



The LIGHTHOUSE

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN of the SYNOD of the NORTHEAST

February 2013

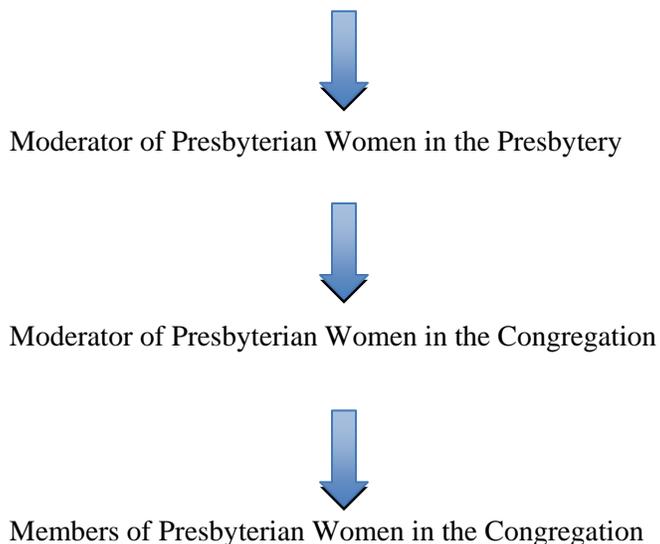
Moderator's Message from Charlotte Hasselbarth...

As I look through the program books, newsletters and fliers from various Presbyterian Women groups, the innovative programs and projects that occur are impressive. I'm looking forward the Presbytery Partnership Group Gatherings. It's our second round of these very successful events.

At the Synod Luncheon at the Churchwide Gathering there was an activity that asked us to list what both the Presbytery and Synod PW Coordinating Teams could do to assist women in the congregations. Many of the responses centered on better communication. We need to make sure information gets to women in the congregations. Below is a diagram of the current process.

Communication Tree for Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Northeast

Information and *The Lighthouse* from Moderator of Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Northeast



Some PW in the presbyteries and congregations have other routes for spreading information. Please come up with method that works for your group. If hard copy of *The Lighthouse* is sent by postal mail to anyone, PWSNE is budgeted for reimbursement for copying and postage. The reimbursement forms are on pwsne.org.

A Message from Jo Ann Burrell, Vice Moderator

Happy 2013 Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Northeast!

First let me say Thank You for electing me your Vice Moderator. It is an honor and a privilege to serve in this position. I look forward to working with you, and partnering with you in accomplishing the mission of Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Northeast. I will be calling on you to help with advice, training, performing, ideas, and friendship during my tenure.

Moderators, Vice Moderators, Co-Moderators, and anyone who wants to learn, I urge you to attend the Leadership Training November 8–9, 2013 at Stony Point Conference Center. You will be hearing about this as the time grows closer.

I especially urge All of You to come to the our Triennial Gathering at a new location, Silver Bay YMCA Conference Center, 87 Silver Bay Rd., Silver Bay, NY. This new venue will offer something for everyone. Save the date, July 18-20, 2014! You will nurture yourself in Spirit, Mind, and Body.

I am looking forward to learning more about the issues confronting women, children, and men throughout the world. Issues like trafficking, racial justice, medical issues like Autism, immigration, governmental changes, gun control, interstate commerce, findings from the up coming USA Mission to Eastern Tennessee and Western North Carolina, and changes in values, hopefully, we will explore together.

In this year 2013, let us laugh, love, listen, share, work together, and rejoice in the adventure of life.

Changes in the *Sisters Stand and Walk Together* Program

As many of you know we have needed to rethink how we approach the *Sisters Stand and Walk Together* program. At the November PWSNE Coordinating Team meeting we discussed a new approach. At the *Leadership Enhancement Workshop*, Anne Reynolds gave a talk on how to bring the program to a given congregation or presbytery and tailor the curriculum to its needs. She also did a forum on this topic at the '12 Churchwide Gathering. Anne has offered to be resource and travel to groups to help them set up a *Sisters Stand and Walk Together* program and customize it to those people. The curriculum will be revised so that it can be given out to interested groups. Contact Anne Reynolds at 315- 823-2680 or areyn13365 @juno.com to discuss adapting the *Sisters Stand and Walk Together* program to your group.

Have you visited our website lately??

Just go to www.pwsne.org

And you will find important information regarding dates, events, etc.

PW in the Presbyteries - Making it Happen

The Leadership Enhancement Task Force has created this new column for Presbyterian Women in the presbyteries to share unique or highly successful program or initiatives.

From PWof PNNY... For several years now, the Co-coordinating Team Meetings for the PW of Presbytery of Northern New York have been held at a restaurant located about mid-way between the farthest points of our presbytery. That happens to be Potsdam, NY. We call ahead and reserve a room in the Ponderosa Restaurant. Coffee, tea and muffins are available upon arrival. The meeting starts at 10 AM. At noon, we stop for lunch from their cafeteria. If we have more business to transact, we complete it after everyone has eaten. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet and greet, to catch up on each other's news, to "break bread" together, to make plans for PW and pray together.

-Emily F. Castine, Moderator, PW of PNNY

A UNITED EFFORT OF MISSION AND GOODWILL -Joanna Damon, Mid-Coast Presbyterian Church

The Presbytery of Northern New England (PNNE) has strong ties with churches in South Africa. As a part of the ongoing fellowship, in August 2011 PNNE sponsored a 4 ½-day leadership conference for women from the PNNE, Boston Presbytery, plus six women from the Amatola Presbytery, Eastern Cape, South Africa. The conference "Women's Leadership in a Multicultural World — Building Bridges, Breaking Barriers" was all that and more — Twenty-three women gathered to study issues that impact women's leadership skills. The sessions were interactive, lively, and informative. The women looked at multiculturalism and how it impacts communication, power acquisition, and interactions among people and groups.

Following the conference, the guests from South Africa were home-hosted throughout New England. It was a golden opportunity of sharing for both the hosts and visitors. Two women, Vi Jekwa and Elsabe Leeuw, spent a week with the members of Mid-Coast Presbyterian in Topsham, Maine. They delighted everyone they met. Singing is a beautiful part of who the South African women are. Vi and Elsabe exemplified the joy, the peace and the power of the Holy Spirit that is felt through lively, heartfelt (exuberant) singing. Learning is a two-way street. Since that time, our moderator of Session and moderator of Deacons begin each meeting in song.

In May a Reunion via Skype was held with the participants of the conference via a Skype call to South Africa. Like magic we all were visually connected. It was a wonderful reunion! This past August marked the first anniversary of that initial meeting. Mid-August Elaine Brown of Mid-Coast Presbyterian, Beverly Hoover of Bedford Presbyterian, and Barbara Cooper of Kearsarge Community Presbyterian, went to South Africa to begin to plan with our Amatola sisters a for a reciprocal exchange to take place in 2014.

In addition to planning for the exchange, they also had opportunities meet and get to know many more of the women of the Amatola churches and of their satellite/outstation churches. They attended a 1½-day seminar entitled "Womenhood 2012." Women from around the Amatola came to hear motivational speakers to help them on their journey of empowerment within the presbytery with topics such as *The Importance of Activating the Power Within* and *Understanding Your Uniqueness as Strength*. They even attended a presbytery meeting. All three attended church with their hosts both Sundays and were invited to participate in the worship service each time. All this activity was complemented by visits to various outreach projects such as orphanages and homes for the elderly.

The women brought gifts to their hosts which included towels and tote bags which had been hand stenciled with colorful motifs of flowers, pine trees and underwater scenes, many of them representative of the Northeast. This effort was begun at the Spring Retreat of the PW of the PNNE held this past May at the Alton Bay Christian Conference Center in New Hampshire. The bags were completed by the PW of Mid-Coast Presbyterian at a special workshop held in July. Everyone has enjoyed this opportunity to help make yet another connection with our sisters in South Africa.

At our annual PWNNE Spring Retreat to be held in Vermont Friday and Saturday, May 11 and 12, 2013, the three women who traveled to South Africa will present a program to share their experience.

Bringing the Churchwide Gathering Home

Many of our PW groups in the presbyteries and congregations have been sharing their experiences from the Churchwide Gathering. We hope to hear more about how those who attended, brought what we did and learned home. Please keep the spirit of the Churchwide Gathering alive until the next one in '15, by sending articles to the *Lighthouse* about how you shared the Churchwide Gathering with those who didn't attend.

Elisa Kessler Carporale, PW of Central Presbyterian Church, Summit, NJ writes... The Gathering in Orlando, FL was my second conference, but it was the first time that I stayed the whole 5 days. I arrived Tuesday evening and I was much better prepared for the long days of lectures, workshops, forums and all the extra activities.

I was privileged to have my PW at Central Presbyterian Church pay for both my registration and hotel room. I felt especially compelled because of their generosity to share my experiences with not only our PW group but also with the church. I covered our large PW bulletin board with The Gathering's Daily Horizons, our schedules, brochures, information on clean water and many things from the Marketplace.

When I learned that our youth group was collecting money for wells in Malawi, Africa, I proposed making a donation because I had just become aware of their importance. We are a small PW and it made it so easy to be affective without any extra work on our part.

At our first Bible Study we had a "sandwich lunch" and I did a small presentation with my computer showing my photos and explaining the experiences of The Gathering as well as some of the facts about the migrant workers and human trafficking.

I purchased 6 yards of polar fleece, enough for 3 lap robes. Before each meeting we do some tying. We just completed our first lab robe (bright blue and orange with basketballs) which we have donated to our church's newly formed Prayer Shall Ministry. For those of you who never got to The Castle in the atrium, this was one of the ongoing activities I presented a more in-depth talk before our Christmas pot luck luncheon which reached a larger audience.

Our PW is getting older and smaller so when we have our Women's Retreat at the end of January I will make 11 x 14 poster to show what we do and put Gathering photos on it to encourage younger women to attend. I hope this gives other attendees ways in which they can bring The Gathering home!

Emily Castine, Moderator, PW of PNNY writes.... HOW WE BROUGHT THE GATHERING TO OUR CONGREGATION, TO PW PRESBYTERY LEVEL, AND TO PRESBYTERY....

Upon my return from Orlando, I spoke to our congregation of the wonderful experience I had at the Churchwide Gathering. The generosity of the attendees for the missions of the Beth-El Farm Ministry and for the women of South Sudan and the digging of new wells in their locality was astounding!

As Moderator of PW of PNNY, I reported to my CT in September of my amazing experience at the Churchwide Gathering in Orlando in July 2012.

At our Gathering in October, we welcomed thirty-two (32) women, seven of whom represented the United Church of Canada and the Presbyterian Church of Canada from Hemmingford, Quebec. For the program, my Orlando roommate, Peg Myers, from First Presbyterian Church of Plattsburgh, related her faith experience while at the Triennial. She told of several workshops that impacted her greatly.

At a regular meeting of the Presbytery of NNY, I, as PW Moderator, described the Churchwide Gathering by reading a participant's letter that had been published in the Sept./Oct. issue of Horizons magazine. It summarized beautifully the diversity, unity, power and talents of women from all over the world! I am still raving about this experience to my friends locally and afar!

Bringing it from the Congregation

New and Highly Successful Fund-Raiser for CHAZY PW! Emily Castine, Moderator, PW of Chazy Presbyterian Church writes... Our PW came up with the idea of a Holiday Fashion Show fund-raiser for early December. Dress Barn of Plattsburgh agreed wholeheartedly to provide the current fashions for our ten models. Seven women were from our own group, and three were from the community. The models were of all ages and sizes! What fun they had trying on garments of their choice and going through two practices in the high-heeled shoes they would be wearing that day! We sold entry tickets in advance at \$5.00 each. For three weeks prior to the show, we collected new or unused items for 14 themed gift baskets. Themes ranged from North Country Products, Tea for Two, Pamper Yourself, to Kitchen Pantry. After the actual show, attendees were able to purchase raffle tickets at 6 tickets for \$5.00 and place their stubs in the cans representing different baskets. The winners were thrilled! Refreshments included coffee, tea and a variety of delectable sweets.

We had 55 attendees and netted \$650.00! What a beautiful day filled with fellowship, fun, festivity, and faith building!

TOGETHER IN SERVICE

A message from Rita Hooper

Those of us who were able to attend the Churchwide Gathering last summer, got excited about a number of new mission projects that we can be involved with. I will highlight 2 in this issue.

Direct Relief International has a 100 Day Campaign that will support safe births in the poorest countries around the world. A safe birth means having a trained health worker present at time of delivery. \$25 will provide a mid-wife with supplies and equipment needed for a safe birth. Saving 25 cents a day for 100 days will provide 1 mid-wifery kit.

Now how easy is that? Maybe giving the ladies in your church a jar (empty baby food jar?) for their donations with a babies' face on it, is all that's needed.

For more information contact DirectRelief.org

The other project is Little Dresses. These can be made out of used pillowcases or a piece of fabric, bias tape and elastic. They are quite easy to make even for the non-sewer and provides a lot of opportunity for individual creativity. My church had a work session on a Saturday afternoon and made a dozen without half trying. We even assembled kits for women to pick up on Sunday and do at home. We were surprised at the number of women who came for the afternoon that don't come to other women's activities. The old adage, different strokes for different folks holds true! Little dresses are used by many countries including the Appalachia area of the US. Directions are easily found on the web. While web-searching I also found directions for shorts for boys (britches) and skirts, both made out of new or slightly used T-shirts. Re-purposing is the new watchword – what once was old, is new again!

So before the cold and drear of winter is over and the gardens are calling, get a group together to do something for others.

Leadership Grants

Churchwide PW offers Leadership Grants in several categories. To learn more about this see <http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/pw> and click on "tools for leaders." Under leadership training you will find all the different types of grants.

A Letter from the Churchwide Nominating Committee

Dear sisters in Christ:

I pray to God that this 2013 brings joy, happiness, and blessings to the church and especially to Presbyterian Women in the PC (USA).

Time flies and the CCT Search Committee members are working hard to find leaders for the next CCT triennium. As your representative, in order to find the leaders God wants, I need the help of all the women in the congregations. I did send a letter and a Nomination Form to all the moderators in the Presbyteries and the moderator in the Synod. If you have a possible candidate, please ask for the form to your Presbytery, Synod Moderator or myself. The nomination forms can be duplicated.

Look around, be alert at possible candidates, approach them and offer the position. Make sure that a prayer is done and a request to think about it in prayer before answering. Follow up, it brings fruits. If women want diverse candidates, good search needs to be done. I count on each one of you.

What are the positions?

- Moderator
- Vice-moderator Justice and Peace
- Vice-moderator Mission Relations
- Board Secretary
- Member-at-Large
- Finance Committee Chair
- Historian
- Search Committee Moderator
- Search Committee Member
- African American
- Asian American
- Hispanic/Latina American
- Korean American
- Middle East American
- Young Woman
- Native American

All nomination forms should be sent on or before November 1, 2013.

Flavia Alvarez-Northeast Representative- P. O. Box 896, Quebradillas, P. R. 00678

e-mail: flavia_alvarez@yahoo.com 787-895-1151/787-458-2910

Bible Study Opportunity!

This year's *Horizons* Bible Study Workshop will be held Tuesday, May 14, 2013 through Thursday, May 16, 2013 at Stony Point Conference Center, Stony Point, New York. The workshop's focus will be on migration themes from Exodus and Deuteronomy. The delightful, interesting and knowledgeable Rev. Janice Catron will lead the workshop.

Bible Study is one of the strongest and most vital programs of Presbyterian Women here in the Northeast. The survey conducted last year concerning women in the congregation revealed a variety of programs in our congregations, but the one constant in all surveys was Bible Study. Of course we don't all use the *Horizons* Study, but that does not make a *Horizons* Bible study workshop off limits. All Bible studies have value. We all know that we can always find some interesting thread in studies that we don't particularly use in depth or in our own group.

Promoting Bible Study to Presbyterian Women is sort of like promoting ice cream to children. We like Bible study. We want Bible study. We do Bible study. However, the

Coordinating Team of the Presbyterian Women of the Senate of the Northeast, decided to do just that: promote—not ice cream—but the *Horizons* Bible Study Workshop at Stony Point by establishing five scholarships for this event. Who qualifies for the scholarship: 1 person from each PPG (Presbytery Partnership Groups), who has never attended the *Horizons* Bible Study workshop at Stony Point and is then willing to lead the Bible Study at their Presbyterian Women's PPG Gathering this summer or fall.

However, the most important thing to remember: the Bible Study is open to all. Hopefully, women throughout our Synod will consider taking part.

For more information on the scholarship and the workshop see the *Horizons* Bible Study Flier and Workshop Registration form in this newsletter.

-Maxine G. Hunter, *Horizons* Representative, PWSNE

JUSTICE AND PEACE NEWS...

By Dotsie Shaw

In August, 2012, I received an email document from Rev. Mark Koenig, director of the Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations, announcing the 2013 57th *United Nations Commission on the Status of Women* from March 1-15 in New York City.

After reading the lengthy “invitation” I said, “I’d love to attend this conference.” I applied and in December learned that I was invited to take part. I’d had **Red Hands** conversations through email with Mark and also some lively phone conversations with Meagan Manas, the Justice and Peace staff specialist for Presbyterian Women, so I knew this would be a wonderful opportunity to be involved in something important to me and to the women of the world as well as a chance to see justice and peace in action coming from our denomination. Rev. Mark and Meagan Manas wrote in May/June 2012 *Horizons* concerning the Commission and the many treaties that have yet to be ratified by the United States. CSW is acronym for the Commission. Get a copy of that issue and learn what’s going on!

In January 2013 during a conference call coming from the principals involved in the Commission, I introduced myself and learned 2 of the 74 women coming to New York were on the Global Exchange to Africa 2002 with me — Alpha Brown and Jaxie Julian! I will be great to reconnect with them. The theme for 57 CSW is the “elimination and prevention of all forms of violence against women and girls.”

During the commission I will have the opportunity to: share my information with PW and my church, participate in worship and prayer groups, engage in advocacy groups, learn how the UN works as related to issues of gender justice, attend parallel events sponsored by NGOs, understand the role of Presbyterian Women as it relates to the UN, all the while promoting and advocating justice and peace efforts.

The 2013 CSW theme is “Elimination and prevention of all form of violence against women and girls.” The commission will also evaluate the progress in implementing the agreed conclusions from its 53rd Session on “The equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including care giving in the context of HIV/AIDS.

There are 74 women from around the country coming to this commission. You just may want to come to a UN Commission in the future. Two important people I’ve had contact with are:

Rev. Mark Koenig, mark.koenig@pcusa.org, Director, Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations

Meagan Manas, meagan.manas@pcusa.org Presbyterian Women Justice and Peace Staff Specialist

Thank you for your support in making this experience possible! And pray for the work that will be done to benefit all women and girls in our world.

A Woman for Justice and Peace: Julia Esquivel

As I prepare for my experience with the UN Commission March 1 through March, 2013 in New York City, this story came to my attention. Our good friends, Jim and Sally Lockhart brought this video when we were viewing their 2012 trip to Guatemala. Julia Esquivel, the poet who was in exile for 10 years in the 80’s for speaking freely and openly of the terror imposed upon the peasants, women, and children from the military government in Guatemala. The story is about her efforts to spread the word through poetry and word. In 1954 the CIA (backed by the USA) replaced democracy in Guatemala with a military dictator, one who committed the worst human rights offenders in Latin America. She (Julia) described in painful detail for the international community the successive atrocities committed by the military.

In the early 70's faith communities gave Guatemala's peasants reason to hope. Interpretations of the Gospel drew the poor and dispossessed together, helping them to gain strength and conviction that they were cared for by God and would be empowered to act together for the betterment of their lives. Education, clinics, schools, and support groups were set up by priests and nuns and progress had been made, but efforts to establish these progressive steps have been thwarted by military governments headed by corrupt various leaders.

Yet, Guatemala has held fast to its Christian tradition. Peasant communities continue to meet under the blanket of a profound theology which affirms life. Their theology of life is rooted in the hope and conviction that Jesus Christ is and will continue to be their guide and protector. The poems of Julia Esquivel speak of this profound desire for peace and justice. Here is one from her book of poetry written during her 1980's exile:

... "Yes, Father of Mercy, profoundly human God, You who know the depths of our suffering, give a merciful heart to just one of the generals of my country and perhaps one day this being, now turned human, will dip his finger in water to dampen the voracious fire that will consume all the powerful of the earth.....make us truly your children, Lord!"

Written, Switzerland 1985

The following are helpful when trying to get information about a current subject dealing with Justice and Peace:

1. Justice and Peace Program Specialist: meagan.manas@pcusa.org for all things dealing with justice and peace.
2. Human Trafficking: www.pcusa.org/humantrafficking

Also: "The Abolitionists" — on American Experience on Public Television

shown on TV but check it out on your computer for real life stories. The stories deal with human trafficking around the world. Check your local PBS station for information

Also: www.ecpatusa.org and www.thecode.org and www.tassastag.org (tags are bought through Brenda Helper: 925-451-0028. Mention you're a PW !

3. The commission I'm attending March 1-8th, 2013 at the United Nations:
"Discipleship in the Global Community" — an e-newsletter of Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations.
mark.koenig@pcusa.org for any information relating to events at the UN.
4. **The Body Shop** supports ECPAT USA and the **Somaly Foundation** because they are leaders in challenging the issue of child sex trafficking. These companies sell hand cream and products for women and girls.
www.thebodyshop.com/stop and www.somaly.org and www.ecpatusa.org

2013 USA MISSION TRIP

Rita Hooper from Cayuga-Syracuse Presbytery has been selected to represent the Presbyterian Women of the Synod of the Northeast to join the 2013 USA Mission Experience. This year's theme is "Unto These Hills." Participants will spend 8 days among other women in East Tennessee and Western North Carolina learning about their challenges and efforts to alleviate suffering in the Appalachia.

Rita will need prayerful and financial support. Please see the attached remittance form if you are willing to help support Rita in this wonderful venture. If you would like to schedule a presentation upon her return you can contact her at twohoops2@juno.com or 315-706-3564.

PPG GATHERINGS 2013

Each of the five PPGs in our Synod is busy firming up their programs for the upcoming PPG gatherings. Each is spaced such that it is possible for one to visit others. It will be interesting to find out how each PPG is interpreting Exodus story of migration and how it is to be people on the go. This has a wide variety of interpretations.

At this point all groups are still making their final plans and will be posting flyers on the PWSNE.org website. Most are already on the calendar.

New York City PPG is still planning when and where they will have their gathering. Maggie Lewis is the contact person for this group.

The following events are planned:

Central NY PPG (Formerly called the Fab 5) will meet July 27, 2013 at the White Eagle Conference Center, 2910 Lake Moraine Road, Hamilton, NY. It is believed they will be making arrangements for persons who wish to stay overnight the night before as well. Contact person is Jan Whiting from Utica Presbytery. Flyers will be out soon.

New Jersey PPG will meet at Bound Brook Presbyterian Church in New Brunswick Presbytery on September 7, 2013. Contact person is Joanne Schnaudt.

Western New York PPG will meet in Seneca Falls, NY on September 28, 2013. They have arranged for the keynote speaker to be the current Churchwide Gathering Moderator, Mary Jorgenson. Contact person is Virginia Champlin.

New England PPG will meet at First Presbyterian Church, 125 Holden Street, Worcester, MA on October 26, 2013. Contact person is Judy Cunningham.

Watch for flyers on all events. Check the website as well.

Submitted by,

Susan Silliman Smith, Coordinator for 2013 PPG gatherings.

YUMMY – Recipes from our November CT Meeting

Rita Hooper graciously agreed to share her recipes used at our CT meeting in Albany in November 2012:

SAVORY RICE BLEND

(serves 7)

¼ c uncooked wild rice (I used long cooking brown rice)	1½ c
3T butter or margarine	18T
1 small onion chopped	6 sm. onions
½ c chopped celery	3 c
2½ c chicken broth	15 C (4 Qts)
1T parsley flakes	6T
½ t bottled Kitchen Bouquet	2T
¼ t sage	1½ t
¼ t basil	1½ t
4 oz. mushroom stems and pieces	6 sm. cans
¾ c uncooked, reg. rice (not minute)	4½ c

Melt butter in skillet. Add onion, celery and brown rice. Cook until celery is tender.

Pour into ungreased 1½ qt. casserole. Heat chicken broth to boiling. Pour over brown rice mixture. Stir in seasonings and mushrooms. Cover tightly and bake at 350 for 45 minutes.

Remove from oven and stir in white rice. Cover, return to oven and bake another 45 minutes.

BAKED ALMOND CHICKEN CASSEROLE (from PW of Lackawanna Presbytery Cookbook/with adaptations)

3-4 c cooked, chicken or turkey in bite-size pieces	18-24 c
1½ c chopped celery	9 c
¼ c chopped onion	1½ c
1 c grated Swiss Cheese	6 c
1 c mayonnaise	6 c
½ c slivered almonds	3 c

BROCCOLI SALAD

6 heads broccoli (I used 1 head 'green cauliflower' for color interest!) cut in small pieces

1 pound bacon cooked

walnuts

2 red onions (I forgot to put them in) in slivers big enough to be picked out for those picky eaters!

2 c mayonnaise

3 c plain yogurt

1½ c sugar

¾ c cider vinegar.

Mix the mayo, yogurt, sugar and vinegar together and pour over veggies – chill!

Dear Presbyterian Women,

Date Jan.16, 2012

Rita Hooper from the Cayuga-Syracuse Presbytery has been selected to represent Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Northeast on PW's 2013 USA Mission Experience. This trip provides us the opportunity to connect the concerns raised by past Global Exchanges with similar issues in the U.S. The theme of the 2013 USA Mission Experience is "Unto These Hills." Participants will spend eight days among other women in East Tennessee and Western North Carolina, learning about their challenges and efforts to alleviate suffering in Appalachia. Rita will need prayerful and financial support, plus the opportunity to share her experiences throughout the Synod of the Northeast upon her return.

Future issues of *Horizons* magazine and the PW website www.pcusa.org/pw will have resources on the concerns the women will study and information on the organizations the group will visit. Rita will study the resources to prepare for the trip, take eight days out of her life to travel in June 2013, speak throughout the Synod of the Northeast for 2 years following the experience and participate in the 2015 Churchwide Gathering. Your financial assistance is needed to cover the following costs: \$1,600 for the trip itself, round trip travel to Asheville, North Carolina, travel expenses for speaking engagements (if the inviting PW can't provide it), hosting someone from Eastern Tennessee and Western North Carolina during the 2 weeks prior to the '15 Churchwide Gathering, and provide some financial assistance for Rita to attend the '15 CWG, where she will have a role in interpreting the USA Mission Experience.

PWSNE has created a designated account to collect money for the entire program. Money can be sent in by individuals, a PW in a congregation or a PW in the Presbytery.

Please send your donation to the PWSNE treasurer.

Gloria Hanewald
181 Sparrow Drive
Hamilton, NJ 08690

Gloria needs to make the first payment of \$500 by Mar. 1, the second by Apr. 15 and a final payment of \$600 by May 30.

The results of this USA Mission Experience will enrich all of us and inspire future PW mission projects. Share this letter with others and plan to schedule a presentation by Rita in the two years following her return. Please budget to offer an honorarium and coverage for travel expenses. Honorariums will be used to support future USA Mission experiences.

Contact Rita Hooper at twohoops2@juno.com or 315-706-3564 with questions and to schedule a presentation.

Charlotte Hasselbarth, Moderator of Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Northeast

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REMITTANCE FORM

Date: _____

Gifts to Designated Funds:

Global Exchange: \$ _____

Roma Development: \$ _____

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Stony Point Center
2013-2014
Horizons Bible Study
May 14-16, 2013

**An Abiding Hope: The Presence of God
in Exodus and Deuteronomy**

by Janice Catron



The books of Exodus and Deuteronomy invite us to remember that the central actor in human experience—in our own lives and in the experiences described in Exodus and Deuteronomy—is God. Our God is one who redeems, who brings liberty and fulfillment even when we do not deserve it, when we cannot redeem ourselves. We have the assurance of God’s abiding presence as individuals and as a community of faith. This presence helps us see that God’s redemption is more than a “saving from” harsh circumstances; it also is a “saving to” the fullness of life God intends for humanity.

The instructions given in Exodus and Deuteronomy for life as a covenant community were extended to people who were on the move, who knew what it meant to be strangers in a foreign land. These teachings both invite and challenge us to consider our relationship with and responsibility to migrants near and far.



About the Author

Janice Elizabeth Catron is a teaching elder in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Currently, she serves as pastor of John Knox Presbyterian Church, Louisville, Kentucky. She did her doctoral work in Bible at the University of Chicago, and wrote the earlier *Horizons Bible study Job: Faith Remains When Understanding Fails*.

The full program, which offers additional resources, begins with dinner on TUESDAY and ends with lunch on THURSDAY. Registration and check-in will start on Tuesday at 4:00 PM. Call 845-786-5674 x107 with any questions. For transportation information email our Transportation Coordinator at transportation@stonypointcenter.org.

Please return the registration form with the correct payment by April 16, 2013 to: Horizons Bible Study Registrar, Stony Point Center, 17 Cricketown Road, Stony Point, NY 10980 OR REGISTER ONLINE AT www.stonypointcenter.org

STONY POINT CENTER
Conference Registration Form
Horizon Bible Study May 14-16, 2013 (Tue-Thu)

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____
E-mail _____
 Female Male Roommate Request: _____

We will assign a roommate unless you provide a roommate request. Each person must fill out a separate registration form.

Special Dietary or Other Needs: _____

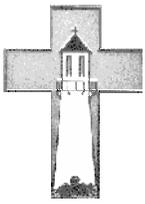
Rates include program fee of \$40.
 Double Occupancy \$260.00
 Single Occupancy \$380.00
(if available)
 Commuter \$130.00
 Add'l Overnight Stay \$ 90.00
Dates: Early Arrival _____
Late Departure _____

Transportation \$ _____
 Donation for Program \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____
 Check enclosed (payable to Stony Point Center)

Visa MasterCard
Credit Card Number _____
Expiration Date _____
Signature _____

OR REGISTER ONLINE AT
www.stonypointcenter.org



Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Northeast
CALENDAR OF
OPPORTUNITIES AND REMINDERS
 for more detail on these events please visit www.pwsne.org



	Calendar of Events	For	Location
2013			
Feb. 9	Western NY PWP Winter Gathering	All Women	Hamburg Presbyterian Church
Feb.13	Hudson River PWP-Ash Wednesday Retreat	All Women	Stony Point Center
Feb. 22-23	PWP-Newton Retreat	All Women	Villa Pauline, Mendham, NJ
Feb. 23	Newark PWP Winter Gathering/Leader Training	All Women	Trinity PC Montclair
Mar. 9	PWP Hispanic/Latin NYC & LI - Business Meeting		
Mar. 16	PWP-NYC Eighth Woman of Faith Luncheon	All Women	Queens Village, NY
Apr. 20	PWP-West Jersey Spring Gathering	All Women	Cherry Hill New Jersey
Apr. 20	PWP Albany Spring Gathering	All Women	West Charlton
Apr. 20	PWP-Cayuga Syracuse Spring Gathering	All Women	FPC Liverpool NY
Apr. 20	PWP Monmouth Spring Gathering	All Women	Tuckerton Pres. Church
Apr. 20	PWP-Palisades Spring Gathering	All Women	Franklin Lakes, N J
Apr. 23	Elizabeth PWP Spring Gathering	All Women	TBA
Apr. 27	Newark PWP Spring Gathering	All Women	Elmwood P.C., Newark
Apr. 27	Newton PWP Spring Gathering	All Women	TBA
Apr. 27	Cayuga-Syracuse PWP-Mission Fair	Everyone	1st United Church, Fulton NY
Apr. 27	Hispanic/Latin PWP NYC & LI - Retreat	All Women	TBA
Apr. 27	PWP-Western New York Spring Gathering	All Women	Springville PC
May 4	PWP-Northern NY Spring Gathering	All Women	TBA
May 13	PWP-NYC Spring Gathering	All Women	TBA
May 14-16	Horizons Bible Study Workshop	All Women	Stony Point, NY
May 29	Geneva PWP Spring Gathering	All Women	Camp Whitman
July 27	Central NY PPG Gathering	All Women	
Sept. 7	NJ PPG Gathering	All Women	Bound Brook, NJ
Sept. 21	PWP-Newton Fall Gathering	All Women	
Sept 28	Western NY PPG Gathering	All Women	Seneca Falls, NY
Oct. 12	Newark PWP Fall Gathering	All Women	TBA
Oct. 19	PWP Palisades Fall Retreat	All Women	
Oct. 26	New England PPG Gathering	All Women	Worcester, MA
Nov.8	PWSNE Coordinating Team Meeting, 2-6 pm	PWSNE CT	Stony Point
Nov.8	PWSNE Business Meeting, 7-9 pm	PWP Mods, PWP Voting Reps, PWSNE	
Nov.9	PWSNE Leadership Enhancement Workshop	All Women	Stony Point Center
Nov.9	Hispanic/Latin PWP NYC & LI - Leadership & Spiritual Development Workshop		
2014			
July 18-20	Triennial Gathering of PWSNE	All Women	Silver Bay YMCA Conf Ctr
2015			
June 18-22	PW Churchwide Gathering	All Women	Minneapolis

Deadlines for 2013

Jan. 15	Deadline for Women of Faith endorsements
Feb. 1, Aug.1	Lighthouse articles due to Gail Banks
quarterly	Pledge payments due to Treasurer Gloria Hanewald (Mar. 15, June 15, Sept.15, Dec.15)
quarterly	PWSCT expense vouchers due to Treasurer Gloria Hanewald (Mar. 15, June 15, Sept.15, Dec.15)
quarterly	Pledge Payments due to Central Receiving and PWS Treasurer (Mar. 25, June 25, Sept.25, Dec.25)
May 1	PWP Directory due to Churchwide Program Assistant Patricia.Longfellow@pcusa.org
May 30	Donations to the USA Mission experience trip from Rita Hooper due
Sept. 1	Annual Reports from PWSNE CT and PWP Moderators, send to Kathleen Martinez