



The LIGHTHOUSE

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN of the SYNOD of the NORTHEAST

August 2010

Moderator's Message...

Can it already be three years that we have been on this journey together? It doesn't seem possible. I am enjoying this time and love meeting and getting to know our women all over the Synod of the Northeast, some will be lifelong friends. Since February, a few highlights for me have been going to Newark PWPs Winter Gathering; Bound Brook (NJ) Presbyterian Church (PC) for a presentation on women's life in Pakistan; Morristown PC (NJ) to hear the College of Wooster's orchestra; a Presbytery Partnership Group meeting in Hightstown, NJ; spoke at Newark PWPs Spring Gathering; met with the Sisters Stand and Walk Together Group at Stony Point, NY; attended a tea in Princeton, NJ; went to Synod Council meeting in Albany, NY; attended the Spiritual Retreat in Syracuse, NY; met with Boston PWP in Boston and did an installation for Northern New England PWP in Vermont.

I attended the first of our new Presbytery Partnership Group (PPG) Gatherings in July, which was held in New Jersey. It was wonderful. Eight PW Presbytery groups worked together to make the day a success. By the time this is published, the next gathering, for the "Fab Five" in central New York, will have been held. I am planning to attend that one as well as the gatherings for Metro NY, Western NY and New England Presbytery Partnership Groups in the fall. It will be interesting to see how each group

interprets the theme "Gather by the River." This is a new thing we are doing. Join in and make these gatherings successful. Contact any PWP Moderator for details; she will point you in the right direction. We should now be on a 3 year rotation for gatherings – Churchwide Gathering, PPG Gathering, and the Synod of the Northeast Gathering in Albany NY (Next summer at The Desmond July 22-24, 2011.) Each event is special in its own right.

There have been a lot of changes within Presbyterian Women with more to come. Hopefully, all are for the better. This September, 5 women representing the Synod of the Northeast will go to Florida for training given by the Churchwide Coordinating Team. Our women will bring what they learn back to us. My understanding is that this training will be geared for the woman in the congregation. It should be hands on and "how to," giving help and direction at every level, addressing many of the day to day questions that have come up about organizing, running and energizing a PW group. I can't wait to hear what they have to say so stay tuned!

I hope each of you has had a good summer. We live in difficult but also special times and need to be there and support one another each step of the way, something we as sisters do best! May God bless and keep each one of you.

In peace and love,
Sandy



Together in Service continues to be a Mission in Mystery in some ways. For many years, churches were given assignments to do by what was then called Mission Opportunities. As the years have changed women in our churches sought to be permitted to become more creative with their Mission giving. Hence how Together in Service was conceived. This program permits women to now search around them and follow their passions to provide services, gifts, monetary means, hands on giving, etc. to assist people here and around the world.

Perhaps, you heard about a need from a Mission Worker, read about a need in the newspaper or a book. For example, a book by Greg Mortenson entitled: *Three Cups of Tea* tells of one man's mission to change the world through education. Some of our Women's groups have supported his mission in a variety of ways. Together in Service feel the Women today want to be able to vary their mission and perhaps continue a mission they have supported.

Here is what some churches have been doing: Some have been supporting their own local church in ways to keep them financially afloat or to renovate items. One church renovated its fireside room or what many in that church call the "Women's Parlor." Prayer shawl ministry is a big ministry in several churches throughout the Synod. In addition to making a variety of kits for Church World Service, some have also had baby showers to collect items for a local shelter, needs of families receiving services through their local Department of Social Service.

In the Central NY area there is a mission to assist inner city teens desiring to further their education. It is called OnPoint for College. A couple church assist

in providing items for this program. For example, items for the person's dorm room, transportation to and from college, a place to stay when they return for summer or holidays, in particular those who are homeless.

Knitting baby caps is a mission several groups embrace, providing gifts, books, blankets for those in need, perhaps distributing them through a local food pantry. One group even has a free meal a few times a year for those who are lonely or need a good meal. Another group also assists with perhaps repairs on a "well-elderly" home their church sponsors in their town.

Global projects are also not forgotten. Supports have gone to projects in Kenya, Malawi, Haiti, and other places. Many help support education for the children in other lands. Presbyterian Women recognize the importance of how education will help the world as a whole. To do this we provide money's for clothing, food, water and shelter to enable these children and families to be prepared for school.

The Women in the Synod of the Northeast are doing many things and the reports I received are full of interesting ideas, way too many to mention here. They have so many ideas it is a disservice not to mention all of them individually. In any case whatever you are doing you are helping the least of your sisters and brothers everywhere in God's name.

Keep up the great work! If you are in need of an idea, please contact me via email at august13sss@aol.com.

Your Together in Service Coordinator
Susan

GATHER AT THE RIVER REPORT...

On Saturday, July 17, 2010, the first of the regional Presbytery Partnership Gatherings was held in New Jersey at the Presbyterian Church in New Brunswick. Our theme was "Gather at the River" connecting us to the 2010 *Horizon* Bible Study based on Revelation; **Revelation 22:1-3** provided the scriptural basis for the day-long event.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there anymore. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him.

We had hoped to be able to spend the afternoon at Johnson Park, enjoying the natural setting through which the Raritan River flows. But due to the extreme heat and humidity, we remained on the church premises. Our gathering began with registration and a continental breakfast. Morning devotions and prayer preceded our plenary speaker, Mr. Richard G. Bizub, Director for Water Programs, Pinelands Preservation Alliance. His topic "The Pine Barrens: "Up Close & Natural," through lecture, video, and question and answer session provided a sound foundation of the unique New Jersey land area known as the Pinelands. Following lunch, Mr. Sean Monahan, Esq., of the Law Firm of Drinker and Biddle, addressed some of the sacramental uses of water, followed by a presentation on environmental issues involving water, its usage, contamination, and ways in which we can "reuse, reduce, recycle to the benefit and improvement of our landfills and water resources.

Next, we had a time for socialization, an opportunity to meet women from various presbyteries throughout the State and seek out common threads in our lives. During this informal setting, we held a songfest asking the women to sing an impromptu verse (or more) of songs in which "river" was mentioned or to which one was alluded; the finale was a duet by two women (Rutgers / Douglass alumnae) who sang a rousing rendition of its alma mater "By the Banks of the Ole Raritan."

Our worship service was led by the Reverend Phyllis Zoon, in which we contemplated in what ways Wisdom/Sophia (Proverbs 3) would have called us to act in regards to the current environmental crises. Phyllis is the Hunger Action and Stewardship of Creation Enabler for Monmouth Presbytery. During the service JoAnn Burrell was commissioned as a delegate to USA Mission Experience to South Dakota by Sandy Grillo, Moderator of PWSNE, and the service closed as we shared The Lord's Supper. Throughout the entire day, Susan Smith representing Presbyterian Earth Care and Phyllis Zoon staffed a table filled with various resource materials for participants to collect and take home for further reading and sharing among their PWs.

Supper brought to a close a very filled day of learning, renewing and making new friendships, and celebrating our common call to serve in Christ Jesus' ministry.

I would like to thank all who participated in the day's events and I hope we all were able to learn something new, to be challenged to change a habit which will aid the environment, and met someone new. I would also like to thank all those women who helped to plan, coordinate, and make the day possible:

Registration and Logo design - Jane MacDonald

Finance - Joanne Schnaudt and Sharon Hsu

Plenary Speaker - Joanne Schnaudt

Afternoon Speaker - Barbara Turnbull and Virginia Anderson

Morning Prayer and Devotions - Moon Kyung Kim and Jeong Mi Kang

Grace - Accompanied with guitar and song leader Lori Evans

Preacher - Rev. Phyllis Zoon

Liturgist - Sophie Corporan, Laurie Knott and Barbara Van Tilburg

Facility Coordinator - SuiLing Lai

Continental Breakfast and overall Kitchen coordinator - YaYa Lee

Extra Hands in the Kitchen and miscellaneous support - Janice Rockmore

Lunch and Supper Caterer - Elijah's Promise Catering

Many thanks to The Presbyterian Church of New Brunswick for providing the space for the NJ PW-Presbytery Partnership Gathering and its members Helen Byrd and Karen Keithler, and staff: secretary Barbara Nicol and custodian Simon Fernandez.

Submitted by, Ann B. Shamy, Gathering Coordinator

HORIZON'S MAGAZINE

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If you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask me PWSNE **Horizons** Rep.

Jo Ann Burrell, 973-663-2287 or by email at joannburrell@optonline.net. Happy Reading!

PW USA MISSION – SOUTH DAKOTA

Dear PW Sisters in the Synod of the NE:

This is just a note to remind you that I will be going to South Dakota to meet our Native American sisters and brothers on September 9, 2010.

I am your representative for PW in the Synod of the NE, and I will be available to speak with you about the trip, the things I learned, and the issues and challenges of the Native American people in South Dakota. I will be guided by our PPG Theme “We Shall Gather at the River”, and I will take note of water issues, and spiritual activities and practices around water.

Native American Day is September 23/24th. There are 109 Native American congregations, and many of them are more than 100 years old. The first mission church was in our Synod, the Shinnecock Presbyterian Church on Long Island, NY. The challenges and experiences of the Native peoples were difficult. Yet their faith journeys and contributions to God’s ministry demonstrate that they are strong in faith and teachings. Let’s celebrate them!

If you have any questions or requests, I can be reached at 973-663-2287 (Home), 973-868-5833 (Cell) or by mail at 44 S Cherry Road, Lake Hopatcong, NJ 07849.

Sincerely,
Jo Ann Burrell
USAM South Dakota
Representative from PWNE

WHERE DOES ALL THE MONEY GO?

Your Mission Pledges to PW in the Synod of the Northeast total about \$13,000.00 per year. How does PWSNE use these gifts in their ministry to the women in our Synod?

Program: \$5,400.00 is used for the PWP Moderators’ Training every November. Here is where we meet face-to-face and learn about programs, leadership events, and other PW information sent to us from the Churchwide PW. The Design Team for the Triennial meeting at the Desmond has a budget of \$1,000.00 each year to provide deposits, pay for travel for the team to meet, phone calls, publicity, and printing of fliers, registration forms, and the program book.

Three hundred dollars is budgeted each year for New Programs or Seminars that may come up, but are not budgeted for already.

Coordinating Team: Each officer on the team has a budgeted line item for expenses incurred while performing her duties. This total of \$2,300.00 also includes \$300.00 set aside each year to pay for the Moderator to attend the Churchwide Gathering, \$300.00 set aside each year for our Seminary Intern to attend the Churchwide Gathering, and \$200.00 to help pay for our Seminary Intern’s Ordination Exams each year.

Administration: Of this budget of \$1,800, \$500.00 is used to print and mail out the *Lighthouse* to those who do not have email; \$400.00 for office, printing, postage, phone; \$100.00 for registration expenses; \$100.00 for an annual audit; \$200.00 for the annual web site fee; and \$500.00 for travel expenses of members of the Coordinating Team to events other than CT or PWSNE gatherings.

Any funds left over at the end of the year go into our money market account. The designated funds in this account are for the Churchwide Gathering attendance for the Moderator and the Seminary Intern; Churchwide Gathering Scholarships; Global Exchange Trip participation; the Healing Retreat; Intern Ordination Exam; Leadership Development; Racial-Ethnic Dialogue Program; the Sisters Stand and Walk Together Program; the Spiritual Retreat; and Synod Event scholarships.

Your PWP Moderator will receive a copy of the 2011 Budget which will be voted on at the Moderators’ Training in October 2010. If you have any questions please contact me by email at jwschnaudt@comcast.net

Joanne W. Schnaudt, Finance Committee Moderator

Report from Synod of the Northeast Representative to the Churchwide Coordinating Team

Virginia Champlin

I am beginning my last year of this three year term as your, PWSNE, Representative. I thank each and every one of you for your continued prayer and support for me and for Presbyterian Women.

The Churchwide Coordinating Team has not met since my last reporting in March. But all of us on the CCT have been busy within our own Synods and Presbyteries. There have been conferences and projects for all of us.

I hope you all are able to view the “Quarterly Mailing” via the internet www.pcusa.org/pw. Select: About Us. Select: Quarterly Newsletter. There are some wonderful articles and updates. Also, I hope you all are subscribing to *Horizons* magazine where there is lots of news and newsmakers.

I have been on the go —

- In April, Religion Communication Congress “Embracing Change: Communicating Faith in Today's World: Changing Society, Changing Media” in Chicago.
 - Social media is here and we must learn to embrace it so that we are communicating in today's society.
 - We need to embrace our neighbors – it is pluralistic world we live in and we need to understand and embrace each other.
 - Attended workshop “Gender, Media and social Change. There is a huge gender gap in gender equality in all areas of the media.
 - Pre-conference activity, a walking tour of Chicago sacred space
 - Seventeenth Church of Christ Scientist
 - Downtown Islamic Center
 - First United Methodist Church – The Chicago Temple
 - St. Peters in the Loop – Catholic Franciscan order
 - Post Conference tour - the Bahai Temple (only one Temple per continent).
 - *Horizons* and *Presbyterians Today* received numerous awards. *Horizons* earned top honors.

- Recommended books
 - “have a little faith – a true story” by Mitch Albom
 - “gender setting – New Agendas for Media Monitoring and Advocacy” by Margaret Gallagher
 - “40 Days and 40 Byte: Making Computers Work” by Aaron Spiegel, Nancy Armstrong, Brent Bill
- Memorial Day weekend (by the invitation of my Presbytery) attended the PC(USA) National Multicultural Church Conference “H2O Deepening Our Faith, Widening Our Culture” in Chicago. We are a multicultural community and our churches need to invite and reflect that as well as reflect the needs of a multigenerational style of worship.
 - Preconference – Training for Presbytery Teams
 - Conference Stream – Multicultural Storytelling and Christian Formation
- In July, attended GA in Minneapolis as an observer.
 - Observed the “Procedure” committee. The hardest thing for me was to observe and not speak my mind. So much good stuff going on in our denomination. Everyone tries to be so respectful of each other's ideas and opinions.
 - Commissioners made a difficult and excellent choice with the election of the new Moderator & Vice-Moderator.
 - Attended –
 - Opening Worship with a Baptism
 - Commissioning of Mission Workers of the Presbyterian Church
 - Women's Issues Orientation Breakfast
 - Women of Faith Award Breakfast
 - National Presbyterian Men's Breakfast
 - Multicultural Church Celebration Dinner
 - Fourth of July picnic meeting the Moderator

- Ecumenical Worship Service and Holy Communion in Westminster Presbyterian Church (two blocks from the Convention Center). Welcoming address given by Vice President Walter Mondale (this is his home church).
- Oh my, I haven't even shared about the issues – but, check with your own Presbytery Commissioners. They have all the details.
- Just a wonderful educational experience.

Back home in our Synod —

- Officiated at Installation of Officers Services at the Spring Gatherings in Cayuga-Syracuse and Geneva and participated in Utica.
- Led workshop “What is a Presbyterian woman” at Geneva Presbytery meeting
- Attended Utica PWP Winter Gathering
- Had to cancel attending the PPG PW Gathering in New Jersey
- Attended Fab 5 PPG PW Gathering
- Plan to attend New England PPG PW Gathering in October
- On the Design Team for Western NY PPG PW Gathering

- Unable to attend Western NY and Metro NY because of the Fall CCT & Leadership Training
- In March, was one of 300 that attended the NY City “Women of Faith” luncheon. This was truly a moving and transforming event for me personally.

I am working on the CCT Leadership Enhancement Committee. We are gearing up for the September National Training Event “Take it to the Church” in Orlando. Goal: help get PW into the churches. Look for more details from our delegation upon their return. Each Synod invited to send a delegation of three and may send a fourth person at sending Synod's expense. Synod of the Northeast is sending four plus our LEC PWSNE members:

- Elaine Brown (Northern NE)
- Maxine Hunter (Cayuga-Syracuse/Fab5)
- Gladys Ortiz (Metro NY)
- Charlotte Hasselbarth (Moderator-elect nominee)
- Joanne Schnaudt (NJ) – LEC Member
- Nydia Murphy-Legar (Metro NY & Hispanic) – LEC Member
- myself (Geneva/Western NY) – LEC Member

NEWS FROM HUDSON VALLEY...

Our summer began June 1st with an inspiring day at Stony Point Center. Our Synod friend, Jane MacDonald, presented us with an enlightening program based on Celtic Spirituality. Thirty women from 8 churches enjoyed the day.

The May-June issue of our national magazine, HORIZIONS, is devoted to *Incarceration: A Christian Response*. On page 31 is an article “Graduating Into the Challenges of Life” written by our co-moderator Judy Wason. It tells about our ongoing project of creating stoles for men graduating from the yearlong certificate program in ministry at the Sing Sing Prison. This is the third year a PW group in our Presbytery has helped and we have a group planning to create 20 stoles for next year.

As for mission on the Presbytery level, we have again supported two worthy projects in Kenya: Safe Mothers and the Guest House. Our sisters from Kenya, Rose and Odrine, whom we met at the 2006 PW National Gathering, appreciate our continued support.

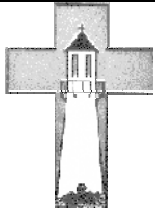


**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
SYNOD of THE NORTHEAST
COORDINATING TEAM
2010-2011**



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**Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the
Northeast**

**CALENDAR
OPPORTUNITIES AND REMINDERS
EVENTS / ACTIONS**



2010	EVENT	FOR	Location
Aug 25	PWP-WNY: <i>Revelation</i> Bible Study	All Women	Chautauqua Inst.
Sept 1	PWP-Geneva — Day of Inspiration	All Women	Camp Whitman
Sept 9	Northern NY Fall Meeting	PWP-CT	Ponderosa, Potsdam
Sept. 11	PWP-Susquehanna Valley Fall Gathering	All Women	Endicott, NY
Sept 9-16	USA Mission Experience — <i>Meeting our Sisters in South Dakota</i>	JoAnn Burrell	South Dakota
Sept. 15-16	PWP-CayugaSyracuse Fall Retreat	All Women	Cleveland, NY
Sept. 17 6 pm	"Concert on the Hudson" aboard the Golden Sunshine sponsored by Hispanic-Latino PW of NYC & LI	All Women	Pier 2 in Sheepshead Bay, Brooklyn
Sept. 25	PPG Gathering — Western NY, Geneva, Genessee Valley	All Women	Perry, NY
Sept. 25	PWP-New Brunswick Fall Gathering	All Women	Kendall Park, NJ
Oct 2	PPG Gathering — New York City, Long Island and Hudson River	All Women	Holmes, NY
Oct 2	PWP-Newton Presbytery Gathering, theme: "Walk in prayer many ways"	All Women	Newton, NJ
Oct 5-6	PWP-Long Island Retreat, Leader: Rev. Anne McAnelly	All Women	Sag Harbor, LI, NY
Oct 9	PWP-Newark Fall Gathering, JoAnn Burrell	All Women	Grace PC, Montclair NJ
Oct 13	PWP-CayugaSyracuse Fall Gathering	All Women	Ilion, NY
Oct 16	PWP-Northern NY Fall Gathering	All Women	Chazy PC, Chazy, NY
Oct 16	World Food Day (Thank Offering)	All Women	Hope PC, Tinton Falls, NJ
Oct 23	PPG Gathering — Southern New England, Boston, and Northern New England	All Women	Worcester, MA
Oct 23	PWP-Palisades Fall Retreat	All Women	Teaneck, NJ
Nov 13	Hispanic-Latino PW NYC & LI Leadership Training Day		TBA
2011: Jan 8	PWP-New Brunswick Epiphany Celebration	All Women	Dutch Neck, NJ
Feb 5	PWP-WNY Winter Gathering	All Women	Tonawanda, NY
Feb 9	PWP-Hudson River, Ash Wednesday Retreat	All Women	Stony Point Center
March 20	PWP-Newton Spring Gathering	All Women	TBA
April 2	PWP-New Brunswick Spring Gathering	All Women	TBA
April 8-10	PWP-Newton Retreat	All Women	Mendham, NJ
May 14	PWP-WNY Spring Gathering "Rainbow Promise"	All Women	Hamburg, NY
July	PW in the Synod of the Northeast: Gathering	All Women	The Desmond
Sept 24	PWP-Newton Fall Gathering	All Women	TBA
2012:			
Feb 24-26	PWP-Newton Retreat	All Women	Mendham, NJ
July	Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women	All Women	The Gaylord Palms — Orlando, Florida

Annual Recurring Deadlines:

Jan. 15	Deadline for Women of Faith endorsements
Feb. 1, Aug. 1	Lighthouse articles due to Gail Banks
Feb. 1, Aug. 1	PWP Historian reports due to Jo Ann Braun
Mar. 15	Pledges due to Treasurer Sharon Hsu
Mar. 15	PWSCS expense vouchers due to Treasurer Sharon Hsu
Mar. 25	Pledge Payments due to Central Receiving and PWS Treasurer
May 1	PWP Directory due to Churchwide Program Assistant Patricia.Longfellow@pcusa.org
May 15	Annual Reports due to PWS from PWP Moderators, send to Shirley Fine fine.shirley@yahoo.com
June 1	Mission Reports due to PWS from PWP Mission Coordinators, send to Susan Silliman Smith



Come Join Us for
A BIBLICAL FEASTING EVENT
September 15, 2:00 PM to
September 16, 2:00 PM
Vanderkamp Center
Cleveland, New York

Our program leader will be the Rev. Dr. Lise Worthington. Rev. Worthington is a pastor at Blooming Grove United Church of Christ and the minister of Food and Faith at Stony Point Conference Center, with a specialty in Biblical Feasting. Be prepared to cook, feast and enjoy the love affair between food and faith.

What to bring: an open heart... a snack to share on Wednesday night... sleeping bag/bedding; towel & washcloth; toiletries; flashlight; Bible, pen & pad.

Cost: \$60 per person

This event is sponsored by the Presbyterian Women of
Cayuga/Syracuse and Utica Presbyteries

Please complete the registration form below; check should be made out to PWP and sent to:

Marcia Vair, PO Box 248 Morrisville, NY 13408

By SEPTEMBER 3, 2010

Name: _____

Address: _____ **Phone #** _____

Church _____



PRESBYTERIAN PARTNERSHIP GROUP of PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PRESENTS

LET US GATHER BY THE RIVER

**A FALL GATHERING OF WOMEN FROM
LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK CITY AND HUDSON RIVER**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2010

Registration at 9:30 - Prepay \$15

Program from 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Retreat Leaders Rev. Cathy Surgenor & Rev. Nancy Thornton

HOLMES CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER

60 Denton Lake Road, Holmes, NY 12531

Directions on web site: www.holmescamp.org

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Please mail registration of \$ 15 (check made out to *Presbyterian Women*) to

**JUDY WASON
32 Spice Bush Lane
Tuxedo, NY 10987**

**NAME _____ Church _____
Phone _____ E-Mail _____ and/or
Address _____**

(Registration must be received by September 24th.)

SHALL WE GATHER AT THE RIVER?

Presbyterian Women of the New England Presbyterian Partnership Group
(Boston, Northern New England and Southern New England Presbyteries)
and Synod of the Northeast invite you to a festive, multi-cultural celebration

Saturday, October 23, 2010 – 10 A.M. to 3 P.M.

**First Presbyterian Church
125 Holden Street, Worcester MA**

Church facilities are handicapped accessible. There is plenty of parking.

Please, join us for this special event featuring

*Worship with Communion * Multi-Cultural Music * Singing
Mission Trip Reports * Displays * Fair Trade Shopping Opportunities
Dedication of "Least Coin Offering" * Luncheon*

*Meet and Greet Synod of the Northeast Moderator Sandra Grillo and
Church-wide Coordinating Team Synod Representative Virginia Champlin*

A special Passing of the Peace will conclude our time together

*The Medical Benevolence Foundation and the Thank Offering of Presbyterian Women
will share the day's offering*

ACCOMMODATIONS

Residence Inn by Marriott is near the church, if you would like to spend the night before or after the gathering. 503 Plantation Street, Worcester MA, 508.753.6300. AAA, AARP, Marriott Rewards discounted rates available.

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REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____ e-mail _____

Address (include zip) _____

Presbytery _____ Home phone/cell _____

Babysitting is available by pre-registration only. Please indicate if you need babysitting
_____ Yes, for _____ (number of children) ages _____

Registration Fee \$12.00

Send this registration form and your check (payable to PWPSNE - Presbyterian Women Presbytery of Southern New England) to Joyce Smedberg, Registrar, 41 Planet Avenue, Riverside RI 02915 by October 15th

DIRECTIONS

From South: I-290E to I-190N to Exit 2, Ararat Street. Turn left at light on Ararat. At end of Ararat, turn left on Brattle which becomes Holden Street after tracks. Church ahead on right.

From North: I-190S to Exit 2, Ararat Street. Turn right at light on Ararat. At end of Ararat, turn left on Brattle which becomes Holden Street after tracks. Church ahead on right.

From East: I-495 to I-290W to I-190N to Exit 2, Ararat Street. Turn left at light on Ararat. At end of Ararat, turn left on Brattle which becomes Holden Street after tracks. Church ahead on right.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR THE OCTOBER GATHERING

CHURCH TELEPHONE NUMBER: The following is the telephone number of First Presbyterian Church of Worcester to be used for emergency contact information , if you are going to be late or need help with directions on the 23rd. 508.852.2111

HOTEL: The Residence Inn's rate includes breakfast. **DIRECTIONS FROM THE HOTEL TO THE CHURCH ARE:** *Go to the end of the hotel's driveway, turn LEFT on Plantation to I-290 WEST to I-190 NORTH to Exit 2 Ararat. Follow above directions from Ararat above.

MEDICAL BENEVOLENCE FOUNDATION: MBF is a PC(USA) validated mission organization. When Presbyterian Women in the Presbyteries used to collect items for medicine boxes, this is the organization that distributed the boxes.

MISSION: Anne Crane will tell us about her trip to the Congo. Amy Porter of the Springfield Office of Church World Service will give an overview of Haiti and the great need for kits (hygiene, baby and school). There will be lots and lots of information from the 2009 Churchwide Gathering, the training held in September in Orlando, and some new Mission programs.

PRE-REGISTRATION: While day of registration is always available, because this gathering is a first time event, it would be most helpful to the planning team if you could pre-register, postmarked by Friday, Oct. 15th. Not only will this help the ladies of the Worcester church with their lunch preparations, but we will know how many packets to prepare.

The New England PPG Planning Team:
Hanna Cho, Beth Denier, Judy Cunningham and Dotsie Shaw.



The offering recipient will be Living Waters for the World, a global mission resource of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

It's mission is to serve as a resource to churches of all denominations, civic organizations and others in mission, enabling them to share clean water with their partners in need.

LWW

Trains mission team leaders in:

- partnership development, project administration and system sustainability evaluation and assurance
- health, hygiene and spiritual education
- LWW clean water system installation, operation and maintenance

Equips their partners with materials and supplies at cost

Sustains the operation of LWW clean water systems by sustaining relationships with and between their partners through multi-year covenants and in-country network services

see www.livingwatersfortheworld.org

Come and bring a carload from your church. Meet, learn from and worship with your PW sisters from the Presbyteries of Genesee Valley, Geneva and Western New York at this first joint gathering!!

Directions to Asbury United Methodist Camp and Retreat Center

585-237-5262

GPS and Mapquest do not recognize Asbury Camp. Use Charcoal Corral, 7037 Chapman Rd., Perry, NY 14530.

From the North and East: Take I-90 or Rt. 5/20 to I-390. Take I-390 exit 8. Follow rt. 20A west through Genesee to rt. 39 west through the village of Perry. Turn right at Chapman Rd. (Charcoal Corral Restaurant) and follow signs to Asbury Camp and Koinonia Conference Center.

From the South and East: Take I-86 to I-390. Take I-390 exit 6. Follow rt. 36 north through Mt. Morris to rt. 39 west. Follow rt. 39 through the village of Perry. Turn right at Chapman Rd. (Charcoal Corral Restaurant) and follow signs to Asbury Camp and Koinonia Conference Center.

Questions?

Contact Lois Carter

607-742-0301 or carterlois@hotmail.com



In the Presbyteries of

Genesee Valley, Geneva, and
Western New York

presents

Celebrate the Waters

"Meet Me at the River"

PW Fall Gathering

September 25, 2010

9:30am - 3:30pm

Camp Asbury Retreat Center

Perry, NY

\$15 registration fee includes
program and lunch

Speaker notes

Jo Ann Burrell, a member and Elder of the Trinity Presbyterian Church, Montclair, NJ, is a Senior Project Manager in Housing Development for aged and disabled people. She has served on all levels of PW, including membership on the Search Committee for the 2003-2006 Churchwide Coordinating Team. She has represented our synod on the recent PW USA Mission Experience in South Dakota. Jo Ann and her husband have a daughter and two grandchildren.

Sandy Grillo, a retired teacher, lives in Cedar Grove, NJ. She is a member and Clerk of Session at the United Presbyterian Church of Cedar Grove. She also has served in many positions on the Church, Presbytery and Synod level. Sandy is currently Moderator of PW in the Synod of the Northeast. She is an avid reader, walks for exercise and does crossword puzzles and crafts when she has time. She is a widow with one married son.

Rev. Leslie Latham, a native of Bath, NY, has been the Pastor of the United Presbyterian Church of Randolph, NY since 2007 when she graduated from Louisville Seminary. Prior to that, she was a winetaster at Dr. Frank's Vinifera Wine Cellars and from 1998 to 2004 the Coordinator for Program and Resources at Geneva Presbytery. She attended 2010 Youth Triennium as a small group leader. Her son was a member of the Triennium Design Team.

Lynda H. Schneekloth is a professor at the School of Architecture and Planning, SUNY/Buffalo. She holds a MS in Landscape Architecture and a MBA in English from the University of Wisconsin. Schneekloth's scholarly research is focused on the idea of placemaking, that is, how people transform the world including natural processes and built forms. She is a founding member and president of the Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper, an organization whose mission since 1989 has been the preservation and restoration of the natural and cultural heritage of the regional rivers. In addition, she is co-founder of the sustainable Futures Study Abroad Program, an international service learning experience for architects, landscape architects and planners in the rural community of Monteverde, Costa Rica.

Program for the day

9:30 am Coffee and registration

10:00 am Welcome and introductions

Keynote Speaker:

Dr. Lynda H. Schneekloth, Prof.
School of Architecture and Planning,
SUNY/Buffalo

"Meet me at the River"

Breakout sessions to discuss topics introduced
in the keynote.

12:15 lunch

Greetings from PW Synod of the Northeast
Moderator, Sandy Grillo

Report of the USA Mission Experience to South
Dakota, Sept. 9-16, 2010, Jo Ann Burrell

2:45 pm closing worship with Rev. Leslie
Latham, United Presbyterian Church of
Randolph, NY

3:30 pm departure



Registration

Cost for the day: \$15 includes program and
lunch

Name_____

Address_____

Telephone_____

Email_____

Church_____

Presbytery_____

Checks (\$15) should be made payable to:

PW of Geneva Presbytery

and sent to: Lois Carter, 3979 Chase Rd.,
Burdett, NY 14818

Please register by September 8,
2010

Offering will be received for

Living Waters for the World

(see reverse)