

The Lighthouse



September 2025

Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the North Northeast

Moderator's Message

Dear Presbyterian Women Servant Leaders,



The Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Northeast (PWSNE) held its annual meeting "Refreshment for the Journey, Come Get Recharged!" last weekend in Hamilton Union Presbyterian Church near Albany, New York. PWSNE made history by holding this event hybrid under the leadership of Vice-Moderator Rhonda

Sanchez. She had a wonderful Design Team to make it all happen: Charlotte Hasselbarth, Lillian Sanderlin, JoAnn Burrell, and Martha Grady-Costa. This same team is now working on next year's Triennial Gathering/Annual Meeting.

Reports were heard and comments reported from each member of the Coordinating Team followed up by reports and comments from each of our Presbyteries. We are such a diverse group of folks bringing great mission projects and issues of justice and peace.

At this gathering, we heard stories from two of the many recipients of the Churchwide Thank Offerings: St. Peter's PC Community Kitchen Project and from Troy area United Ministries "Tech for Teens." Their presentations were very inspirational. I want to remind you that the fall season is the customary time to collect for the Thank Offering. This can either be done through the church PW, presbytery PW, synod PW or directly to Churchwide.

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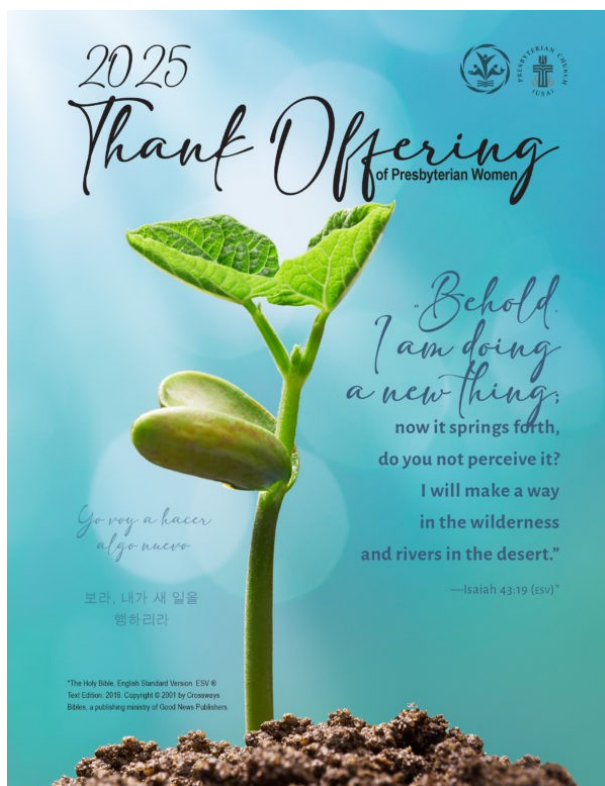
March 1 and September 1
**This will help to better promote
Spring and Fall news better.**

Election of new officers was held: Secretary/Historian=Alpha Brown, Treasurer = Jane MacDonald, Justice & Peace = Lori Evans, Search Moderator=Rita Hooper, Search Committee= Andrea Ralph & Marlene McGee, Clergy Woman=the Rev. Rebecca Gresham. We appreciate and are grateful for those whose terms expired: Joanne Schnaudt, Hanna Choi, and Jane Kim. We are still seeking a Moderator-Elect and Search Member from the New England areas. Our goal is to have a very inclusive and diverse coordinating team whose work is to honor their commitment to Christ's teachings and loves God.

The Hamilton Union ladies went above and beyond to provide the best hospitality and meals not to mention the delicious desserts. Thank You Charlotte for leading this effort. We also want to thank the technician that made the hybrid go very smooth. I am looking forward to this next year as I conclude my three year term as the PWSNE Moderator. PWSNE has the most awesome folks, mission projects, Bible/book studies, and works for justice & peace. Keep up the good work ladies.

Do Everything in Love,

Virginia Champlin, PWSNE Moderator 2023-2026



Thank Offering

The PW Thank offering has provided grants for many different types of projects throughout the country.

Here within our own Synod two different grants were received.

One grant was made in the Albany Presbytery to St. Peter's Presbyterian Church and community Kitchen. This located in Spencertown, NY. We heard about this project at our annual business meeting September 12-13.

This offering in many churches is received in November but can happen at any time of the year.

Grant applications are online.

RACIAL EQUITY DIALOGUE (**RED**)TEAM UPDATES

**WE ARE MARCHING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD
WE ARE LIVING IN THE LOVE OF GOD
WE ARE MOVING IN THE POWER OF GOD
WE ARE DANCING IN THE JOY OF GOD**

The song “Siyahamba” originated in South Africa as a Zulu folk song that was written down by Andries Van Tonden in 1952 and translated into English around 1984. It is used in many Presbyterian congregations on days of celebration: Rally Day, Palm Sunday, and Martin Luther King Sunday to name a few.

It is also a wonderful way to celebrate the first year of Presbyterian Women’s Racial Equity Dialogue (RED) Teams progress. RED teams throughout the US are striving to fulfill the Presbyterian Women purpose by “building an inclusive, caring community” that works for justice & peace using dialogue as a tool for building relationships among & between women from different racial-ethnic groups and backgrounds. Each RED representative is charged with developing a RED Team in their Synod. The RED representatives for the Synod of the Northeast are Magdalene Lewis from the Presbytery for New York City and Donna Vize Wasik from the Presbytery for Southern New Jersey.

Activities this spring included attending **The Howard Thurman Seminar on Race in America** hosted by the Presbytery of New York City on 5/10/25 (in person) & 5/17/25 (via zoom). Held at Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church the seminar brought together clergy, lay leadership, and friends of Presbyterian congregations around NYC to provide an opportunity for introspection, conversation, and expanded awareness of racial, ethnic, and different abled inequities. Facilitated by Rev. Dr. Paul Smith & Dr. Hildi Hendrickson, our learning activities evolved from Dr. Thurman’s book “Jesus and the Disinherited.” Both Dr. Smith and Dr. Thurman were pioneers with John Lewis and Andrew Young in the civil rights movement. This was a very inspiring seminar, and we are exploring opportunities to offer a zoom book study for PW using this text.

Donna also facilitated a small group tour in Old City Philadelphia. The “Original Black History Tour” took us behind the scenes of the Presidents House (a residence used by 3 different US presidents, their families, and slaves), the “room where it happened” in Independence Hall, and Mother Bethel African Methodist Episcopal church, one of the oldest congregations in the city. As we are preparing to celebrate the 250th anniversary of our country next year, we think there may be interest in visiting other historically significant areas throughout our Synod. **If this resonates with you, please send us your suggestions!**

Magdalene and Donna are eager to join with all PW coordinating teams as you initiate plans for your program year. Please provide us with contact information for a member of your coordinating team who can be our liaison and/or for members of your presbyteries who have a passion for social justice. We are happy to join with you to help identify areas of concern and explore resources we can develop with you to build a more equitable world.

We also invite you to join our RED team!!! We are excited that Donna Horvath from the Presbytery for Northeast New Jersey and Marlene McGee from the Presbytery for New York City joined us for our first zoom meet up. But we still need to identify more partners from throughout our Synod. Help us build a community that welcomes everyone’s story with compassion and grace.

SIYAHAMBA! MARCH WITH US!

Magdalene Lewis, Presbytery for New York City magdalenelewis08@gmail.com
Donna Vize Wasik, Presbytery for Southern New Jersey dvwasik@gmail.com



Photo by Nick Hunter

“The Dreaming Tree”

The Dreaming Tree

The dreaming tree stands nobly
 above farms, fields and forests.
 It is a place to sit and view
 the world in all its autumn splendor.
 A place to dream of past Octobers filled
 with memories, perhaps of school
 days and trick or treat.
 A memory that brings a smile at the attempt to fool
 classmates with a clever Halloween custom.
 An effort that never fooled anyone,
 but it was fun trying.
 It is a place that whatever the dreams
 may be, to find solace
 from the hurry and scurry of everyday life.
 It is a place where the soul is nourished
 through God's creation.

~Maxine Hunter~

Thursday Zoom Book Club

ALL are invited to a THURSDAY ZOOM meeting which will resume September 25 at 10:30 am.

WE WILL BE FINISHING "TENDING THE WILD GARDEN", growing in the fruit of the Spirit, by Eugenia Gamble.

We have **Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self-Control** left. Each chapter can be read independently, so if you're just joining it will be OK. Join for the study, stay for the fellowship! Please email me for the zoom invite. Lisa

Gray lisa_a_gray@outlook.com (note underscores not dashes lol!)

Please consider purchasing the next book. We will start that in December, unless there is a consensus of not wanting to meet 12/18.

The NEW book is "APPRECIATE these THINGS", eight ways of cultivating compassion by Jill Duffield. We were thinking in these times it's difficult to feel compassion to others, especially if you have different views than they do. The lectionary this summer asked, "Who is my neighbor". Good question!

Here's the key words she offers for us to "appreciate it": whatever is true, honorable, just, pure, pleasing, commendable, excellent and praiseworthy. In her conclusion she says "We collectively ought to be considering, pondering, and enacting these virtues". She says cultivating these is a "Herculean collective effort". She adds "It moves forward at a creep and transforms the world at glacial speed." But "efforts are worth it".

From Lisa Gray

REFLECTIONS ON THE ANNUAL GATHERING AND BUSINESS MEETING OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN THE SYNOD OF THE NORTHEAST

The Annual Gathering and Business Meeting of Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Northeast (PWSNE) took place on Friday, September 12 and Saturday, September 13, 2025 at Hamilton Union Presbyterian Church, 2291 Western Avenue, Guilderland, NY 12084. What made this event historic was the fact that this was the first hybrid annual meeting sponsored by PWSNE. Thanks to the technological prowess of a mother-and-daughter team, the meeting was conducted flawlessly. The members of the host church are to be commended not only for their tech savviness but, also, for their radical hospitality. It was a joy to renew old friendships, forge new friendships, and finally meet in person with women previously encountered in Zoom spaces.

The theme of the occasion was **“Refreshment for the Journey, Come Get Re-charged!”** based on Habakkuk 3: 17-19.

Friday’s program began with the opening prayer and lighting of the Christ candle, followed by presentations by two (2) Thank Offering recipients, **St. Peter’s Presbyterian Church’s Community Kitchen Project and Troy Area United Ministries**. It was eye-opening to learn of the ministries undertaken by these projects and they underscored the importance of mission which PW on the whole, and PWSNE in particular, embody in our Presbyterian Purpose.

Saturday’s program included morning prayer and a devotional based on the theme scripture, Leadership Training (How to Set Up an Agenda, How to Take Minutes, and Extending the Circle), a presentation on a local project “New Faith Program for Women”, the Closing Worship and the installation of new Officers.

Overall, the entire event was informative, inspiring and refreshing. However, it revealed areas for improvement. It became crystal clear that we must engage intentionally with younger women, and sustain relationships with them, whether through dialogue or partnerships or mentorships. As emerging leaders, they must be given the freedom to lead and become an essential part of Presbyterian Women.

Another issue that we continue to grapple with is the search for leaders to replace those women who have served with distinction in various capacities for long periods and deserve the right to enjoy other aspects of life. My fervent prayer is that potential leaders will respond to their divine calling.

This meeting was made possible by the dedication and tireless efforts of our Design Team which comprised our Vice Moderator, Rhonda Sanchez, Jo Ann Burrell, Martha Grady-Costa, Charlotte Hasselbarth, and Lillian Sanderlin. To God be the Glory!

Lorraine Cuffie, Presbytery of Northeast New Jersey

REFRESHMENT FOR THE JOURNEY, COME GET RECHARGED

2025 Annual Gathering – Recap

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN THE SYNOD OF THE NORTHEAST

Joanne Schnaudt

It was a time of New: New way to gather, New way to hold an annual business meeting, New Coordinating Team members installed.

Sixteen Presbyterian Women gathered in person and Thirteen PW gathered online at the Hamilton Union Presbyterian Church in Albany, NY area to conduct business, elect leaders, update the By Laws, and plan for future gatherings.

Friday, September 12 opened with prayer and the lighting of the Christ Candle at 5 PM. Following was a presentation by two Thank Offering Recipients: Maryann Davis for St. Peter's PC Community Kitchen Project and the Rev. Donna Elia for Troy area United Ministries "Tech for Teens." Dinner and time for socializing followed for the women gathered in person.

Saturday morning, September 13 began at 10 AM with Opening Prayer and Devotions. Some Leadership Training: "How to Prepare an Agenda" and "How to Prepare Minutes" followed. Several women shared their experience of their first encounter with a PW group as part of "How Round is our PW Circle?"

During the Business Meeting, new CT members were elected, By Laws were updated, and reports from CT Members and PWP Moderators were given.

A presentation about the New Faith Program for Women in the Albany area was given. Following lunch, the gathering concluded with a Worship Service and Installation of new Coordinating Team members. The offering will go to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance – Texas flood. The gathering was closed with prayer and benediction for safe travels home.

[This is just a brief recap of the overall gathering. The official Business Meeting minutes will be sent to the CT, PWP Moderators and Voting Reps. A BIG THANK YOU to the Design Team, the Tech Team at HUPC, and the PW of HUPC for a hospitable and meaningful and joy-filled gathering.]

Past Moderators

1985 – 1989 - (4 years) – Hazel Fuhrmeister – Southern New England PWP – In Assisted Living in SNE

1989 – 1992 – Melva Geores – Northern New England PWP– Living with her sister in NNE

1992 – 1995 – Ellie Gregory – Western New York PWP– Passed Away

1995-1999 – (4 years) - Joanne Schnaudt – Palisades PWP– - Current Secretary of PWSNE - Living in Highlands of NJ

Co-Moderator with Helenmarie Sunkenberg 1998-1999

1998 – 2001 – The Rev. Helenmarie Sunkenberg – Albany PWP – In Assisted Living in Highlands of NJ

2001 – 2004 – Jane MacDonald – Newton PWP– Current Treasurer of PWSNE– Living in Highlands of NJ

2004 – 2007 – Anne Reynolds – Utica PWP – Passed Away in 2024

2007 -2011 – (4 years) Sandy Grillo – Newark PWP– Living in Virginia

2011 – 2014 – Charlotte Hasselbarth – Albany PWP– Living in Albany

2014 – 2017 – Maxine Hunter – Cayuga- Syracuse PWP– Living in Cayuga-Syracuse

2017 – 2020 – Lisa Gray – Newton PWP – Living in Highlands of NJ

2020 – 2023 – Adebisi Shofu – Coastlands PWP– Living in Coastlands of NJ

2023 – 2026 – Virginia Champlin – Geneva PWP – Living in Geneva

08/01/2025

Connection to Transformation Building a Partnership Culture in Faith Communities Conference



A Collaborative Conference with the New York State Council of Churches

The Synod of the Northeast, in collaboration with the New York State Council of Churches, is excited to present:

Connection to Transformation: Building a Partnership Culture in Faith Communities Conference

Saturday, October 25
9:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
First Presbyterian Church
315 N. Cayuga Street
Ithaca, NY

This conference will bring together ecumenical and interfaith pastors, lay leaders, organizers and community advocates from across the Central and Western New York region to explore how transformational partnerships can emerge when faith communities center connection, collaboration and mutuality. Through Worship, storytelling, interactive workshops and keynote conversations, participants will reflect on how churches can move beyond transactional relationships toward deeper engagement that reflects the love and justice of Christ in our small towns and rural communities.

Everyone is invited to come. For registration form please contact
Nichol.burris@synodne.org.

PW Churchwide Search Committee Application

Bisi Shofu

Information

The PW, Inc., National Search Committee is seeking nominations for Presbyterian Women's churchwide Board of Directors for the [DATES] triennium. Prayers are requested that talented women will consider God's call to serve. Candidates should have time and energy to participate, as well as a passion for PW's ministry. Who stands out in your congregation, presbytery and/or synod and would make a good leader for PW at the national level?

The positions include:

Moderator

Vice Moderator

Search Committee Moderator

Five Regional Search Committee Members

Six Members-at-large Representing Communities of Color: Indigenous/Native American, Black/African American/African, Hispanic/Latina/Latino/Latinx, Asian/Asian American, Middle Eastern/North African, and Korean/Korean American

Two Young Women Representatives-at-large (under the age of 35)

Requirements for the Board of Directors

In addition to supporting the PW Purpose and working well as team players, the following are general expectations for board members.*

Must be a member of a PC (USA) congregation or a clergy member of a PC(USA) presbytery.

Attend Board meetings as scheduled. Meetings may convene on weekdays and weekends. Meeting and travel expenses are covered.

Participate in Board video conference meetings as scheduled.

Be assigned to committees that meet during Board meetings. Additional committee assignments may include committees that meet in person or by video conference between Board meetings or before online Board meetings.

Attend the PW Triennial Business Meeting as an observer before the election and as a voting representative at the end of the director's term.

Represent the Board at special events or conferences as requested and submit a written report to the Board.

Check email at least every two days and expect two or more video conference calls between Board meetings.

Board members, including members of the Search Committee, shall not succeed themselves and are ineligible for election to other positions on the Board for three years following completion of their term. Directors cannot serve in the same role twice.

Some positions include additional duties and time requirements. (See the PW, Inc. Bylaws or *PW Essentials: A Guide for Groups* for additional duties and time requirements specific to each position or assignment.)

Moderator becomes a voting member of Presbyterian Mission Agency Board (PMAB) and is expected to attend meetings.

Vice-Moderator becomes a voting member of the Advocacy Committee for Women and Gender Justice and is expected to attend meetings.

All members of Presbyterian Women's Board of Directors are expected to participate in meetings and gatherings of their constituency groups.

All directors are expected to understand, participate in, and interpret PW's programs, including the Annual Mission Fund, which provides the financial infrastructure for the organization at all levels.

The work of Presbyterian Women requires a diverse and inclusive leadership team. Prayerfully consider this request. Thank you!

*Note that only the Search Moderator is a member of the PW, Inc., Board of Directors and a voting representative to the triennial Business Meeting. Members of the Search Committee have the specific responsibility of recruiting qualified candidates for the Board.

Presbyterian Women in the PC (U.S.A.), Inc. Board of Directors Nomination / Application Form

Nomination / Application Form

Please only recommend someone you have consulted and who is willing to serve, if elected. Nominations will be processed as they are received. All nominations must be postmarked or emailed to your search committee representative (see end of form) by **November 1, 2025**.

Please type or print. Thank you for your support of Presbyterian Women!

About the Nominee

Name

Address

Telephone Number(s)

Email

Church Membership

Church Address

Presbytery

Synod

Position for which you are nominating her (please check the appropriate box):

Position			
Moderator	<input type="checkbox"/>	Search Committee Moderator	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vice Moderator	<input type="checkbox"/>	Search Committee Member	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Young Woman Representative at Large	<input type="checkbox"/>
Members at Large (MALs)			
African American	<input type="checkbox"/>	Korean American	<input type="checkbox"/>
Asian American	<input type="checkbox"/>	Middle Eastern American	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hispanic/Latin American	<input type="checkbox"/>	Native American	<input type="checkbox"/>

The nominee would be an asset to PW's Board of Directors because:

From the following list what skill set / Interest best describe the candidate:

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communication skills (written / verbal) | <input type="checkbox"/> Technical skills |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finance | <input type="checkbox"/> Coaching & Mentorship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Understanding of PC (USA) System & Policy | <input type="checkbox"/> People Organization skills |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Problem Solving / Analytical | <input type="checkbox"/> Administration |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advocacy | <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing |

If self-nominating what part/s of the PW Purpose resonates with you:

- ☐ Nurturing Faith
☐ Prayer & Bible Study
☐ Supporting Mission
☐ Working for Justice & Peace
☐ Building Inclusive Communities
☐ Strengthening the Presbyterian Church (USA)

Any additional comments that would be helpful to the Search committee

About the Nominator (if a self-nomination disregard this section)

Name

Presbyterian Women or PC(USA) Affiliation/Position

Address

Telephone number(s)

Email

How do you know the nominee?

Send recommendations to your regional representative (see p. 4) by November 1, 2025.

Search Committee Contact Information

Nominations for the Young Women Representatives-at-large should be sent to the Search Committee Moderator; all other nominations should be sent to the Search Representative in your region.

Region	Synods in Region	Representative	Contact Information
Northeast and Boriquen	Boriquen/Puerto Rico Northeast	Bisi Shofu	PO box 124 East Windsor NJ 85200 609-851-5409 bisi.shofu@gmail.com

How to Prepare and Agenda

Joanne Schnaudt

Sample Agenda:

NAME OF GROUP
KIND OF MEETING i.e. Business Mtg, Coordinating Team, Committee
DATE – TIME – LOCATION

OPENING – Prayer, Devotions, Welcome, Introductions

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MINUTES – Approval of Minutes from previous meeting

FINANCIAL REPORT – Review and file for audit

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES/GROUPS

OLD BUSINESS – Review events/programs/activities since last meeting

NEW BUSINESS – Prepare/Planning of events/activities/programs to next meeting

OTHER BUSINESS? – Items not on the Agenda that a participant wants discussed

REVIEW – You may want to briefly recap the above

NEXT MEETING – Date, time, place – Assign participants

CLOSING PRAYER

HELPFUL HINTS

The agenda serves as a guide to help the participants work their way through the meeting. It serves as a “timer” so time doesn’t run out before all topics are discussed.

Prepare the agenda about 2 weeks before the meeting and send out to participants. Ask for any additional items the participants want to have included and adjust agenda accordingly.

Put the person’s name who is giving the various reports next to her report. This gives participants a sense of “ownership” of the meeting and serves as a reminder for them to be prepared with their report.

Send final agenda out a few days before the meeting so everyone comes prepared. Be sure the Secretary has a copy of the agenda a few days before the meeting. Have a few copies available at the meeting for guests or women attending for the first time

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HOW TO PREPARE MINUTES

Joanne Schnaudt

1. Use the agenda as your guide. You should have a copy a few days before the meeting. Re-set the agenda so there is about an inch (or more depending on the topic) space between each topic for you to jot notes (minutes).
2. At the top of the page list the name of the group, kind of meeting, date, time, and location.
3. Next is attendance – PRESENT, EXCUSED, and ABSENT. “Absent are those who don’t show up with no previous excuse.” List any part of the group not represented i.e. Northeast PW, Mountain PW. Establish that you have a quorum based on your By Laws.
4. Then write the minutes in the order of how the topics appear on the agenda. Put a “guide word” at the beginning of each topic in the left margin in bold, italic or underlined type. This helps, if someone is looking for a specific topic, to find it easier.
5. Transcribe your notes and send a copy (first draft) of the minutes to participants no later than two weeks after the meeting and ask for any changes or corrections. Make any corrections/changes to the minutes then send them out as a Final Draft. Sending minutes out soon after the meeting allows for corrections while the participants still remember what occurred at the meeting. It also is a reminder to everyone of what assignments must be done before the next meeting.
6. Hold the Final Draft to be officially approved at the next meeting. After approval of Final Draft, file them to be sent to apical Society.

HELPFUL HINTS

Minutes are a legal document for your group/organization. They are the official record of the discussions, decisions, and actions agreed upon during the meeting. They also serve as a written recording of your group’s history.

They should be taken with Clarity, Conciseness, and Accuracy. Only key discussions, positive action items, and assigned responsibilities should be recorded. Avoid using first person pronouns (I, We). Avoid including personal opinions or biases.

To make communication more precise, you may use abbreviations for groups, etc. but you must explain its meaning the first time it appears. For example, the first time “Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Northeast” appears in the minutes, write it out entirely with (PWSNE) immediately after it. Then throughout the remaining minutes use PWSNE.

Use the abbreviation MSP for Moved, Seconded, Passed, but explain it the first time you use it. You don’t need names of the people making or seconding the motion, but you must indicate if it passed unanimously or by majority. Motions not passed are not included in the minutes.

Help the Moderator keep the meeting moving and on track. Request exact words for any motion to be voted upon. Be aware of the time.

HELPFUL HINTS FOR HISTORIANS

Joanne Schnaudt

The Summer 2025 issue of *Horizons* is devoted to preserving the history of Presbyterian Women. While all the articles are interesting and informative, historians of Congregation PWs and Presbytery PWs are encouraged to especially focus on reading “Preserving our Presbyterian Women Histories” and “Woven Together – Threads of Herstories, Looms of Legacy: Celebrating the History of Presbyterian Women’s Sister Organizations.”

The Presbyterian Historical Society recommends that the following be preserved: Minutes of Coordinating Team Meetings and Business Meetings, annual Financial Reports and Budgets, By Laws, Programs of Annual Meetings, and Rosters of Leaders. In other words, the “legal” documents.

It is recommended that these papers be sent in at the end of each Secretary/Historian’s term. Documents accumulated longer than this are often damaged or lost. Another suggestion is to keep a copy of all documents mailed until you receive the receipt that they have arrived at their destination.

Congregation PWs mail their documents to:

Archivist
Columbia Theological Seminary
P.O. Box 520
Decatur, GA 30031.

Presbytery and **Synod** PWs mail their documents to:

Presbyterian Historical Society
Attn: Records Archivist
425 Lombard Street
Philadelphia, PA 19147.

By preserving these documents in a timely manner, our history will be available for future generations of Presbyterian Women, Now, what about all the rest of the “stuff” that has been accumulating over the years and gets passed on from historian to historian? Be creative and set up displays at your gatherings featuring photos and curios from trips, previous gatherings, and programs. Is there a display case in your church and/or Presbytery office to display some of these items? Two outdated PWS Northeast banners, handmade by Congregation PWs in our Synod, are on display at the PW office in Louisville!



Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Albany Fall Gathering

**Thursday, October 30, 2025 - 11:30 am to 2:30 pm
at First United Presbyterian in Troy
1917 5th Ave, Troy, NY 12180
(518) 272-2771**

Speakers:

Mary Anne Davis, Vice Moderator of The Presbytery of Albany will speak on the Thank Offering Grant that St. Peter's Presbyterian Church received to renovate its kitchen.

Rev. Donna Elia, Executive Director of Troy Area United Ministries and Pastor of St. Peter's Presbyterian Church will speak on the two Thank Offering Grants that Troy Area Ministries received to establish its "Tech for Teens" and then to expand it.

Details:

- RSVP to Andrea Ralph at ARalph20@hotmail.com or 516-849-3220 by Oct 23. if possible, so the host church can plan.
- Registration fee of \$10.00 will be collected at the door.
- Bring a bag lunch. Dessert and beverage are provided.
- A freewill offering will be received.

Presbyterian Women In The Coastlands

Fall Program

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Saturday, October 11, 2025 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

United Presbyterian Church

12 Yardville – Hamilton Square Road, Yardville, NJ

All are invited

Coffee at 9 a.m. followed by
Worship, Business Meeting, Program & lunch

Featured speaker

Jim McCloskey, founder of Centurion Ministries

“TRUE STORIES OF COURAGEOUS WOMEN FALSELY CONVICTED AND LATER EXONERATED BY CENTURION”

Jim is a member of Nassau church. He is the founder of Centurion Ministries, the first organization in the world devoted to freeing the wrongly convicted. He recently co-wrote a book titled “Framed” with John Grisham. He will talk about several of those women featured in this book.

Donation: \$10.00 per person to cover costs of program (payable at door)

Lunch will be served immediately following the program

PLEASE RSVP by OCTOBER 6 to

pwcoastlands@gmail.com

or call

Gloria Hanewald 609-528-0511

Yardville-Hamilton Square Road is located off Exit 3A on Route 195

Parking at rear of church off Waln avenue. Add'l parking on adjacent funeral home property

Church entrance is handicapped accessible



Some Pictures from Gathering

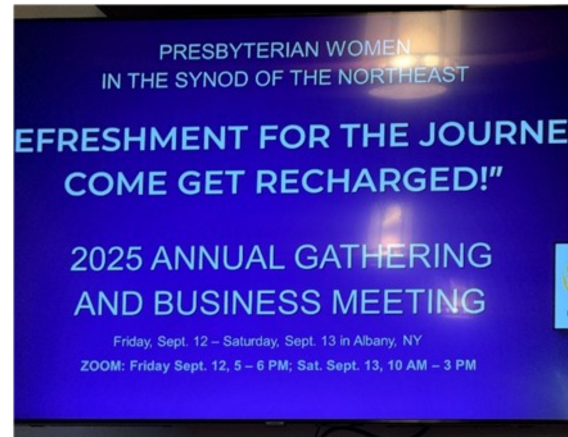


Hamilton Church on left

One of the vision screens on right

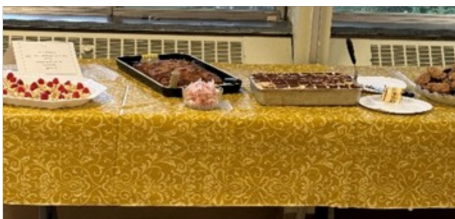
Below left some participants

Below right, one view of one of our banners and zoom participants



One of our meals with delicious desserts.

On right some eating at one meal





Above: Some of our newly elected officers: Left to right Andrea Ralph, Rita Hooper, Marlene McGee, and Alpha Brown

On Right, some participants present in person

