

The Lighthouse



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March 2024 Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the North Northeast

Moderator's Message



What can PW do for me?

A month ago, one of our PWSNE Presbytery Moderators shared with me a conversation she had with a church in her Presbytery. The question she heard was, "what can PW do for me/us." Ever since that conversation, this has made me think and reflect.

I don't know if you remember when John Kennedy became president, he said in his inaugural address, "Ask not what my country can do for me - ask what you can do for my country." Just substitute Presbyterian Women for country in this quote.

There is so much that we can do as Presbyterian Women. Just look at the various Mission projects, look at the various justice & peace issues we promote, look at the various book & Bible studies happening. All of this can happen at home or through Synod and Churchwide. Presbyterian Women helps nurture leadership skills and the opportunity to lead and serve.

Ask yourself, what has PW done for me. My answer is that it brought me to appreciate the rich diversity in one another. Diversity comes in many forms: age, physical ability, mental ability, social standing, hair color, church and community involvement and then there is the race, religion and gender.

I find a good feeling when I help others with mission. I enjoy learning more through book and Bible study. I have been given the honor and privilege to lead in all levels of the church. When there is an active PW in a church, it does strength the church with relationship and spiritual building plus helping when and where needed.

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Please Note:
New Lighthouse Deadlines:

March 1 and September 1
This will help to better promote
Spring and Fall news better.

Take a moment and reflect on your own stories of what PW has done for you. Now take those stories out and share them with others to begin their journey alongside you in PW and the church serving our Lord and master, foremost.

We Pray This Day

O God, we pray this day:
 for all who have a song they cannot sing,
 for all who have a burden they cannot bear,
 for all who live in chains they cannot break,
 for all who wander homeless and cannot return,
 for those who are sick and for those who tend them,
 for those who wait for love ones
 and wait in vain,
 for those who live in hunger
 and for those will not share their bread,
 for those who are misunderstood
 and for this who misunderstand,
 for those who are captives and for those who are captors,
 for those whose words of love are locked within their hearst
 and for those who yearn to hear those words.

Have mercy upon these, O God.
 Have mercy upon us all.

~~ Ann Weems
 Kneeling in Jerusalem, p.40

Blessings,

Virginia Champlin, Moderator

Caring and Sharing Meetings

Adina Yacoub, CT Together in Service Coordinator (aka Mission), led our first “Caring and Sharing” on January 7. She gave us an overview of several Mission projects going on around in our Synod. She introduced our guest Margot Gorman from Watertown [Northern New York Presbytery]. Margot shared with us their Mission to Malawi. [See article elsewhere in this Lighthouse about their Mission.]

Our next “Caring and Sharing” gathering will be on Sunday, March 10, 8-9 PM via Zoom and will be led by Hannah Cho, CT Coordinator for Justice and Peace. All are welcome, check in begins at 7:45 and this session will last no longer than 1 hour. If you have any Justice & Peace items/issues to share, contact Hannah.

What Are Our Sharing and Caring Gatherings?

Virginia instituted times throughout the year to gather together via zoom for most to share various topics as she described in the previous article. We encourage all to attend, you do not have to be a member of the coordinating team as it is open to all Presbyterian Women. Our January meeting was top of the line.

Don't miss this March 10th meeting at 7:45 PM. Hannah Cho is leading the topic of Justice and Peace. (See article later about it)

Zoom information for March 10: (You may receive another notice closer to Sunday with the JOIN button to make it easier.)

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/3300038844?
pwd=1lun2OkwnnxFebAGkmVtYhy67TLcVI.1](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/3300038844?pwd=1lun2OkwnnxFebAGkmVtYhy67TLcVI.1)

Meeting ID: 330 003 8844

Passcode: p6V6Eg

Hanna Cho Leads March 10 Caring and Sharing Zoom Meeting

PWSNE March 10, 2024 Meeting

Title: ***“Justice and Peace on the Korean Peninsula”***

Presenter: **Rev. Eun Joo Kim**

People often refer to the Korean War as the “Forgotten War.” However, for Koreans all over the world, it is still a very unforgettable, present reality as a Peace Treaty was never signed.

This presentation will deal with the context and history of the this “Forgotten War,” the current situation, and what peacemaking and peace-loving Presbyterians can do to help bring about restoration and reconciliation on this peninsula and beyond.

See next page for Rev.Eun Joo Kim Bio

EJK Brief Bio

Rev. Eun Joo Kim was born in Seoul, South Korea and came to the States in 1974. She graduated from Cornell University with a double major in American History and Music Theory and then went on to Princeton Theological Seminary where she received her M.Div. in 1993 and her Th.M. in 1996. Over the years, she has served as youth pastor, English Ministry pastor, and speaker at several Korean American churches in the tri-state area and gatherings across the country. Rev. Kim has worked for the United States Federal Government Department of Commerce for Census 2000 as a Partnership Specialist, and served as the Queens Team Leader. She also worked as the Director for the Center for Youth Development at the Queens YWCA.

Rev. Kim is a board-certified chaplain and was staff chaplain at New York Hospital Queens (now called New York-Presbyterian Queens) for ten years. She served as the Spiritual Advisor for the National Korean Presbyterian Women (NKPW) of the PCUSA (2017-2021) and worked as the Program Coordinator for RISE Together, a national mentorship network for women of color in ministry. She was an Adjunct Professor for Field Education at Union Theological Seminary in the City of New York (2018-2022) and has been an active member of KAPCW (Korean American Presbyterian Clergy Women) for close to 20 years.

Rev. Kim finished her doctorate in Church Leadership at Fordham University (2016) and most recently completed a two-year term as the interim EM Pastor of the Arumdaun Church in Bethpage, Long Island. She is currently serving as pulpit supply for various churches in the tri-state area. Rev. Kim is interested in the intersection of culture, community and the church and is a big fan of K-pop and K-dramas.

We hope to see you all there to learn about the updates on the Korean Peninsula.

Acts of Kindness For Lent

Instead of giving up something for Lent My church in Mexico, NY and many others have been following this Act. (It won't just be for Lent but that is our focus. We are also trying to help the children learn various message. What Act of Kindness have you done recently?

A devotion study I am doing during Lent is emphasizing this also. The Devotion is called **Peace** written by Elizabeth Caldwell. It is also subtitled—Spending Lent with the Psalms.

I am certain many of you have many favorite Psalms but maybe we haven't done lots of thinking about them. She helps us see them in a new light. The book is found in the PCUSA book store. It is not too late to have look at it. **HAPPY EASTER**

Message from the Vice Moderator

Donna Rahmann

Friends: Below is an article which I submitted to Presbyterian Women of the Highlands of New Jersey's Spring Newsletter (as adapted). Donna Rahmann, Vice Moderator, PWSNE.

As I reflect on the year 2023, I confess that I am a huge fan of the arts, in particular, music – bands (not heavy metal), solo artists and groups who can carry a note much better than I can, dancers, etc.

I record the shows and then watch them, skipping through the commercial advertisements, and then delete them once viewed.

Last Fall, I had the blessing of hearing a young lady, who is blind and autistic, audition on America's Got Talent (AGT-U.S.A.). Her name is Lavender Darcangelo and she hails from Fitchburg, Massachusetts. During her interview after receiving the Golden Buzzer from judge Heidi Klum, she said that she auditioned because she wanted to show everyone that the 'impossible' can become "I'm Possible".

What a thought and a statement!

What are the impossibles in your life that have become "I'm Possible"?

You can sit at a meeting and take notes (Secretary/Historian). You know how to make phone calls and talk with friends (who were once strangers), and recruit them to support an event (planning).

Last Fall, 2023, we participated in the zoom Presbyterian Women Bible Study. The book was *Chicken Scratch, Lessons on Living Creatively From a Flock of Hens*, by Ann Byale. The author, Ann, includes quotes in each chapter from celebrities, and some not so famous individuals. One in particular struck a chord:

"The Only Things That Succeed By Sitting Are Chickens", by Mustafa Donmez.

Our artist on America's Got Talent, Lavender Darcangelo didn't sit! Well, yes, she sits at a piano while performing. But she didn't sit still. She auditioned on another AGT show and then came to the U.S. to audition. Although she didn't win the million dollar prize, she continues to hone her art, her musical talent by performing. (Remember- Lavender is blind and autistic.)

Move. Do. Be. Become something.

There are approximately Seventy Seven (77) Church communities in the Presbytery of the Highlands of New Jersey. (You can see them on the Presbytery of the Highlands of New Jersey's website: <https://highlandspresbytery.org/about-us/church-locator/>)

Many of our sister churches don't have what would be called a "Presbyterian Women" group.

however, please be reminded that any women in the Presbyterian Church is a Presbyterian Women. You don't need to have an official title to do the good works as described in the Presbyterian Women's Purpose.

Everything we do as an organization and as a community is guided by our PW Purpose, and that includes ministry, resources and relationships.

Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves

- to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study,
 - to support the mission of the church worldwide,
 - to work for justice and peace, and
- to build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom.

Anyone who supports the Purpose in any way is participating in Presbyterian Women. So even if you're just learning about Presbyterian Women, there's a good chance you're already supporting Presbyterian Women—in spirit or in action!

Some of the works in action by our women in the Presbytery of the Highlands of New Jersey, include but are not limited to the following, as stated in their annual reports:

Meet weekly or monthly, either in person or via zoom, to conduct the *Horizons Magazine* Bible Study, (recently) *What My Grandmothers Taught Me*, (Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus, or *Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight*". Or conducting Lent and Advent series/retreats, "New Life" group meetings dealing with unmanageable issues; participate in weekly book group discussions; join with other book groups in their local libraries.

Make donations to Jubilee Circle, The Least Coin, Quarters for Direct Relief, Faith Goal (Mission Pledge), Memorial Funds, PDA (Presbyterian Disaster Relief), Funds for Children in Africa, local fire departments and rescue squads; 'in house' church construction projects; cookie walks to support Deacons' fund; donations to their Deacons' fund; Easter Egg Hunts with toys which celebrate our Christian Faith; soup and bread sales; Yard Sales; Rumage Sales; Soup campaigns which deliver soups to local families in need, as well as stocking a food pantry; Second Mile Giving; providing clothing to the needy; bake cookies for inmates; gifts and favors for girls at Plaid House, Purple Apron meals, gift bags; recycling of pens, medicine bottles, dental containers and bottle caps; decorate Sanctuaries and other areas of the Churches; collect Shop Rite and WalMart gift cards for needy families; collect used shoes, sneakers for Soles for Souls; host a barbeque for local First Responders; support the missions of Presbyterian Women Churchwide; provide speakers for various Gatherings and events.

These are a 'few' of the mission works of Presbyterian Women who fulfill the purpose.

Presbyterian Women are welcoming. If you are not asked to participate, **BE BOLD**, adapt and take action. Step forward....come into the light.

Make the 'impossible' become 'I'm Possible'! Be the hands and feet of and for Christ.

Peace be with you and looking forward to seeing you at the Spring Gathering (or any Gathering).





Photo by Nick Hunter

Migrating Robin

The Between Time

March is the between time when winter lingers and spring struggles to appear. It is a time of increasing daylight but not necessarily a time of growing warmth. Snow geese pause in fields of corn stubble going neither north or south. On bright sunny days chipmunks appear out of their winter borrows, but immediately disappear when “winter” strikes again with icy rain and snow. But there is hope. In the freezing air of early morn, cardinals sing from the tree tops staking out their spring territory. The iconic sign of spring—the robin—is sighted basking in the sun on a snowy branch. Soon flowers will appear. So be patient, spring will eventually triumph! For now, take time to “spread kindness like the wildflowers” and “stay close to people who feel like sunshine.” ~Anonymous

Happy Spring! Happy Easter!

~Maxine G. Hunter~

Women of Grace Widows Fund

Maargot Gorman, from Watertown, NY

The WOGWF, sponsored by First Presbyterian Church in Watertown NY, is a small but brightly lit mission “Lighthouse,” shining God’s love onto 45 ultra-poor widows, their families, and their community in northern Malawi, Africa. These widows continually reflect this love back to the supporters and participants in the USA, uplifting us all.

Formed in 2008, the WOGWF is an ecumenical mission in Northern NY, supported by donors of all faiths. Past and current board members represent a variety of churches in the north country.

We focus our work on 3 important areas:

1. **Critical Needs** - can include emergency transportation to the hospital when needed, fertilizer during a poor growing season, prescription medication that is unaffordable for a widow, handwashing stations and extra soap during Covid, etc.
2. **Housing improvements** - Initially, most of our widows lived in huts made from local clay bricks with a thatched grass roof, presenting difficult challenges in the 4 month rainy season. Roofs leaked, and foundations and walls were at risk of water erosion. Over the past decade, many of the roofs have been upgraded to iron sheets which provides much better protection. Materials and labor for each roof is approximately \$1500. We continue to improve housing by providing cement for floors (preventing insects from burrowing up through the floor) and cement for outside ground level gutters, (directing water away from the foundation bricks). The widows decide as a group which of them will receive the next housing upgrade.

Sewing Project - Since 2017, 25 of the widows have been sewing washable menstrual kits on both treadle and electric machines (powered by a solar system) with training, materials, and equipment supplied by WOGWF. We pay the women for each item they make, providing a reliable income. The kits are then given away to needy local girls, reducing a hidden barrier to good school attendance. The community benefits from better educated members. When the widows earn money from sewing, it is given to the widows collectively, so they can decide as a group when and how to distribute their earnings among themselves.

See the WOGWF in action in this 7minute video:

<https://youtu.be/WNxbQrV7YZA>

Read the latest newsletter here:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ufG4BqAEIUAIRDBUMJ8rOOCQfU2tV4wV/view?usp=drivesdk>

Donations to WOGWF can be made by clicking the “Donate” button on our website: www.womenofgracewidows.org or by sending a check to Women of Grace Widows Fund, % First Presbyterian Church, 403 Washington St. Watertown NY 13601

To contact the WOGWF, please email: info@womenofgracewidows.org

Women of Grace Photos



3 girls with Pantipack menstrual kits



Widow's children in the garden



Widow Jane outside home with her children



visiting widow Esnat and her daughters



Training in Pantipurse construction



Earning money making kits



3 girls making flannel menstrual pads



sewing machine training

HELP WANTED IMMEDIATELY !!!!

Nancy Lack has been our hard working treasurer for some time and her term expired in December. She has temporarily continued along with Rhonda Sanchez. Rhonda is Vice Moderator-Elect. She cannot serve in both positions.

Nancy will be leaving our area very soon. There are many parts, especially legal one that need to be taken care of. Please contact Nancy if you need more info on the job and also chair of the nominating committee, Jane Kim or any member of the Search Committee – Rita Hooper, Lorraine Currie, Moretha Matthews.

Nominations Needed

Looking ahead to our Annual Meeting, Saturday, September 28th, there will be an election for those terms that expire – Bible Study/Horizons/Celebrate Giving Coordinator, Clergywoman, Finance Committee Moderator, Search Member for New England. Our Seminarian Rebeka Fergusson-Lutz is hoping to graduate from Seminary this Spring and may take a “call.” If this happens, that position will be vacant, as well. Contact A member of the nominating committee: Chair, Jane Kim or other committee members: Rita Hooper, Lorraine Currie, Moretha Matthews

Emails of officers are list on the **PWSNE.org website**. You will also find other info between Lighthouse issues.etc. Take advantage of the website for all info.

Our God Given Talent

Guess what, you may not see hidden talent among us. It may even be yours.

Do not be afraid, help and support are right beside you. This is your great organization some join the Coordinating team and you may be surprised at what God has lead you to do.

Some may not like to volunteer as you may be afraid the job might be to hard to grasp. Some saw it in you so come join us.

Nominate even yourself.

; PWSNE ANNUAL HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY RETREAT

THURSDAY, JUNE 20 (4 pm) TO SATURDAY, JUNE 22 (after lunch)

STONY POINT CENTER

Look for registration info at a later date

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN THE SYNOD OF THE NORTHEAST TOGETHER IN SERVICE MEETING – January 7, 2024

PRESENT: Diana Behan, Alpha Brown, Virginia Champlin, Hanna Cho, Donna Crocker, Lorraine Cuffie, Lori Evans, Rebeka Fergusson-Lutz, Sharon Guthrie, Charlotte Hasselbarth, Liz Hemminger, Rosalie Hemingway, Rita Hooper, Lorraine Jackson, Kathi Jones, Jane Kim, Carolyn Kramer, Nancy Lack, Magdalene Lewis, Sue Liu, Donna Rahmann, Andrea Ralph, Doris Sabin, Joanne Schnaudt, Barbara Shuck, Susan Silliman Smith, Linda Werts, Adina Yacoub.
Northern New England PWP and Western New York PWP were not represented.

WELCOME/OPENING PRAYER: Adina Yacoub, Together in Service Coordinator, opened the meeting with a prayer and brief devotions.

MINUTES: The minutes of the October 14, 2023 meeting were approved as printed and distributed.

FINANCIAL REPORT: We are still in need of a Treasurer. Contact Jane Kim, Moderator of the Search Committee, or Virginia Champlin, Moderator, to nominate a candidate.

LIGHTHOUSE: Susan Silliman-Smith, Editor, reminded us that the deadline for the spring issue is March 1.

WEB SERVANT: Sue Liu reported that a woman in her church, Carol Lin, is working with her to step in as our next Web Servant.

PROGRAM: “Women of Grace Widows Fund” presented via Zoom by Margot McGorman, PW of First Presbyterian Church of Watertown, NY. This mission is about sewing projects in northern Malawi communities. (A related article reviewing this mission will be in the March 2024 Lighthouse.)

NEXT MEETING: Topic is Justice and Peace, led by Hanna Cho, Justice and Peace Coordinator, on Sunday, March 10 at 8 PM via Zoom.

CLOSING PRAYER: The Rev. Kathi Jones closed the meeting with prayer.
Joanne W. Schnaudt,

PWSNE Secretary/Historian

In Memorandum

Anne A. Reynolds
May 10, 1937 - November 19, 2023



Anne filled the "dash" full of great adventures. She touched so many folks in such a warm and gracious manner, laced with humor. She was foremost a wife, mother, grandmother, step mother, step grandmother, sister, and friend to everyone she knew and met.

We know her most for what she has done for the Presbyterian Church and Presbyterian Women. At the age of 70, she became a Commissioned Ruling Elder serving churches in the Utica Presbytery. She had been the Moderator of PW Synod of the Northeast, then kept the Utica Presbytery PW moving forward always being creative in her efforts. She was one of the co-authors and founder of "Sisters Stand and Walk Together" program embracing and educating our immigrant women.

She and her late husband Milton built their eight sided frame home in the woods. She took great pride that she had a vegetable & flower gardens and helped cut wood to keep them warm in the winter. She loved to feed the birds and other wildlife roaming around in her yard and loved her cats the most. When you would stop and visit, she prepared a delicious meal and if you slept over night, you were honored to sleep in the loft.

When Anne would call to recruit you to something, she knew just how to get you to agree to say yes.

In her earlier years, she was a Christian Educator in various locations.

We are all grateful and blessed by her leadership and friendship. "Go in Peace, thou good and faithful servant."



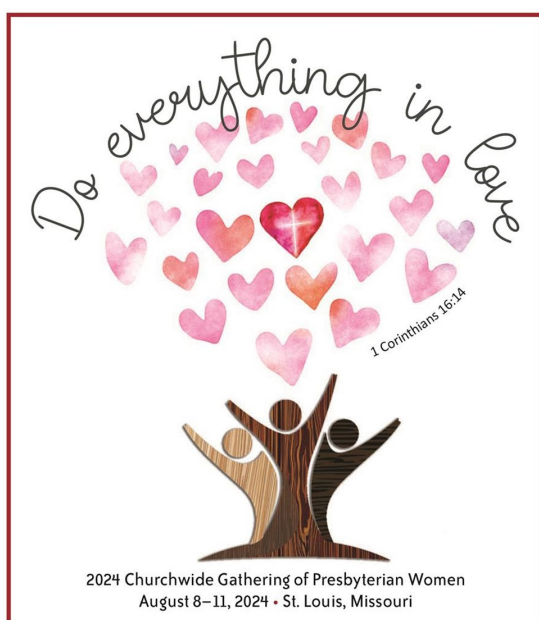
Representatives From PWSNE to Churchwide Board of Directors

In St. Louis, Missouri, August 7-8, 2024, the Churchwide Business (Board of Directors) Meeting will be held just prior to the Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women. At the conclusion of the meeting there will be an election of the 2024-2027 officers. Being nominated/elected to the Board of Directors from the Synod of the Northeast will be Andrea Ralph (Albany), Black/African American/African Representative at Large; Woong Soon Lee (Boston), Korean/Korean American Representative at Large; and Bisi Shofu (Coastland) will serve on the Search Committee as the Northeast Region Representative. You can read their profile along with the other nominees in the November/December issue of Horizons Magazine.

From our PWSNE those that have served so faithfully these past three years: Sue Liu, Asian American Member at Large; Letty Heredia, Hispanic/Latin American Representative, Adina Yacoub, Middle Eastern Member at Large, and Lorraine Cuffie served on the Search Committee as the Northeast Region Representative. We thank them all for their service.

The PWSNE Representative is elected by PWSNE and serves during overlapping years. Currently serving is Alpha Brown whose term is 2023-2026.

Historically, PWSNE has been well represented on the Board of Directors (Churchwide Coordinating Team) during each of the past triennials.



The Churchwide Gathering is coming faster than you know. Register to Come. It is August 5-11 with Business Meeting the Day before.

The registration will be starting this month, do not miss it. It really is fun and you meet women and some men from every corner. You can pick various workshops or other activities. You should have time to visit the St. Louis Arch and take a ride up. The view is fantastic.

Go to PresbyterianWomen.org for more gathering information.

GIVE TO THE ANNUAL MISSION FUND



Presbyterian Women's **Build a Bouquet FUNdraiser** celebrates individuals and ministries that help Presbyterian Women bloom in many spectacular ways! Honor that special person (or two or three!) who has played a significant role in your life—through nurture, friendship, support or care—with a virtual bouquet that will build Presbyterian Women's Annual Fund, the soil from which every PW ministry grows. Bouquets given will bless thrice: funds received will support PW; will honor a friend; and virtual bouquets will be displayed at the 2024 PW Churchwide Gathering!

After you give online, you'll receive a link to several floral cards that can be downloaded or emailed as a symbol of your gift. Visit presbyterianwomen.org/bouquet to learn more.

What is the “Build a Bouquet” campaign?

We cultivate our PW garden every time we nurture our PW Purpose, either individually or as a community. Every kindness, every prayer, every instance we build our PW community through participation and support, we beautify God's world through loving service as Presbyterian Women. In other words, together, in faithful community, we are in full beautiful bloom!

Your online gift to the “Build a Bouquet” campaign will be recognized with a thank-you email and receipt (of course!), and you will also receive a card featuring a bouquet. The card may be emailed to the person or group you honored, or you can save or print the card as a visual reminder of the many blooms in the PW garden.

Flowers available: Carnations: \$10, Lilies \$10,(memorial) Tulips \$25, Daisies \$35, Sunflowers \$45, Mixed bouquet \$55, Roses \$100, Community garden \$500. Minimum online donation is \$10.

To mail : Presbyterian Women, Inc. Remittance Processing—Giving, PO Box 643652, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3652. State your name, what you are ordering, address, phone # and email address or download form at presbyterianwomen.org/bouquet.

Application for 2024 Churchwide Gathering Grant

Presbyterian Women in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Leadership Development Program

Applications must be received **twenty (20) days** prior to need for consideration. Have a PW moderator sign the application and attach a letter of endorsement (other than your moderator) with the sender's contact information. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

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This grant for the 2024 PW Churchwide Gathering is payable as a credit on the Gathering registration portal for \$450. The grant is intended to provide financial assistance to women who are active in the PC(USA) to participate in the work of Presbyterian Women for personal leadership development. If an applicant previously was awarded a grant from Presbyterian Women, at least three years (36 months) must have passed since the grant.

Name:

Email address:

Mailing address:

Home phone:

Cell phone:

Work phone:

Have you previously received a PW grant? yes no **If yes, amount** and **date**

What were grant funds used for?

Are you an active member of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)? yes no

Name of Church:

Presbytery:

Synod:

Are you currently serving as a PW leader in your:

Church: yes no **Presbytery:** yes no **Synod:** yes no **Churchwide:** yes no

For the following questions, be specific and use additional space as needed.

Please describe your role(s) and dates of service.

Why do you want to attend this event?

What will you do with the training you receive at this event and share your experience with PW and/or other groups in your area? Please describe your plan.

What other sources of funding have you pursued and/or received?

Source	Date Requested	Amount Requested	Amount Received

Applicant signature

Name _____ Date _____

Signature of PW moderator in the congregation, presbytery, or synod

Name _____ date _____

Moderator of _____

Amount approved \$ _____ (Maximum \$450 or amount approved on application)

Date information entered into CWG registration portal: _____ By: **For Office**

Use Only

Date application received: _____ By: _____

Grant # _____ Assigned by: _____ Date: _____

Date application forwarded to committee for review: _____ By: _____

Date application approved by committee: _____

Amount approved \$ _____ (Maximum \$450 or amount approved on application)

Date information entered into CWG registration portal: _____ By: _____

“East meets West” Synod Luncheon at Churchwide Gathering

We discovered that Synod Northwest/Alaska PW has no Synod PW Moderator. Therefore, they were not having a Synod Luncheon at the Churchwide Gathering. We thought it would be nice for us to display our wonderful hospitality and invite them to join us for “East meets West.” This should be a lot of fun. Who knows who you will meet and ideas you can glean. After all, we are a caring and inclusive community. Our Coordinating Team & Presbytery Moderators have endorsed this idea.

The Synod Luncheon at Churchwide Gathering will be held on Saturday of the Gathering. When you register for the CWG, there will be a place for you to register for this, too. The cost is \$45. Our Coordinating Team selected: Chicken Caesar Salad, Fruit Salad, Cookie, Coffee/Tea. A program is being planned.

You must register when you register for the Gathering as no tickets at the door.

Gift Cards to Bring to Churchwide

Gift Card Offering- a mission opportunity for you or your church to participate in at the National Presbyterian Women’s Gathering if you can’t attend in person!

For the 2024 PW Churchwide Gathering, attendees are invited to participate in a gift card offering. Gathering attendees may drop off gift cards for Lowe’s, Amazon, Target or Walmart at Gathering registration, which then will be given to [Bethel Hills](#) and [Presbyterian Children’s Homes and Services](#). Bethel Hills is a residential community in Missouri that provides supportive housing, social and educational opportunities for adults with and without developmental disabilities. Operating in Texas, Missouri and Louisiana, Presbyterian Children’s Homes and Services offers programming that helps vulnerable children, strengthens families and builds communities.

Raise or donate money and get either a check to the treasurer or cards to someone who is attending!

(We have yet to fill our PW Synod Treasurer Position and are still in the hunt so please find someone who is going to the gathering near you to donate.)

Books of the Bible Word Search

There are 30 books of the Bible in this paragraph. Can you find them? This is a most remarkable puzzle. It was found by a gentleman in an airplane seat pocket on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu keeping him occupied for hours.

He enjoyed it so much he passed it on to some friends. One friend from Illinois worked on this while fishing from his john boat. Another friend studied it while playing the banjo. Elaine Taylor, a columnist friend was so intrigued by it she mentioned it in her weekly newspaper column. Another friend judges the job of solving the puzzle so involving, she brews a cup of tea to help her nerves.

There will be some names that are real easy to spot. That's a fact. Some people, however, will soon find themselves in a jam, especially since the book names are not necessarily capitalized. Truthfully, from answers we get, we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or scholar to see some of them at the worst. Research has shown that something in our genes is responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the books in the paragraph.

During a recent fund raising event which featured this puzzle, the Alpha Delta Chronicle, surveyed over 200 patrons who reported that this puzzle was one of the most difficult they had ever seen. As Daniel Humans humbly puts it, the books are right there in plain view hidden from sight. Those able to find them all will hear great lamentations from those who have to be shown. One revelation that may help is that books like Timothy and Samuel may occur without their numbers. Also keep in mind, that punctuation and spaces in the middle are normal.

A Chipper attitude will help you compete really well against those who claim to know all the answers. Reminder, there is no need for a mad exodus, there really are 30 books of the Bible lurking somewhere in this paragraph waiting to be found.

This is truly interesting, I found some as I was proofing the Lighthouse. Will take more time to search for all. Thanks to Virginia for passing it along.

Save the date for the

Presbyterian Women of the Highlands of New Jersey Spring Gathering:

Saturday, April 13, 2024

9:30 a.m. registration

10:00 Intro/program, etc.

12:00 lunch

1:30 worship

2:00 blessings for safe travels home

Our PWSNE USAME representative Marianne Montero has consented to be our keynote speaker.

We are working on the location and will advise as soon as it is confirmed.

Kindly inform your women that all PW's in all of the Synod of the Northeast are invited.

Peace to all,

Donna Rahmann, Moderator
PWP Highlands of NJ
Vice-Moderator, PWSNE



PW Presbytery of Northeast New Jersey



Spring Gathering 2024

Saturday May 4, 2024 – 10:00am

Old First Presbyterian Church
820 Broad Street
Newark, NJ 07102

Theme:

Do Everything in Love

~1 Corinthians 16:14

Speaker:

Rev. Dr. Anita Wright, Pastor
Pastor, Trinity Presbyterian Church
Montclair, NJ



In Person with Live Stream possible



Save the Date! All are welcome!

PW SPRING GATHERING Presbytery of Geneva

Friday, May 17, 2024
10:00am-2:00pm
The Presbyterian Church
Geneva, NY

Guest Speaker: Margot Gorman
"Women of Grace Widows"
...mission work in Malawi...

(more details to come)
Gratefully...Linda Werts, Moderator
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