they share:
Your word is true, Your ways are just; Above the chanted "Dust to dust" Shall rise our song of grateful trust:
Happy are they in God who rest, No more by for and doubt oppressed; Living or dying, they are blest:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Please feel free to forward this to our Sister!

Peace be with you All~~

Virginia Champlin

PWSNE Moderator 2023-2026