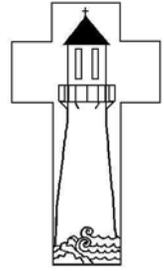




# Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Northeast



## The Lighthouse February 2006

### A Modern Talking Stick

Anne Reynolds, Moderator, PWSNE

Many of us recall the talking sticks at last summer's "Is Your Life in Balance" gathering at Stony Point. During the Talking Stick workshop we learned of its honorable and important value in the culture of our Native American brothers and sisters. Then later, at our closing campfire, a talking stick was passed from one person to another. That generated spur of the moment comments from each of us, in turn. We recall the relaxed fellowship and the fun we had around that campfire, as we passed the talking stick, sharing those comments that were both sparkling jewels and even clunky rocks.

Sometimes our routine PW communications are like that as well. Within our PWs we have sparkling jewels of communication, where PW sisters share important and meaningful information. By virtue of these communications we encourage and sustain one another through activities, projects and personal nurturing.

At other times we sometimes experience stone-like communications, the kind that just go 'clunk'. When that occurs, we failed to share the knowledge and creativity beyond our local bounds, and the wealth of those ideas and their potential for usefulness by others falls to the ground and is lost. When I travel to PW gatherings and in conversations with moderators, I often learn of exciting projects and accomplishments that have not been shared with others and are thus lost because of the lack of good communication.

Today, here, now in the year 2006 we have at our disposal a different sort of talking stick with

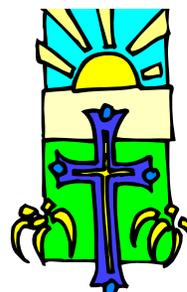
which we use in speaking and to listening. We call it the World Wide Web. Whether we like it or not, we are now a computer oriented world where:

- The dissemination of information from PW Churchwide in Louisville is sent primarily by computer including information critical to social, economic and environment mission related issues.
- Individuals and churches receive Presbytery newsletters and general information by e-mail.
- Time sensitive exchanges between individual PW leaders allow for solutions to occur in just minutes, rather than days, at virtually no cost.

In order to share important ongoing information, it is imperative that PWs across the Synod speak and listen using the computer/web as a talking stick. (*continued on page 2*)

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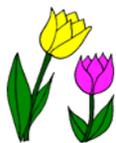
## A Modern Talking Stick

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I urge each PWC and PWP to meet the challenge of transferring current communication by putting into place the following by January 2007:

- Assign e-mail contacts for each PW and church in your Presbytery (whether there is an active PW group or not), to disseminate incoming communications and information.
- Forward the Lighthouse, e-mail version, to all of your PW contacts.
- Submit a PW entry for each issue of your Presbytery newsletter.
- Utilize your Synod PW web site [www.pwsne.org](http://www.pwsne.org). Postings can be made on the web site by contacting our webservant Abbie Slaman at [slamans@optonline.net](mailto:slamans@optonline.net).

Communication is effective when all PW Sisters can speak, be heard and be appreciated throughout the Synod of Northeast and beyond. We can accomplish this with a modern Talking Stick called the computer.



## PWE Corner News & Notes

Judy Cunningham, Enabler Coordinator



First, my thanks to all of you who sent your Presbytery directories, newsletters and lists of your PWP coordinators and Enablers to me in response to my request.

I have forwarded some 70+/- names (including contacts and cluster communicators) to churchwide for their mailing lists. The PW Enabler (PWE) newsletter should be going out in the spring. If you don't receive a copy, please contact me. Also, if you still don't have a copy of the training packet, I have copies and will be happy to send you one. There's a lot of really good information in them.

Of importance to you, if you have been selected as a voting delegate to the Churchwide

Gathering (CWG), is the following: voting delegates MUST register by mail. You will be staying at the Galt House. The Business Meeting will be held on Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Saturday from 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. This means that you will likely have to arrive in Louisville on the 6th rather than the 7th. You can only sign up for afternoon opportunities, workshops, or video previews for Sunday and Monday.

Other items that should be conveyed to your church groups are the posters for "Women Who Make a Difference" and the "Shoes and Socks" collection plus the various children's programs that are available. Information on the "Shoes and Socks" collection is in the registration booklet but the "Women Who Make a Difference" info is in Horizons. Also, it is mandatory that a Synod luncheon advance reservation be made as there will not be any walk-ins allowed this year. The reservation form is in this issue of *The Lighthouse*. If you are an Enabler and have not received a registration booklet, please contact either me or your Presbytery Moderator. All Presbytery Moderators were sent 100 copies of the registration booklet for distribution. If your CT has extras, many moderators have been taking them to their Presbytery meetings for distribution. This is also a good opportunity, if it is allowed, to have a "suitcase" display for the CWG gathering showcasing, if available, past souvenirs, i.e. mugs, pins, T-shirts, tote bags, daily newspaper from Horizons, Horizons pictures of the gatherings, etc. You can find the PW Churchwide Gathering Web Pages at [www.pcusa.org/pwgathering](http://www.pcusa.org/pwgathering).

Finally, there will be three PWE trainings before the CWG, all of which have taken advantage of the grants available. And, I would like to thank both Lois DeWitt and Ginnie Miller for all their help in assisting me in compiling the list of Enablers to send to CW.



If you have questions or need help with resources for gatherings, meetings, installation services, etc., please contact me at [danijudithc@aol.com](mailto:danijudithc@aol.com), or by phone 203-744-6793.

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## PW in the Synod of the Northeast Calendar of Opportunities

2006	Event/Action	For	Place
Mar. 1	Hudson R., Ash Wednesday Retreat	All Women	Stony Point
Mar. 4	Newark PWP Gathering	All Women	
March 25	Southern New England PWP Gathering	All Women	New Haven, CT
Apr 2	Monmouth PWP Gathering	All Women & families	Tuckerton Seaport
Apr. 8	Hudson River Enabler Training	Enablers	Stony Point
Apr. 18	Elizabeth PWP Gathering	All Women	Metuchen
June 10	Sisters Stand and Walk Together	Immigrant & racially ethnic women	Stony Point
Apr. 22	West Jersey PWP Gathering	All Women	Cherry Hill
Apr. 22	Newark PWP Gathering	All Women	Montclair
Apr. 26	Albany PWP Gathering	All Women	Saratoga Springs
Apr 27	Hudson River PWP Gathering	All Women	Holmes Conf Center
Apr. 29	Cayuga/Syracuse PWP Gathering	All Women	Syracuse
Apr. 29	New Brunswick PWP Gathering	All Women	Hamilton Square
Apr. 29	Susquehanna Valley PWP Gathering	All Women	Bainbridge
Apr 29	Palisades PWP Gathering	All Women	West New York, NJ
May 5	New York City PWP Gathering	All Women	TBA
May 5-8	Healing Retreat	All Women	New Jersey Shore
May 10	Utica PWP Gathering	All Women	Oneida
May 10	Hudson River CT Mtg. /Enablers Train.		Presby. of Peekskill
May 13	Northern New York PWP Gathering	All Women	Watertown
May 15	DEADLINE Synod Luncheon Registration	All Women	Louisville
May 18	Long Island PWP Gathering	All Women	Northport
May 19-21	Horizons Bible Study Workshop	All women	Stony Point
May 19-21	Spiritual Retreat	All Women	Syracuse
June 10	Sisters Stand and Walk Together	Immigrant & racially ethnic women	Stony Point
June 24	Monmouth PWP Bible Study Training	Everyone	
July 7-11	Churchwide Gathering Creation! Celebration!	All women	Louisville
Nov. 3-5	Synod Gathering of PW	All women	Stony Point
Oct. 14	Newark PWP Gathering	All Women	TBA
Oct 14	Northern New York PWP Gathering	All Women	TBA
Nov. 4	2007 PWS Design Team	Design Team	Stony Point
Nov 5-6	PWSCT Meeting and 2007 Design Team	PWSCT and Design Team	Stony Point
2007			
July 13-15	Synod PW Gathering	All Women	Albany, NY

### Deadlines for Synod PW (PWS) -- each year on these dates

- Jan. 15 Deadline for submitting **Women of Faith** endorsements.
- Feb. 1 Reports due from PWP **Historians**, send to PWS Historian
- Feb. 1 and Aug 1 Deadline for *The Lighthouse* articles, send to PWS Newsletter Editor
- Mar. 15, June 15, Oct. 15, Dec. 15 **Pledges** due from PWPs, send to PWS Treasurer (in full by Dec. 15)
- Mar. 15, June 15, Oct. 15, Dec. 15 **Expense vouchers** from PWSCT due, send to PWS Treasurer
- May 1 **PWP directory** due to churchwide and PWS – send to PWS Enabler Coordinator
- May 15 **Annual Reports** due to PWS from PWP Moderators, send to PWS Secretary
- June 1 **Mission Reports** due to PWS from PWP Mission Coordinators, send to PWS Mission Coord.

## July 2007 Synod PW Gathering

Dee Evelyn Matthews, Vice Moderator

“When the song of the angels is still, and the star in the sky is gone, when the kings and princes are home and the shepherds are back with their sheep, the work of Christmas begins: to find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner, to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among people, and to make music in the heart.”

*By: An Unknown Christian Poet.*

On behalf of the members of the Design Team for the 2007 Synod PW Gathering, we extend to you the sincere hope that this world will begin to experience a more peaceful year, and pray that this New Year will be a joyous and healthy one for all.

The process of work by the 2007 Design Team to present an interesting, God-filled, joyous July 2007 Gathering continues. We are determined to put all the information into a meaningful sequence, uniting imagination with faith and commitment with creativity. The theme will be **“Open Unto Me...Blessing and Abundance.”** The site for the Albany 2007 Gathering will again be held at The Desmond.

We have planned workshops and worship, have identified some leaders, and parceled out areas of work. We will arrange to have child care provided. At the 2006 PWSNE luncheon in Louisville, we will distribute information about the 2007 Gathering, (e.g., registration form, an Albany activity event list for family members and other guests, plus other secured information).

We have studied, discussed and taken into consideration the many comments submitted on past evaluation forms. In order to address some of those concerns, members of the Design Team have begun to schedule ongoing meetings with staff at The Desmond.

We hope that you are beginning to make plans for all the upcoming Gatherings: The Church-wide PW Gathering July 7-11, 2006 in Louisville, KY, and then the PWSNE Gathering to be held the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of July, 2007 in Albany.

**We serve in the discernment of His Spirit!**

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## Search Committee News

**Beth Denier, Search Committee Moderator**

The next general election of new PWS Coordinating Team members will be in November 2006. In order to give the new Moderator-Elect a full year for orientation, a special meeting is being called at the Synod luncheon during the Churchwide Gathering.

Among the positions to be filled in 2006 are several Members-at-Large. Some of these are endorsed by the groups they represent. Members-at-Large representing African-American Women and Native American Women will be elected. Your suggestions for able women to fill these positions and others are always welcome. Please tell us about your candidate's experience with PW, areas of expertise, etc. Contact Beth Denier (781-231-9247; e-mail: [a.denier@worldnet.att.net](mailto:a.denier@worldnet.att.net)) or any other committee member. Thanks to all of you who have sent suggestions.

## From your Historian

**Helen Sforza**



As your Synod PW Historian I've been reading the newsletters you send me, learning about the good things we're doing in our Presbytery PWs.

We are using the Horizons Bible Study. We participate in the Least Coin, Thank Offering, Birthday offering, and the Blanket and Tool Sunday. The Net workers Mother's Day cards have gone well. If the mission giving all over the Synod follows what has happened in Utica Presbytery, we are in great shape. With the hurricanes, floods and mud slides here in the USA as well as Fair Trade coffee and tea – we are doing a dandy job. Utica Presbytery has done Malaria nets, school bags, personal kits, Hope Boxes and money.

It has been a rough year here at home but we still are helping with our mission to Africa and all the developing countries by shopping at SERRV.



Spring Spiritual Retreat  
"A WELL WATERED GARDEN"  
May 19 - 21, 2006  
Christ the King Retreat House  
Syracuse, New York

**Friday, May 19, 2006 4 PM (Registration starting at 3 PM)  
To  
Sunday, May 21, 2006 (after Worship followed by Brunch)**

**COST: \$175.00 total cost due with registration  
[Includes registration fee, lodging for two nights (single rooms),  
all meals from Friday night thru Sunday Brunch]**

**RETREAT LEADER -- BARBARA JOHNSON**

Barbara is well-known in the Cayuga-Syracuse Presbytery for her innovative Spiritual Retreats. She is the wife of Rev. David Johnson, Executive Presbyter of Cayuga-Syracuse and mother of Amy, age 9.

**LADIES**, here is an opportunity for spiritual renewal including meditation, praying the scriptures, interest centers and nature walks as you enjoy fellowship with other Presbyterian Women. Christ the King Retreat House is minutes away from downtown Syracuse, nestled atop six acres of rolling hills. This secluded former mansion with its high ceilings, sprawling spiral staircase and abundant natural light provides a perfect setting, with comfortable meeting rooms, tasty meals and an opportunity to pamper yourself.

**Things to bring: casual indoor/outdoor seasonal clothing, Bible, pen/pencil, journal or notebook.**

Directions: From Thruway, take Exit 34A to Rt. 481 South to Exit 3W to East Genesee St. (Rt. 92); continue west for 3.1 miles on E. Genesee Street (note Nottingham High School on left); at next stop light turn left onto Brookford Road, continue to top of hill – 500 Brookford Rd. From Rt. 81, exit at Rt. 481 and follow above directions. From Rt. 690 East, continue to Rt. 481 South and follow above directions.

Questions or Scholarship Information – Contact Gail Banks, (315) 488-4080 or [banksgy@yahoo.com](mailto:banksgy@yahoo.com)



**SPRING SPIRITUAL RETREAT REGISTRATION FORM  
Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Northeast**

**FEE: \$175.00 Please remit in full and mail to  
Jane MacDonald, Registrar, 36 Carriage Lane, Newton, NJ 07860-1927**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

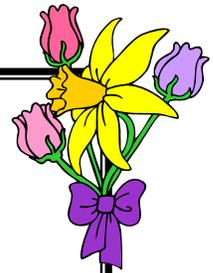
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Notify in case of Emergency \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE , MAY 3, 2006**

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## Walkyria Rosa de Brito Chosen as Global Partner



It is our pleasure to announce that Walkyria Rosa de Brito from Newark Presbytery was chosen by the Churchwide Global Partners Committee to attend the Churchwide Gathering at no charge. Walkyria is from Brazil. She was referred to the Global Partners Committee by PW in the Synod of the Northeast and we will be responsible for her transportation to Louisville.

## Global Exchange Remembrances Roberta Mansfield

She stood next to the chairs of the other two women. When introductions were made, nobody mentioned her name. She was dark-skinned, with prominent cheekbones, and a dark knit cap on her head. She might have been sixty years old, or perhaps younger or older. After a little while, our knight-in-shining-armor, John Davison, brought a chair over to her, for her to sit down. Later, I inquired what her name was. Her name was Elena.

The little story above took place in Sao Paulo. We Global Exchange participants had gone to visit a tenement dwelling that had been built by the occupants. We were seated in a large common area, facing two women who were seated, and the one woman standing. In our debriefings, we were warned to remember that we are not experts. But how could I not notice that the dark-skinned woman was standing, while the other two women sat? How could I not notice that she wasn't introduced, when the other two were introduced? At least she was there. It may have been wrong for me to think the different treatment was because of her color, but I couldn't think of another reason. (John Davison was the one man on the Global Exchange. Ever the gallant gentleman, John represented Worldwide Ministries Division and was accompanied by his wife Mary Lou.)

The story of racism in Brazil is different from America's story. In the US, miscegenation was illegal in many states until the 1960s, and still is a taboo in many parts of the country (and in the minds and hearts of many people). In Brazil,

mixing the races was encouraged, with the hope that this would result in everyone being equal. It didn't turn out quite that way. The people who are most likely to be poor and disadvantaged are darker. Brazil has the highest population of black people of any country in the world except for Nigeria.

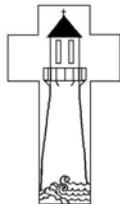
As we drove around Rio de Janeiro on our Jeep tour, we could see that the people of the favelas (the shanty towns) were mostly black. Our tour guide, Damiana, shared with us information that she probably does not share with her average tour group. She told us that her birth certificate indicated that she was "light," since when she was a baby, her skin was light. She now claims her heritage as a black woman. (Birth certificates indicate skin color, but not race.) She also said that when she was in high school, living in a favela, she did her homework by candlelight, because her family didn't have electricity.

Both Brazil and the United States (as well as most other countries) have more work to do to eradicate racism. It's a daunting task, since the battle takes place mostly in human hearts. But it's a task we must undertake, because God, parent of us all, loves us all equally, and wants each of us to use all of our God-given gifts without restriction.





## Presbyterian Women



**SYNOD of the NORTHEAST  
Reservation for Luncheon at Churchwide Gathering  
Sunday July 9, 2006 at 11:30am**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Presbytery \_\_\_\_\_

If reserving for additional people, please list names:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_  
(Number of people X \$22.00 each)  
check payable to Presbyterian Women, Synod of the Northeast

### **DEADLINE FOR RESERVATION – May 15, 2006**

Mail to: Jane MacDonald  
36 Carriage Lane  
Newton, NJ 07860

A postcard confirmation will be returned by June 20th – this will be your ticket to the luncheon.

**IT'S TIME FOR LUNCH!!  
News via  
2006 Gathering of  
Presbyterian Women  
Churchwide Hospitality  
Committee**

## **SYNOD OF NORTHEAST LUNCHEON**

Sunday, July 9, 2006 at 11:30 AM  
Hotel Ballroom TBA

### **BY ADVANCE REGISTRATION ONLY**

*NO on site tickets will be sold*

### **MENU Club Wrap**

Flour tortilla filled with greens, bacon,  
grilled chicken breast, tomato and  
mayonnaise  
Served with pasta salad  
Beverages  
Dessert

### **Synod PW will meet at the Gathering Luncheon**

There will be a short business meeting of Synod PW at the Churchwide Gathering Luncheon for the purpose of electing a Moderator-Elect. This is necessary in order to give the new Moderator-Elect a full year on the Synod PW Coordinating Team for orientation.

## Do a "shoe" collection in your Congregation or local PW

Here's what to do:

- Collect NEW shoes, sneakers or boots from church members
- Place each pair in a Ziploc plastic bag
- Enclose a file card with the size in large numbers
- Deliver them to schools or help agencies in your area
- Report your totals by June 1, 2006 (include your Church and Presbytery name) to

PWS Coordinator for Mission Interpretation

Althea Mead, 12 Kent Road, Wassaic, NY 12592 [Aqm54@bestweb.net](mailto:Aqm54@bestweb.net)

HELP PW CELEBRATE

"THE DECADE FOR  
CHILDREN "



## Peace in Israel and Palestine Ginna Coon, Justice and Peace Coordinator

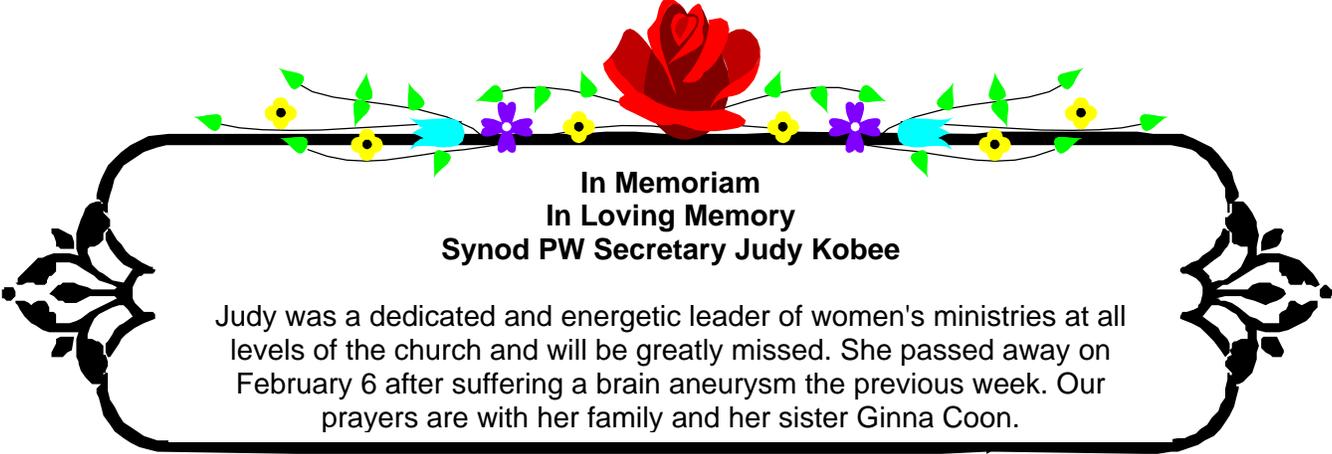


The question "How do we achieve peace in Israel and Palestine?" is extremely complex and deserves our prayers that a just compromise may one day be reached.

In the last year major developments have occurred. This past summer the Gaza Strip was returned to the Palestinians. Prime Minister Ariel Sharon has had a major stroke. The Hebron Settlement located in the West Bank has been declared a closed military zone. This means that only residents may enter. This is a rare step taken by the army against Israeli Jews. Usually such declarations are put into force when the military is facing what it considers to be a serious unrest in Palestinian areas.

In August the Mission Responsibility Through Investment (MRTI) Committee of the Presbyterian Church (USA) announced that they are beginning a process of "progressive engagement" with five companies that they say are contributing to the ongoing violence between Israel and Palestine. The companies are Caterpillar, Citigroup, ITT Industries, Motorola and United Technologies. More about this action may be found in the January/February 06 edition of Horizons, page 34.

A year ago I represented the PW of our Synod at the conference on "Steps toward Peace in Israel and Palestine" in Louisville. We left the conference brimming with information, both in our minds and on paper, to share with others. After returning home, I had the privilege of presenting information I gleaned to the Presbyterian Women's Gatherings of the Geneva Presbytery and the Presbytery of Western NY.



### In Memoriam In Loving Memory Synod PW Secretary Judy Kobb

Judy was a dedicated and energetic leader of women's ministries at all levels of the church and will be greatly missed. She passed away on February 6 after suffering a brain aneurysm the previous week. Our prayers are with her family and her sister Ginna Coon.

# News from the Churchwide Coordinating Team

## Churchwide Coordinating Team Representative, Roberta Mansfield

### Memorable Event at CCT Meeting (Little Rock, Arkansas)



The members of the Churchwide Coordinating Team (CCT) were privileged to be present at the groundbreaking for the Presbyterian Disaster Warehouse at Ferncliff Conference Center in November.

This warehouse will be paid for with a Birthday Offering Grant. The Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center was also the site for the CCT meetings.

### Communication

Some Presbyterian women have complained that their e-mails and phone messages to staff at PW in Louisville have not been returned. I have passed on this complaint, but I also have some information that may help. There is a person who does not travel, and who is at her desk most of the time. She is program assistant Sandy Weldy-Cook. Her toll-free telephone number is (888) 728-7228, extension 8014. Her e-mail address is [sweldyco@ctr.pcusa.org](mailto:sweldyco@ctr.pcusa.org). When you have routine questions about things like Honorary Life Memberships, leadership grants, etc., Sandy can either help you, or she can refer you to someone who can. As your Synod Rep, you may also contact me if you have questions or concerns. I may not always have the answers, but I'll do my best to find out whatever you need to know. See page 13 for my contact information.

### Staff Update

All vacant PW positions in Louisville have been filled. Cheri Harper ([charper@ctr.pcusa.org](mailto:charper@ctr.pcusa.org)) is now serving as the program associate for synod support, and is also staffing the Mission Relationships Committee on the Churchwide Coordinating Team (CCT). Carissa Herold ([cherold@ctr.pcusa.org](mailto:cherold@ctr.pcusa.org)) is serving as the marketing associate, and will be helping all CCT committees with getting the PW message out. In addition, Women's Ministries has added two associates and two interns.

### Mission Relationships Committee (MRC)

I served as a member of the MRC at the November CCT. Now I will be the new committee chair.

#### PW Mission Matters

All of PW Mission will be interpreted under one name, PW Mission Matters. **The name of the program replacing Mission Opportunities is Together in Service.** A new guide will be produced with interpretation, forms, and other materials for PW mission, PC(USA) mission and ecumenical mission. This guide will be available at the 2006 Churchwide Gathering. A workshop and other introductory materials will also be featured at the Gathering.

### US Study Trip

The MRC will explore adding to the 2006-2009 triennium a short-term (5-7 days) US study trip with a single focus. The length and cost of the Global Exchange excludes younger women, working women and students. A shorter US trip will provide the opportunity to connect the issues raised by Global Exchanges with similar issues within the US, and ties globalization issues together. Possible destinations might be to Alaska (native peoples), US/Mexico border (border issues), or South Dakota (rural issues).

### ONE Campaign

The MRC encourages all Presbyterian women to sign on to the ONE Campaign urging the US to commit an additional one percent of the federal budget to development and humanitarian assistance by 2010. Hopefully, this additional expenditure could have an impact on eliminating poverty and AIDS in developing countries. For information, go to the web site at [www.ONE.org](http://www.ONE.org). You can also contact Bread for the World about the ONE Campaign at [www.bread.org/ONE](http://www.bread.org/ONE).

## CCT News from Roberta Mansfield

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### Conference Participation

The CCT has called upon the Synod of the Northeast to send PW members for the 2006 PC(USA) delegation to the UN Commission on the Status of Women. They are Magdalene Lewis, Dee Evelyn Matthews, and Judy Wason. Also attending will be Vice-Moderator Lillian Oats, who resides in New York City part of the year. Monica Lin (Member at Large on the CCT, and member of the Mission Relationships Committee) will be going to the Democratic Republic of the Congo with International Health Ministries in May, to observe our mission dollars at work.

### One Meal Fast

The CCT invites everyone to participate in a One Meal Fast on Ash Wednesday, March 1, 2006. Money saved by fasting may be given to Cents-Ability, an important part of the Presbyterian Hunger Program. Cents-Ability is a small first step in the battle against hunger and poverty. Congregations invite every member---of all ages---to contribute a few cents at every meal. For more information on Cents-Ability, visit [www.pcusa.org/hunger/centsability](http://www.pcusa.org/hunger/centsability).

### Racial Ethnic Dialogue Grants

Unzu Lee explained that a group for racial ethnic dialogue does not have to be a synod-wide or presbytery-wide group. It could actually be a very small group. Also, the first meeting did not have to happen before the end of 2005, as previously stated. Unzu will be sending a communication to synod moderators and representatives to clarify the intent of the Dialogue and the guidelines.



Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Northeast want to be "Springs of Living Water Bringing New Life to Women."

## Wanted---Talented Women

Do you have a talent? Will you be going to the Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women in July? Would you be willing to showcase your talent on the small stage of the Village Green in Celebration Corners (formerly known as the Great Room)? Or, perhaps you know of someone who fits this description. In either case, please contact CCT representative **Roberta Mansfield** at [robertamansfield@cox.net](mailto:robertamansfield@cox.net) or (401)781-1628.

### Churchwide Gathering



Online registration is open. You may visit the web site at [www.pcusa.org/pwgathering](http://www.pcusa.org/pwgathering). In addition, you can find registration booklets in the Sept./Oct. 2005 Horizons magazine, or from your PW Presbytery moderator. Please note that the early registration is before April 16<sup>th</sup>, and will save you \$35.00. Please also note that you should plan to bring new children's shoes and socks to the Gathering. These will be distributed to agencies that meet the basic needs of children. (You can also bring donations of children's shoes and socks from women who were not able to go to the Gathering.) Rita Oestrich (my predecessor as Synod Rep) and I are both participating in the planning of this Churchwide Gathering. On Sunday morning, as a member of the CCT, I will be saying a prayer at the morning plenary. During much of the rest of my time at the Gathering, you will find me at the stage area of the Village Green at Celebration Corners (formerly known as the Great Room). I hope you'll plan to spend some of your free time enjoying the entertainment we will have lined up for the stage.



**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN THE SYNOD OF THE NORTHEAST**

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

(Synod Events, Leadership Development, Churchwide Gathering)

**Event / Date** \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_ Presbytery \_\_\_\_\_

Check all that apply:

- Racial/Ethnic
- Pastor/Ordained
- Seminary Student
- First time attending a **PW Synod** Gathering
- College Student
- Younger Woman (under 40)
- Other (please specify)

Please list your **PW** activities/experiences/involvement/offices, past and present:

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On a separate sheet of paper, please write a paragraph stating why you would like to attend this Gathering, and a second paragraph telling what you plan to do with the information when you return to your home PW. If this is a **Leadership Development Scholarship**, will you be willing to give a written or oral report to PWSNE?

**The Moderator of the Presbytery or local PW must sign this application, and she must include a paragraph why this woman should receive the scholarship.**

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

PWP or PWC Moderator's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

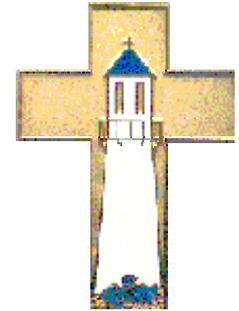
**\*\*\*\* Applications must be received in accordance with Event Guidelines \*\*\*\***

**Send applications to PWSNE Finance Chair:**

**Gail Y. Banks, 105 Whedon Rd., Apt. 20, Syracuse, NY 13219**

**Phone: (315) 488-4080 E-mail: [banksqy@yahoo.com](mailto:banksqy@yahoo.com)**

**Incomplete or incorrect applications will not be considered**



**Scholarships amounting to about \$300 each have been awarded for the 2006 Churchwide Gathering.**

**Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Synod PW scholarship fund!**



## A Look at Our Synod through Its Waterways In Conjunction with Basic Advocacy Training

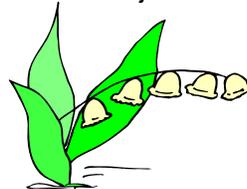
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In the Synod of the Northeast

Friday evening May 5 through Saturday afternoon May 6, 2006 at Stony Point Center  
Cost \$30 covers room and board and conference fees.

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or call the Synod office, 800-585-5881

This is a conference for:

- Anyone who wants training to become effective advocates for social justice
- Racial Ethnic Caucus
- Stewardship of Creation Enablers
- Hunger Action Enablers
- Peacemaking Enablers
- Presbytery Partnership Group commissioners
- Presbyterian Women (Living Waters)



## BIBLE STUDY

### **Horizons Bible Study Workshop May 19 – 21, 2006 at Stony Point**

The annual Horizon's Bible Study workshop at Stony Point Center, NY will be held May 19-21 to introduce you to the 2006/2007 Horizon's Bible Study "Perspectives on *Genesis*" by Celia Brewer Sinclair. This study will look at both familiar and unfamiliar parts of Genesis from a fresh point of view.

This is a Stony Point Center program in partnership with *Horizons* Magazine and Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Northeast.

Please register with Stony Point by May 1, 2006. The registration form and flyer are posted on the Stony Point web site [www.stonypointcenter.org](http://www.stonypointcenter.org) and PW Synod web site [www.pwsne.org](http://www.pwsne.org)



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## How to Contact the Synod PW Coordinating Team

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## ***Lighthouse Mailing List Guidelines***

**Each PW in the Presbytery is responsible for who will receive *The Lighthouse* in their presbytery. The list should include (but is not limited to):**

Current members of the PW Synod Coordinating team

**Current Moderator and Coordinating Team members of Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery**

PW Staff

Former Moderators of Presbyterian Women of Synod

**Church contact person or Presbyterian Women in local church moderator, for every church in your presbytery**

**Female Clergy working within bounds of Synod of Northeast**

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