



Quarterly News for Presbyterian Women in Leadership

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January–April 2013

Presbyterian Women Churchwide

First annual PW Together in Action Day held January 11 on Human Trafficking Awareness Day

By **Yvonne Hileman**

January 11, 2013, was Human Trafficking Awareness Day and the first annual PW Action Day! How did your group observe this day?

CCT moderator Mary Jorgenson reports that 20 women, ages 4 weeks to 91 years, gathered at her church, Southminster Presbyterian Church (Heartland Presbytery), to observe this day. She said, "We had two gatherings—a morning gathering with coffee and a late afternoon gathering with cocktails (optional)—both social opportunities to get together, complete advocacy postcards, learn about online advocacy and check out our slavery footprint at www.slaveryfootprint.org." Her church also held a series of four Sunday school classes in January on human trafficking.

Other PW activity around this day and this issue

- Several Facebook friends on PW's Facebook page shared links to resources like the *Toolkit for Action: Modern Slavery*, produced by the PC(USA)'s Human Trafficking Roundtable (downloadable from www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/human-trafficking), and the quiz at slaveryfootprint.org.
- The Albany PWP scheduled a speaker on the subject of human trafficking for their next gathering.
- Ann Waddle's church's youth group has an ongoing project called Sow Love and sells t-shirts to raise funds.
- Wasilla First Presbyterian Women had a presentation given by Waverli Rainey, one of the church's college students.
- PW members at Calvin Presbyterian Church, Zeliempole, Pennsylvania, are putting together a movie/educational night to increase awareness of human trafficking!
- PW from San Diego to Santa Barbara met at Pasadena Presbyterian Church to hear a keynote speaker and hold a roundtable discussion on the trafficking of girls for sexual exploitation.
- Sue Kimball's group started its PW meeting with a reading from the PC(USA)'s web pages. They will be using PC(USA) resources in a church school class in April and May.
- First Presbyterian Church in Grapevine did several things to observe this day. A churchwide email was sent to every member, a website notification was highlighted, Facebook entries were made. Human trafficking was lifted up during prayer time on Sunday. Sunday evening, the church held a dinner with Leslie and Cynthia Morgan, mission coworkers in Bangladesh. During this dinner they talked about Rahab's Rope and how India is the number one country for trafficking. Nancy Lee Hadley, Rahab's



Photo by Rob Allen

Mission coworkers Leslie and Cynthia Morgan visited First Presbyterian Church, Grapevine, Texas, as part of that congregation's observance of Human Trafficking Awareness Day.

Rope mission advocate, told about one of the brothels she visited in Mumbai. There she met a lady 62 years old who had been trafficked at age six and had never been off that property her whole life. The woman was from Bangladesh. The Morgans highlighted the problem that Bangladesh has with trafficking in the garment industry, where slave labor and child labor is a major problem.

PW Together in Action Day was co-created by the Mission Relationships and the Justice and Peace committees of the Churchwide Coordinating Team. The idea behind this day is that once a year Presbyterian women around the country will join in taking action on an issue that is important to them. One of the issues important to Presbyterian women is human trafficking. Therefore, the CCT committees chose it as the issue of focus for the first annual PW Action Day.

Learn more about human trafficking by downloading the 2012:3 issue of *Justice & Peace Links* (www.pcusa.org/resource/justice-and-peace-links-2012-human-trafficking), visiting the PC(USA)'s human trafficking roundtable web page (www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/human-trafficking), ordering a copy of the March/April 2010 issue of *Horizons* magazine (call PDS at 800/524-2612; ask for item HZN10210), and by visiting www.ecpatusa.org and www.slaveryfootprint.org!

How did your group observe the first annual PW Together In Action day? Post your activity on PW's Facebook page (www.facebook.com/presbyterianwomenpcusa) or send an email to meagan.manas@pcusa.org.

**Don't miss what's inside! • First annual PW Together in Action Day! • Voices from the Sandy front lines • Upcoming mission trips
Brand-new Horizons Bible study resources! • March and April advocacy opportunities • Antiracism resources • and much more!**

Super Storm Sandy's impact felt in the Synod of the Northeast

By Maggie Lewis and Yvonne Hileman

In late October 2012, Super Storm Sandy battered communities in the northeast—New York, New Jersey and Connecticut. The storm came with powerful winds and rain that caused massive flooding and knocked down trees and power lines; it affected more than eight million people.

Virginia Champlin, CCT Search Committee moderator, lives in Geneva, New York. She said: "The week after Sandy hit, our synod PW had a leadership/coordinating team meeting and there were women who could not get out of New York City and New Jersey to attend. There were women who came and were grateful for a hot shower and hot meals. My end of the synod just had minor damage. Those who attended our meeting said that they were grateful for Church World Service."

Maggie Lewis, CCT representative from the Synod of the Northeast, shared her experience:

Though no one in my community of Jamacia, New York, lost their homes, tens of thousands of homes in New York state were damaged. A fire destroyed more than 100 homes in Breezy Point, Queens. Millions of people were ordered to evacuate their homes, many of which were ultimately destroyed. Hospitals were evacuated after they lost electricity. People in my community were without utilities for at least seven days. I am happy to report that my home was not damaged, but my community did experience flood damage, fallen trees and loss of utilities. Just half an hour's drive from me, homes were destroyed. Many downed trees have yet to be removed.

The tidal surge sent seawater flowing into large parts of the New York City subway system. The New York City subway is a lifeline for millions who were paralyzed by the flooded tunnels; the subways remained silent for several days. The subway system is 108 years old but had never experienced a disaster like Sandy.

Shelters were set up in community centers and schools, including York College in Queens. Some families even offered their homes. Throughout this disaster, people in the affected communities were and continue to be supportive of one another. We have many volunteers working in our communities, including from other parts of the United States. My church responded to some of the needs. We donated clothes, blankets and food, and volunteered at shelters. We have also committed to support Far Rockaway Presbyterian Church, which was damaged.

During the storm, I tried not to panic, but the day after, as I sat and reflected on the aftermath, I thought of those families without electricity, heat, water and even shelter. Had I been taking basic necessities for granted? I remember that life has not always been as convenient as it is now. Seventy-five years ago, not everyone had running water, electricity and central heating; our God provided for us then and will continue to do so. I grew up on a farm, and my parents provided for us without all the modern day essentials. I think this made it easier for me to deal with the storm.

Since Sandy, I have continued to volunteer my time. A group of us, including church members, cleaned out

a church that was damaged by Sandy. At the end of the day, I felt like I had been in worship service (minus the singing, praying and reading of scripture). We were doing God's work without even a word said. After the storm I thought about the scripture in Matthew 8:23-27: "And when [Jesus] got into the boat, his disciples followed him. A gale arose on the lake, so great that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. And they went and woke him up, saying, 'Lord, save us! We are perishing!' And he said to them, 'Why are you afraid, you of little faith?' Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a dead calm. They were amazed, saying, 'What sort of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?'"



Maggie Lewis, CCT

In addition to volunteers, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, FEMA, the Red Cross, Food Bank, the NYPD Community Affairs Bureau, churches and many more organizations contributed to relief and recovery efforts. To the best of my knowledge, this assistance has met the needs of this community, but there is still need for housing for the people whose homes were damaged or destroyed.

Note: Visit www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/pda to learn more about Presbyterian response to the disaster.

Additional federal relief on its way

The New York Times reported on January 21, 2013, that recovery in the wake of Sandy has been spotty. After weeks of delay, the House of Representatives finally agreed on January 15 on a \$50.5 billion aid package that would help communities rebuild. As this newsletter went to press, the package was stalled in the Senate over filibuster negotiations. It is hoped that the Senate will act immediately to ensure that communities get the help they need. Many are still struggling.

Super Storm Sandy: Relief Operations Survey

The Interfaith Center of New York and related New York-based organizations says, "The response to Super Storm Sandy in New York City has clearly demonstrated that congregations, faith-based and neighborhood partnerships and our nonprofit partners form the backbone of disaster relief and recovery. It is critical for us to illuminate the vital role that our sector has played and will continue to play in NYC disaster preparedness, response and recovery. However, the scale of Sandy's impact has made it challenging to locate and network effectively with all the resources available to affected families, congregations and other relief and recovery organizations. And so we seek to strengthen our impact by sharing solid information, leveraging our resources and enhancing our partnerships."

This group is conducting a survey to document the services that New York City congregations, as well as faith-based and neighborhood partnerships and other nonprofit organizations provided in response to Super Storm Sandy during the first 60 days of relief efforts. Request more information at info@nydis.org.

Help PW move toward justice—implement recommendations, utilize online resources, share successes

By Gloria Moorman, chair, ARC

Presbyterian Women's churchwide antiracism committee (ARC) held its annual meeting at the Highlander Research and Educational Center in New Market, Tennessee, on October 13–16, 2012.

Highlander Center was founded by Myles Horton, a Cumberland Presbyterian, to address systemic problems of poverty and injustice in 1932. Highlander was shut down a few times mainly because it brought together whites and blacks to work for justice, including racial justice, during the time when segregation was the law. I have heard it said, "Martin Luther would not have stood up if Rosa Parks did not sit down." Rosa Parks attended a Highlander workshop on fighting segregation only months before her refusal to give up her seat sparked the year-long Montgomery boycott. Meeting in such sacred, historic space was a formidable experience for ARC. We felt surrounded by a cloud of witnesses.

This time, the focus of ARC's work was examining PW's mission through the lens of race, paying particular attention to the relationship between the giver and the receiver. Thomas Priest, a candidate for teaching elder from the Presbytery of Detroit, facilitated the process. ARC will be sharing what it has learned with the Mission Relationships Committee; the two committees will be working jointly to help PW's mission move beyond charity toward justice and mutual transformation. ARC recommends *Faith in Action: Understanding Development Ministries from a Christian Perspective*, PDS 74-400-00-022; \$15 plus shipping.

Resources available online and from PDS

The last issue of *Quarterly News* carried the news about PW's reaffirmation of its commitment to antiracism at the July 2012 Business Meeting. Every PW group was urged to read and study the report of the Structural Review Task Group approved by voting delegates to the 2003 Business Meeting. (See www.pcusa.org/resource/report-pw-structural-review.)

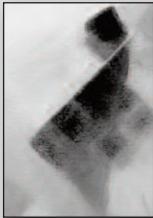
Have you implemented some of its recommendations? If so, please share the good news with ARC! Email unzu.lee@pcusa.org or g.moorman@insightbb.com. If you need help, please let ARC know! We stand ready to work with you.

Get tools and learn more about antiracism using the free download portion of the *Becoming the Beloved Community* antiracism resource packet that is available on the web at www.pcusa.org/resource/becoming-beloved-community-excerpt. Order the full resource from PDS (item PWR10045 includes a DVD, study guide and other tools for understanding and dismantling racism including articles from *The Thoughtful Christian*, a glossary and worship resources; \$24.95). Order the resource packet without DVD and study guide (item PWR10046) for just \$14.95.

In addition to these resources, you can download preview material from the cultural proficiency resource that is to be published later this year. Go to www.pcusa.org/resource/culturally-proficient-leadership-sampler for this download. Finally, visit www.presbyterianwomen.org/leadership to read about PW's antiracism, racial ethnic dialog and cultural proficiency programs. Thank you for taking this journey with us!

Plan now for World Day of Prayer 2013!

World Day of Prayer falls on March 1, 2013. The women of WDP France prepared this year's materials around the theme "I was a stranger and you welcomed me." They reach into Jesus' identification with "the least of these" in Matthew 25 and draw on customs of hospitality found in Leviticus to paint a picture of welcoming the stranger. Participants put themselves in the shoes of "the stranger," remembering their own feelings of being on the outside—and the blessings of welcoming.



Order materials online at www.wdp-usa.org/store! Visit www.wdp-usa.org for more information, or call the office at 212/870-2466. As always, be creative in your preparation, remembering that if Fridays are not a good time for your community to attend a service, it may be held on Saturday or any other day—in symbolic solidarity with women around the world.

Church Connections

Bible study author Nancy Benson-Nicol joins PC(USA) staff!

PW's own Bible study author Nancy Benson-Nicol begins her call in the PC(USA)'s Racial Ethnic & Women's Ministries/PW ministry area on February 4, 2013. She will serve as the associate for gender and racial justice. Nancy formerly served as

university chaplain and instructor of Old and New Testaments at the University of the Ozarks. She wrote the 2012–2013 *Horizons* Bible study, *Dispatches to God's Household: The General Epistles*.

Welcome, Nancy!

Do you have a heart for the mission of Presbyterian Women?

Share the love!

Search nomination information and forms are available at www.presbyterianwomen.org/search

From hunger studies to advocacy training, opportunities for active learning are plentiful for PW this spring

By Megan Manas, Justice and Peace staff specialist

Looking for a good Lenten study? Check out Bread for the World's Lenten resources (www.bread.org/help/church/worship/lent). Bread has produced a Lenten study that looks at nutrition through the lens of the lectionary passages leading up to Easter.

As you know, Presbyterian Women is a partner organization in Bread's Women of Faith for the 1000 Days Campaign. Use this study as an opportunity to hold conversations about the importance of nutrition for mother and child during the first 1000 days of the child's life. Look for additional resources and information on the 1000 Days campaign at www.bread.org/hunger/maternal-child-nutrition/women-of-faith-for-the-1000.html.

Come to the 11th annual Ecumenical Advocacy Days (EAD) to seek food justice for a healthy world

Washington, D.C. April 5–8, 2013

Interested in learning more about advocacy for domestic and international issues in federal and local government? Looking for hands-on training in advocacy skills? Ecumenical Advocacy Days (EAD) may be the experience for you!

In a world that produces enough food for everyone, EAD will explore the injustices in global food systems that leave one billion people hungry, create food price shocks that destabilize communities everywhere, and undermine God's creation. At God's table, all are invited and fed, and the poorest in our midst are given a special place. Together we will seek the abundance and equality that we find reflected in the biblical image of God's great banquet table (Exodus 16:16–18 and Luke 14:12–24). Inspiring speakers will offer a faith-based vision for fair and humane

food policies and practices, along with grassroots advocacy training, all culminating with Monday's Lobby Day on Capitol Hill. Learn more about EAD and register online at www.advocacydays.org.

This year, Presbyterian Women is sponsoring a limited number of scholarships at \$180 each (the cost of early-bird registration). Scholarship applications are available on our website (www.presbyterianwomen.org) or from your PW in the Synod representative, and must be received via email by February 15, 2013. Preference will be given to first-time attendees, with the hope of adding age, racial/ethnic, geographic and experiential diversity.

The PC(USA)'s Compassion, Peace and Justice ministry area will host a day of workshops for Presbyterians before EAD begins on Friday, April 5. Find out more and register at www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/washington.

If you would like to add a trip to the Brethren Service Center in New Windsor, Maryland, to your trip, see page 6 for more information on combining the two trips.

Follow Presbyterian Women's participation in UNCSW

Follow Presbyterians' advocating at the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women this **March 1–15** on Facebook, at EcumenicalWomen.org, and on the Presbyterian Ministry at the UN's blog, www.pcusa.org/blogs/swords-plowshares. The theme of this year's commission is "The eradication of all forms of violence against women and girls." Read more about the Commission and what you can do in the May/June issue of *Horizons*!

Justice and Peace Concerns

CARE National Conference and International Women's Day Celebration, March 5–7, 2013, Washington, D.C.

Be a powerful advocate for women and girls: register for CARE's 2013 conference!

Become an ally in CARE's work advocating for the world's poorest and most vulnerable people. Gather with a group of passionate, like-minded CARE supporters and make a meaningful impact in the lives of impoverished women and girls, their families and their communities around the world.

CARE will train and educate you about critical issues, and help you deliver your poverty-fighting, women-empowering, compassion-promoting message on Capitol Hill. Learn more at www.careconference.org.

Finalizing plans for World Water Day in March?

Reminder: March 22 each year is World Water Day—time to participate in the UNICEF Tap Project and help provide clean water to children around the world. If you do so, please let Mark Koenig, director of Presbyterian ministry at the United Nations, know (mark.koenig@pcusa.org) so he can share that information. A simple way to participate is to print the "WHAT?" document (you can use just the back page), put it out with a container at a coffee hour or by the drinks at a fellowship meal, tell people about the Tap Project, seed the container with a couple quarters, gather up what is collected and send it to UNICEF. Learn more at www.tapproject.org and www.unwater.org.



Thank-you from His Kids, Too! A 2009 Birthday Offering recipient

Fall 2012

Dear Friends at Presbyterian Women,

We would like to invite you to review our website and Facebook page to see how the 2009 Birthday Offering grant funds were spent. The grant has been such a blessing to His Kids Too! and the many children served by the community center in Dzerzhinsk, Ukraine, that you enabled us to build.

Construction was started in October 2011, and was completed June 25, 2012. The center is fully operational now. I'm presently in Ukraine, overseeing the operations of the center, while we secure a director for the center.

We encourage you to review our YouTube video, where we personally thank you for the grant (www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZWC7_6ExXP). The video gives an overview of the center and its purpose. The center opens its doors not only to kids in the community, for many enriching activities, but to missionaries and other visitors.

We invite your comments, questions and concerns, and, of course, invite you to come and visit. Thank you again, and we welcome your input.

Theresa Fillmon
Executive director, His Kids, Too!

Supporting the publishing mission of Presbyterian Women, one *Horizons* reader at a time!

Tucked into the new *Horizons* subscription card and renewal letter is an opportunity to add extra \$\$ over and above the subscription price to lend support to the publishing mission of Presbyterian Women. The ongoing response just confirms what everyone in the church already knows: Presbyterian women—and *Horizons* readers, in particular—never miss an opportunity to care much and give generously!

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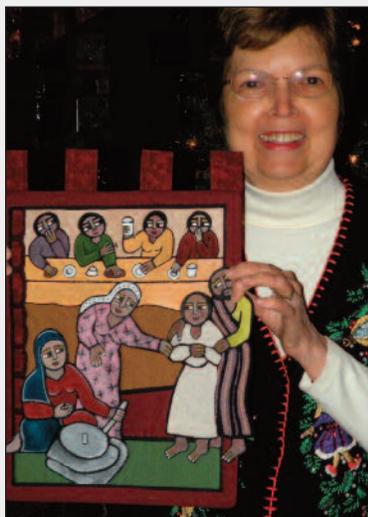
Do you know someone who builds community? Tell *Horizons*!

If you know women who find ways to answer needs in their communities, donating their own time and talents creating networks of care, from volunteering in food pantries to supporting transitional housing and education programs, we'd like to spotlight this work and these women in *Horizons* magazine. Please send your suggestions to Carol Gruber at carolgruber@sbcglobal.net. Please include the woman's name, email address and telephone number.

Dispatches art quilt give-away!

Congratulations, Molly Dean of Waterford, Connecticut, whose name was selected randomly by Wilma Bennett, former Churchwide Gathering chair and member of PW in the Synod of Living Waters, to receive the quilted wall hanging hand-crafted by textile artist Debbie Paris, based on Laura James' art from the 2012-2013 *Horizons* Bible study, *Dispatches to God's Household: The General Epistles*.

Wilma is pictured here with the wall hanging, just prior to selecting the recipient's entry from the hundreds that were sent in. The drawing was held at Harvey Browne Presbyterian Church, Louisville, Kentucky, on December 10. Watch for a similar opportunity in 2013. We will keep you posted. Thank you, Wilma Bennett, Debbie Paris and Harvey Browne!



Horizons Bible Study

Wanted: Field testers for the 2015-2016 study!

It takes many hearts and hands to bring *Horizons* Bible studies to life. From the Bible study committee that chooses a theme one year and author the next, to the author who works from committee and editorial guidance to create an outline and draft, to field testers who give the draft study a trial run—Presbyterian women make the study their own. Would you like bring your heart and hands to the task?

Field testing will take place between August and December 2013. Groups receive a draft of the study and evaluation forms to complete as they make their way through each lesson. All evaluation forms are sent to the Bible study author who uses feedback to edit and rewrite her work.

Anitra Kitts, a favorite *Horizons* writer, will author the 2015-2016 study on the theme of water.

PW circles, Bible study groups and coordinating teams have all made excellent field testing groups. What about your group?

Apply today! Contact Betsy Ensign-George, 502/569-5366, betsy.ensign-george@pcusa.org or download an application from <http://horizons.pcusa.org/bibleupcome.htm>

Presbyterian Women's leaders adapt to changing environment

By Susan Skoglund, chair, LEC

If you haven't ordered your "PW Leaders Adapt" buttons, you may do so through the PW marketing office (carissa.herold@pcusa.org or jung.winner@pcusa.org). The buttons are available free as long as finances permit. Consider ordering them for your next gathering.

Why the buttons? What is adaptive leadership? Adaptive leadership seeks to solve challenges that defy traditional problem solving. For example, we have been trying for years to bring more women into PW. We have tried changing our meeting times and meeting days. We have varied our programs. These are considered technical changes. We continue to lose members. This is why we need to learn adaptive leadership. Adaptive leadership requires experimentation, acquiring new knowledge and changing attitudes, values and behaviors. Examples of adaptive changes PW has made are hiring a funds development specialist and joining the Women's Funding Network.

In July 2011, the churchwide Leadership Enhancement Committee (LEC) sent two of its members to adaptive leadership training at Montreat Conference Center. LEC recommended and the CCT concurred that we have a training session as early as possible during this triennium.

Adaptive change is not easy, and the leadership it requires means developing and using a different mindset than we might have used in the past. When we employ adaptive techniques, we often must turn up the pressure on an organization and allow conflict to exist rather than rush to

keep everyone comfortable. It requires us to look at the big picture. Ron Heifitz, a noted expert on adaptive leadership and a Harvard scholar, calls this "getting on the balcony." This, he explains, is like looking at a dance floor from above so that you see the whole floor rather than the limited portion you see from the dance floor.

Another key element of adaptive work is that all levels of the organization must be involved and committed to the change for it to be effective. Adaptive leadership can be exercised at any level, and it does not require one to have an official position or to be in charge. How might you and your PW group use adaptive leadership to thrive and grow?



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Mission Relationships

Upcoming trips offer chance for hands-on mission, encounters with heritage, advocacy at the UN

Brethren Service Center and Ecumenical Advocacy Days Mission Trip, April 3-8, 2013

Experience hands-on mission and learn how to mobilize for advocacy on specific U.S. domestic and international policy issues. The tour begins in New Windsor, Maryland, at the Brethren Service Center. You will learn how this distribution center processes the items that you send for mothers and babies in Africa; you will assemble Safe Motherhood Kits and sort other items to be shipped to other parts of the world. The second part of the tour will take you to Washington, D.C., to participate in Ecumenical Advocacy Days (EAD). The theme of EAD 2013 is Food Justice for a Healthy World. For more information about EAD, visit www.AdvocacyDays.org.

The cost of the tour is \$600 per person, based on five nights shared accommodations with private bath at the Brethren Service Center, all meals, registration for Ecumenical Advocacy Days, and transportation from New Windsor

to Washington, D.C. Transportation to New Windsor is not included in the cost of the tour. The deadline for registration is March 1, 2013. The tour is limited to 12 participants. For additional information on EAD, see page 4.

Women of the Reformation Tour, Geneva, Switzerland and Southern France, August 27-September 4, 2013

Encounter Presbyterians' faith heritage; visit Reformation sites in Geneva, Switzerland and southern France. Join Reformed Church of France congregations at their annual Assemblée de Désert worship celebration on Sunday, September 1.

Mary Jorgenson and Hillary Mohaupt will be tour leaders. Space is limited so be sure and register early, if you are interested in going. A valid passport is required for participation. The registration deadline is May 15, 2013. The cost is \$1,550 per person, including shared accommodations, ground transportation, all meals and sightseeing. Air fare is not included.

For more information on both trips, email Kathy Reeves at katharine.reeves@pcusa.org or call 888.728.7228, ext. 5402.

Unto These Hills—USA Mission Experience 2013

"Unto These Hills" is the theme for the 2013 USA Mission Experience, June 18-26, 2013. Participants will learn about the realities of life in Appalachia and visit church-related and sponsored ministries that respond to the needs of the people living in Eastern Tennessee and Western North Carolina. Keep the participants in your prayers as they visit mission partners in that area. See the September/October 2013 *Horizons* for more on issues affecting people there.

International Day of the Roma

International Roma Day is April 8. PW's Roma devotionals, for the days leading up to April 8 (online at www.presbyterianwomen.org/missionmatters) are great resources for learning about and praying for the Roma in Europe.



Celebration Giving rep trainings offered each month! Plus, stewardship conference, PW workshops and more!

By Jen Lenard-Benson

Celebration Giving representatives are critical leaders who assist with interpretation and promotion of giving opportunities within Presbyterian Women, and can represent their congregation, presbytery and/or synod.

Training for Celebration Giving representatives will take place this year via webinar each month. Scheduled trainings so far for this year include February 21, March 21, April 18, and May 16. There will be two sessions held each day; one held at 2 PM EST and one held at 7 PM EST. The same material is covered in each session; you only need to attend one session to receive the information.

Even if you are not serving in the CGR role, all Presbyterian women interested in promoting giving and learning more about their monetary investments in PW mission and ministry would benefit from participation.

To register, call Jen Lenard-Benson at 888/728-7228, ext. 5308, or email jen.lenard-benson@pcusa.org.

If you are enthusiastic and interested in serving this important role, please register for training, or visit www.presbyterianwomen.org for more information.

Materials available for the 2013 Birthday Offering

Birthday Offering packets will be mailed and received in late January and early February (depending on your geographic location and the mail system). Packets will be mailed to every PC(USA) congregation (addressed to "PW/Women's Group"), as well as to PW leaders including the Churchwide Coordinating Team and Creative Ministries Offering Committee, Celebration Giving representatives, and moderators, co-moderators and treasurers of Presbyterian Women in the Synod and Presbytery.

If you know of someone who should receive a packet and did not, you can request one by calling Presbyterian Distribution Service (PDS) at 800/524-2612 and asking for item PWR13451, or visit the PW website at www.presbyterianwomen.org/birthday. Please also contact Patricia Longfellow, patricia.longfellow@pcusa.org or 888/728-7228, ext. 8015, to ensure that the PW database contains up-to-date contact information.

The goal for the 2013 Birthday Offering is \$500,000, and you can help us reach it! If you have questions or need more information, contact Cindy Goodman at 888/728-7228, ext. 5387, cindy.goodman@pcusa.org.

Mark your calendar: Stewardship Kaleidoscope 2013

Stewardship Kaleidoscope is a gathering of the laity and clergy from across the United States who meet annually to learn from one another about matters relevant to the financial life of PC(USA) congregations. Through plenary sessions, workshops, and the sharing of real-life experiences, the leaders of your churches can swap notes with others and consider new ways of inspiring member giving.

The 2013 Stewardship Kaleidoscope event will be held on March 11-13 in St. Louis, and promises to be an enriching time of learning and networking. This year's theme is "Generosity for Every Generation" and workshop topics include:

- Congregational giving analysis for your church
- Giving through technology (both online giving and social media generosity)

- Stewardship in small membership churches
- How presbytery teams can train congregations
- Endowment 101—beginning and growing one
- Role of the pastor in Stewardship
- Capital campaigns that work

Presbyterian Women will be one of the sponsors for this event. We hope you will attend and encourage others to do the same. For more information, visit www.stewardshipkaleidoscope.org.

Workshops available to PW groups

Did you know PW staff are available to present workshops at synod, presbytery and other gatherings? This can be done in person, or for smaller groups, via webinar.

New workshop topics include:

- Building Bridges, Connecting Generations: An Intergenerational Dialogue
- Global Exchange: Perspectives from India
- Prevention of Human Trafficking
- Money, Mission and Ministry
- Social Media 101
- Leading Bible Study Groups

This is just a short list of the many topics that are available to your groups. If you don't see something of interest—just ask! We'd love to talk with you about other topics you have in mind to fit your needs. For more information, contact Ann Ferguson at ann.ferguson@pcusa.org or 888/728-7228, ext. 5365, or Susan Jackson-Dowd at ext. 5368.

PW Honorary Life Memberships

As a reminder, this year Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday is March 3, and Mother's Day is May 12. These are special days to honor the important people in our PW lives. If you would like to nominate someone for PW Honorary Life Membership to present on one of these days, please complete the forms and mail them early—it can take six to eight weeks to process applications during these busy periods.

There are many women in our PW lives who have transformed our circles, congregations, presbyteries and synods through their faithful service. They are innovative, energetic and dedicated to the PW mission. In order to honor them, we provide the option of nomination for Presbyterian Women Honorary Life Membership.

There are two options for PW Honorary Life Membership: the sterling silver level at \$95 and the gold level at \$250. All funds from Honorary Life Membership awards are used for Presbyterian Women leadership training costs, including the support of leadership development events and training leaders for mission interpretation. Honorary Life Membership funds support Presbyterian Women's Leadership Development grants, too.

If you would like more information about PW Honorary Life Membership, please contact Nancy McWhorter at 888/728-7228, ext. 8014, or at nancy.mcwhorter@pcusa.org.

Note: Don't miss the Celebrate the Gifts of Women 2013 flier enclosed in this mailing.



PW-logo tablet sleeve and carrying bag

Carry your computer tablet (such as an iPad) in PW style with the new PW-logo tablet sleeve with carrying bag!

Available in three color combinations: green neoprene sleeve with black carrying bag and matching green PW logo embroidered on the bag; pink sleeve with black carrying bag and matching pink logo; and royal blue neoprene sleeve with black bag and royal blue logo with gold accent. All cases include a small pocket on the carrying bag, a pen loop and a D ring. The neoprene sleeve measures approximately 9" x 7" and fits comfortably into the zippered carrying bag. Do measure your tablet; first-generation iPads do not fit.



- PW logo tablet sleeve with carrying bag, black and pink, PWR12305, \$17.00
- PW logo tablet sleeve with carrying bag, black and royal blue, PWR12306, \$17.00
- PW logo tablet sleeve with carrying bag, black and green, PWR12307, \$17.00

Circle of Prayer, volume 21

Hot off the press! The Fellowship of the Least Coin's *Circle of Prayer* devotional booklet (volume 21) is on its way from the International Fellowship of the Least Coin headquarters! You may preorder copies from Presbyterian Distribution Service by asking for item PWR13466.

Ordering PW resources

Unless otherwise specified, order all PW resources from Presbyterian Distribution Service by calling toll-free, 800/524-2612, or ordering online at www.pcusa.org/store. Please add 10 percent of order total (\$5.25 minimum, \$65.00 maximum) for shipping. Although not anticipated, prices and availability may change without notice. Note that PDS hours are now 9–6 EST, Monday–Thursday, and 9–5:30, EST, Friday.

New Horizons Bible study! An Abiding Hope: The Presence of God in Exodus and Deuteronomy

It's that time of the year! The *Horizons* Bible study for 2013–2014 (*An Abiding Hope: The Presence of God in Exodus and Deuteronomy* by Janice Catron) will be available on (drum roll, please!) March 15 and, for subscribers to *Horizons* magazine (undoubtedly, this applies to all who read this newsletter!), will be mailed with the March/April 2013 magazine. Here follows are the various editions and supplements and promotional material for this new study!

English edition by Janice Catron—With Suggestions for Leaders by Martha Sadongei; HZN13100; \$8.00

Workshop for Leaders—Introduction to *An Abiding Hope* (also available as a download at www.pcusa.org/horizons) HZN13101; Free

Ecumenical edition—HZN13102; \$8.00

Companion DVD—Video of Janice Catron explaining each lesson of the study; includes questions and discussion points for your group to consider. Also includes lesson summaries and main points outline for each lesson. HZN13103; \$20.00

Immigration: A Christian Response—the January/February 2013 issue of *Horizons* magazine; HZN13100; \$4.00

Spanish translation—(available summer 2013) HZN13110; \$8.00



Dear Horizons reps,

2013 is here and your PW spring gathering planning is probably well under way! As a reminder, if you would like to receive promotional items for your display to promote

Horizons and Presbyterian Women, please contact Jung Ju Winner (888/728-7228, ext. 5389; email jung.winner@pcusa.org) or Carissa Herold (888/728-7228, ext. 5322; email carissa.herold@pcusa.org).

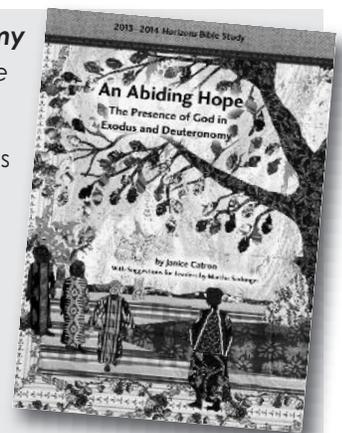
Best practices sought! Please forward any best practices that help you promote *Horizons* and PW to Carissa Herold (email: carissa.herold@pcusa.org) and she will share it in an upcoming quarterly mailing! Who knows? Your best practice may become widely, well, practiced by *Horizons* reps all across the nation! Let us together find ways to share our enthusiasm about PW and *Horizons*.

Pass along your pass-along story!

It bears repeating: Do you routinely share materials that inspire, brighten and connect? Of course you do! That's why you undoubtedly share your copy of *Horizons* magazine! If this describes you, would you take a moment and pass along your "pass along" story? We are taking an informal survey to assess the "hidden" impact that *Horizons* magazine has in the life of the church—and that's where you—only you—hold the key. And no worries! Sharing your magazine is a good thing! And so is your story!

There are three ways to participate in this informal poll:

- Email Carissa Herold, carissa.herold@pcusa.org. Please include "I share!" in the subject line. Include your name and city—we want to make sure your answer is counted just once!
- Telephone Carissa Herold at 888/728-7228, ext. 5322.
- Mail to Carissa Herold, Presbyterian Women, 100 Witherspoon Street, Louisville, KY 40202-1396.



Korean translation—(available summer 2013) HZN13120; \$8.00

Large-print edition—HZN13150; \$12.00

Audio edition on CD—Slightly abridged, no Suggestions for Leaders; HZN13172; \$15.00

Promotional poster—HZN13410; Free

Promotional flier—HZN13408; Free

Pendant/charm—HZN13300; \$10.00

Worship bulletin cover (8 1/2" x 11")—Available as a free download only at www.pcusa.org/horizons.

And yes, **Horizons magazine subscriptions!** Call toll-free 866/802-3635 or subscribe online at www.pcusa.org/horizons.