



Spiritweaving

From the Moderator

Greetings Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

The Holidays are almost upon us. Another year with the Horizons Bible Study has started, and we have received the promise that God is with us. Therefore, as we approach Christmas let us internalize the promise, 'God is with us.'

Thirty-three women in the Boise Presbytery attended the Fall Gathering of Presbyterian Women at Southminster Church on October 6, 2018. Marilyn Lolley was elected Secretary and Carol Collins was elected Search Moderator, both for a two-year term. We are looking for someone to be Vice-Moderator. The featured speaker was Mary Lemm Davis who was the Global Exchange representative from the Synod of the Pacific to Indonesia in 2017. She narrated her power point presentation which portrayed pictures of the women who hosted the group from the United States as well as statistics about Indonesia.

Jody Goode was the rotating at-large PW representative to Churchwide. About ten women from the Boise Presbytery attended, with 88 from the Synod of the Pacific at the luncheon. We were challenged in many ways 'to arise, shine, your light has come,' 'to live in the promise that God is with us,' 'to giddy up and get at it,' 'to view the 10 Commandments as a Love Letter from God.' God was with us and brought us all home safely.

We are challenged as PW women to give of our time and talent. At the Spring Gathering at Bethany on March 9, 2019 we MUST elect a new PWP Moderator, PWP Treasurer and PWP vice Moderator for the term 2019-2022. Carol Collins as Search Moderator may be calling you; I ask that you pray on her request before saying "No." If you would like to volunteer for a position, please email Carol Collins (email at the end of this article). Remember, God is with us. Those who have gone before you will be there to buoy you up when you ask our help. GOD IS

WITH US.

I hope you have all read Waking Up White by Debby Irving. The study guide for this book is @pcusa waking up white. I am also reading Tears We Cannot Stop by Michael Eric Dyson. Two other books have come to my attention for fall and winter reading: Evicted by Matthew Desmond and White Fragility by Robin DiAngelo. Also, begin saving so you can attend the Synod Spring Gathering April 5, 6 & 7, 2019 at Mercy Center. Going will be worth your time and \$\$\$!

I continue to give great thanks for the committed and involved women in the Presbytery of Boise who work for justice and peace in their lives and in their groups. The current officers on the Boise Presbytery PW coordinating team are: **Moderator**, Jacquelyn Benjamin, jacquelyn.benjamin@gmail.com; **Secretary**, Marilyn Lolley, rafterho@ruralnetwork.net; **Treasurer**, Katharyn Mattson, katharyn-mattson@msn.com; **Search Moderator**, Carol Collins, ccollins2@frontiernet.net; **Spiritual Growth Leader**, Jody Goode, faith-poet@gmail.com; **Justice and Peace**, Priscilla Oja, pojaidaho@aol.com; **Horizons**, Sharon Lamm, and **Spiritweaving Editor**, Joya Hill, joyamhill@gmail.com.

In Christ's Love, Jacquelyn Benjamin, Moderator

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From the Treasurer

Message from your PWP Treasurer!

It's that time of the year again!! All kinds of holidays to occupy our time! Also, time to finalize your PW accounts and make our pledges for next year. Each PW Congregation should have received a 2019 pledging booklet and also a 2019 pledge sheet from our PWP Moderator, Jackie Benjamin. Each PW Congregation should meet and make your decisions and get the pledging sheet back to Jackie by mid-December so she can do her reporting to PWSynod and PW Churchwide before the end of the year.

Also, it is time for the PW Thank Offering. This annual offering should be taken up now and the proceeds sent to me by the first of December so I can send it to PW Churchwide before the end of the year.

And other reminders: (1) Please use a transmittal sheet with the money you send me and mark what the funds are for. (2) Do not add "Treasurer" behind my name on your mailing

envelopes as this is a signal to whoever that the envelope contains money—safety measure!

With that, I wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas with your families and friends. See everyone again at our PWP Spring Gathering.... Hopefully your graceful treasurer can keep her feet under herself!

Kathy Mattson

Southminister

Southminster Presbyterian Women in Boise has had a busy fall and late summer. Our Women's Sunday Church Service in August had our four attendees at Church-Wide Gathering giving a great review of that event.

Once again we filled backpacks with needed supplies for 500 children in our community. Our congregation is a huge help with this.

Oct 6 found us hosting the PWPB Fall Gathering with On-

tario as our cohost. Everyone enjoyed hearing Mary Davis's experiences with the 2017 PW Global Exchange to Indonesia. Our Holiday Bazaar was held mid-October and went well. We are currently collecting hats, scarves and gloves for the Agency for New Americans. May the Holiday Season bring you peace and joy.

Justice and Peace

We are coming off a week of unspeakable behaviors by some leaders and a few citizens of our country. Prayer is our individual tool to combat this behavior. Please engage. If one is so inclined the following are some additional ways to work toward Justice and Peace.

Below that are some activities listed on the Justice and Peace calendar for your interest and participation.

As always there are wonderful articles in the Horizons magazine on issues of Justice and Peace. You could enjoy reading them.

Link to PC USA PW articles

[https://
www.presbyterianwomen.org/
category/work-for-justice](https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/category/work-for-justice)

The articles are about: PW and ACWC Joint statement on sexual injustice

PC USA Stated Clerk pledges support and action for DACA recipients

In times of uncertainty

PW, Inc., issues statement condemning racially motivated violence in Charlottesville

Women around the globe: the 61st UN Commission on the status of women

DisGRACE: The church addresses racism

Justice and Peace Calendar to end of 2018

November

American Indian Heritage Month; http://smithsonianeducation.org/heritage_month/aihm/ Native American Heritage Month; <http://nativeamericanheritagemonth.gov>

2 World Community Day; www.churchwomen.org/index.php/celebrate/2017-celebrations/

9–14 International FairTradeWeek; <http://wfto.com/events/2017-world-fair-trade-week-9-14-november-2017>

12 Caregiver Sunday; www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/phewa/presbyterian-health-network

13 World Kindness Day; http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Kindness_Day

18 Hunger and Homelessness Sunday; <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/compassionpeace-justice/hunger/>

20 Universal Children's Day; www.un.org/en/events/childrenday

22 Thanksgiving—For the Native perspective, see http://nmai.si.edu/sites/1/files/pdf/education/thanksgiving_poster.pdf

25 Orange Day; <http://endviolence.un.org>

25 International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women; www.un.org/en/events/endviolenceday

25–D.10 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence; <http://16dayscwgl.rutgers.edu>

December

5 International Volunteer Day; www.un.org/en/events/volunteerday

10 International Human Rights Day; https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Human_Rights_Day

18 International Migrants Day; http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Migrants_Day

25 Christmas; Orange Day; <http://endviolence.un.org>

The following is the last paragraph from an email I received from the **Presbyterian Office of Public Witness** (ga_washington_office@pcusa.org)

“We encourage Presbyterians to participate in community services at local synagogues, churches and mosques. *This is the time for people of faith to come together in our united stand against anything that dares to try to separate us.* In God’s name, we are one.”

I added emphasis to the middle sentence. It is indeed time for us to stand against those things and people who are trying to separate us from Justice and Peace.

I have just ordered some Justice and Peace bookmarks from the PC USA bookstore. They are free, shipping and all. I will bring some to the next Boise Presbytery CT meeting. After you look at them you may want to order some for your own church’s PW. They list ways one can become involved with PC USA PW to work for Justice and Peace.

Priscilla Oja

2019 Spring Gathering

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March 9, 2019

Bethany Presbyterian
in Ontario, Oregon

We will be electing a
new PWP Moderator,
Vice Moderator and

Treasurer for the
term of 2019-2022.
Be prayerfully con-
sidering this as you
might get a call from
the Search commit-
tee.



Advent Devotional

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“My soul magnifies
the Lord...” - Luke 1:46

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The Presbyterian Women Logo

In July 1988, voting delegates to the organizing meeting of Presbyterian Women adopted the organization's original logo, designed by Sarah Abbot of the Synod of the Covenant. Updated in 1999, the logo continues to serve Presbyterian Women as it illustrates PW's Purpose.

A Logo with Purpose

Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ, Forgiven and freed by grace through faith, the central figure stands in praise.

and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves: Rooted in faith, the trio of women emerges. The outline of the central figure forms a cross. We are Presbyterian women engrafted in Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit. It is no longer we who live, but Christ who lives in us.

to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study, The right figure holds a book to guide her reading, studying, praying or meditating.

to support the mission of the church worldwide, The left figure reaches out to care for others as she shares, nurtures and heals. The circle represents the church worldwide where women offer their gifts and talents in the midst of the global community.

to work for justice and peace, The uplifted arms of the central figure reach out to embrace a just peace. The relationship between the three figures depicts lives of wholeness rather than turmoil.

and to build an inclusive, caring, community of women The three women have no distinct features. They represent all women. The shapes surrounding them express energy, strength and openness.

that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Our name, Presbyterian Women, ties us to our denomination. The Bible resembles the Bible depicted in the PC(USA) Seal.

and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom. Guided by the Purpose, Presbyterian Women witnesses to the reality of God's present realm.

