

# PWJCP CONNECTION

Newsletter of the Presbyterian Women in the  
John Calvin Presbytery for August, 2010

## Join Us for the PWJCP 2010 Fall Workshop "Sharing from the Harvest"

Saturday, September 25, 2010

Registration begins at 9:00                      Program begins at 9:30

Our Host will be the PW of First Presbyterian Church

509 South Pearl                      Joplin, MO 64804

(417)624-2433

We will hear from our **Mission-N-A-Weekend** Committee and ask God's blessings on the project. **Women are asked to bring board and table games, puzzles, etc...** These should be rainy day activities suitable for girls 13 – 18.

They will be given to the Regional Girls' Shelter as our PWJCP gift at the Mission-N-A-Weekend event!!!!

Vice moderator Toni Spieth will be introducing us to the 2010-2011 Horizons Bible Study ***Journeys Through Revelation: Apocalyptic Hope for Today.***

There will be some brief, but important business to address.

PWJCP must elect 2 members to serve on the 2010 – 2011 nominating committee. We will also be discussing and voting on some financial issues.

You will have opportunities for fun and fellowship, to enjoy good music, to become better acquainted with **your** Coordinating Team, to report on your experiences at the Synod of Mid-America PW Gathering, to let us know what is happening with your PW, to share mission stories and more.

Lunch will be served for \$8.00. You may pay when you arrive but do make **reservations** with Margaret Cooper at [margaret1363@cablone.net](mailto:margaret1363@cablone.net)

or (417) 623-3269. **September 15**, will be the deadline for reservations.

***Do not miss this great event!***

Maps to the church are included in this mailing. Signs will be posted at the church directing you to the proper doors and meeting space.

## ***Your Chance to Share in the Fall Workshop!***

Mission work is and always has been a big part of the Presbyterian Women's program. We have all played a part in that picture at some level or another.

Please bring your best mission memories with you to the Fall Workshop.

We would like to hear from each of our PW groups and/or any individuals who are willing to share their favorite mission stories with us. These can be your greatest surprises, your most moving experience, something funny, a great victory, a lesson learned...

Share with us your "best practices". What is working well and/or been successful for your PW? What upcoming events do you have planned?

If you attended the Synod of Mid-America PW Gathering this June you may also share with the group about this experience. We would love to hear what you did, learned, or enjoyed, etc...

## ***Your Chance to Serve PWJCP***

According to our new by-laws, PWJCP must elect 2 members to serve on the nominating committee at the Fall Workshops. The nominating committee will select a slate of officers for the position/positions that will be voted on during the spring business meeting.

In the spring of 2011 we will need to elect a treasure. In the spring of 2012 we will elect a secretary and in the spring of 2013 we elect a new moderator and vice-moderator. This way all officers are not "new" the same year and there is some continuity. (This structure is not new. Only the process of establishing a nominating committee is new for us.)

Please come to the workshop with some women in mind for the nominating committee. If you are interested in serving please let others know.

If you are interested (or know of others who are interested) in serving as an officer or on the PWJCP Coordinating Team please share that information with me or Judy Wyrick, chairman of the nominating committee.

## ***A Change in Plans***

Rev. Pat Roller has resigned as Vice-Moderator for Mission of the PWSMA. She has received a call and is moving to Pennsylvania. Unfortunately this move makes it impossible for her to be able to attend our Fall Workshop as originally announced. Please keep her in your prayers as she makes this transition.

## **Mission-N-A-Weekend**

Do not forget **Mission-N-A-Weekend** on **October 1 -2, 2010.**

It is a mission opportunity happening right here in

### **John Calvin Presbytery!**

Information has been sent to churches. If you have questions, please contact our committee moderator **Shirley Buer at (417)751-3882**  
**craftysmb@yahoo.com**

Flyers and registration forms may also be found on the JCP Website.

Registration forms or questions should be sent to PWJCP **Mission Consultant Jane Foval**. If you have registered and not received any information from Jane call or e-mail her to confirm your registration.

Please share with Jane any special skills or interest you have. This information will be helpful in assigning teams. Contact her at:

[janefoval@hotmail.com](mailto:janefoval@hotmail.com) or (417) 934-6149

308 Murrell Mountain View, MO 65548

The activities will begin on Friday evening Oct.1 with a dinner at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Springfield. Dinner will be served at 5:30 and we will continue serving until 6:30. There will be some time to get acquainted, meet your work team, and learn more about the specific project your team has been assigned. We will end the evening with a commissioning and worship service.

Saturday will begin with a continental breakfast at the Girls' Shelter at 7:00. Lunch will be provided for each team. We will end the day together with dinner provided at the Girls' Shelter and a closing ceremony of thanksgiving and joy.

Wear your work clothes. Bring your work gloves and any of your favorite tools you wish to use. Extra garden/yard tools and ladders would be helpful if you live close and/or have room in your vehicle.

If you have questions or doubts about your availability for the weekend but would like to help, please contact Shirley and/or Jane to discuss possibilities. Be a part of as much of this amazing opportunity for local mission as you possibly can. Some preparation work will be done before the weekend. There may be projects to be completed after the weekend. BUT do let Jane know if you plan to

attend! You need to be registered so that we can contact you with updated information.

If you or your business/company would like to support **Mission-N-A-Weekend** with a **tax deductible** cash or in-kind donations please contact us. Sponsors are appreciated and will be recognized. Judy Wyrick has information for you. Please contact her at (417)883-0706, [wyricks@mchsi.com](mailto:wyricks@mchsi.com) or (417)861-0129.

Please keep the Mission-N-A-Weekend project, the committee, the participants, and the shelter staff and residents in your prayers. Committee members are: Shirley Buer (moderator), Jane Foval, Jamie Fowler, Rev. Sharlyn Gates, Virgie Hankins, Dorothy Hensel, Kathy Morriss, Louise Rook, and Judy Wyrick. Thank you one and all on behave of PWJCP!

### ***Honorary Life Membership***

Remember that every PW can award an Honorary Life membership to honor the service of faithful disciples (women and men) who have supported the work of Presbyterian Women. The \$95 received for each award is an investment in the future of Presbyterian Women and the wider Church.

There is a new form that must be used. Contact our PWJCP treasurer Virgie Hankins (417-881-0051) for more information. You may download a form from the PW PC(USA) web page.

[www.pcusa.org/pw](http://www.pcusa.org/pw)

### **An Honor for the Presbyterian Women in the John Calvin Presbytery**

On September 24–25, 2012 a Presbyterian Women's national leadership training event will take place in Orlando, Florida. Participants will develop strategies and ideas for strengthening women's leadership and organizational skills. They will leave with a plan of action for training others in their synod to assist women at the congregational level.

There are 40 participants and the Synod of Mid America is fortunate to be sending 4 of them. PWJCP can be very proud that our own **Amanda Bayless** was among those selected.

Congratulations Amanda. Our prayers go with you. We hope to learn much from you.

## **Now Accepting Invitations!**

We are currently accepting invitations from churches who wish to host the Spring Gathering 2012 and the Fall Workshop 2012.

Remember this gives you a chance to be a part of planning and determining the exact dates of the meetings. Most importantly, you have the privilege of choosing the recipient of the mission offering!

Please let me know if you are interested or have any questions.

When the place and date are set before the handbooks are printed it helps everyone to plan accordingly.

## **2011 Mission Pledge Forms**

The new Mission Pledge Form is attached to this newsletter with instructions. ***Please complete the form, make a copy for your files, and bring the form to the Fall Workshop or mail it to me.***

I must have this form **no later than Nov.15**, earlier if possible. The information you give me will be included in the report that I must provide to the national office by Dec.1, 2010! No matter how large or small your pledge I need to hear from you. This information is also needed to plan the 2011 budgets for PWJCP and for the PW in the Synod of Mid-America.

I have completed the contact information in the lower half of the form to make it easier for you. Please take note that the form is to be sent to the PWJCP Moderator, but your payments are sent to the PWJCP Treasurer! Contact me or Virgie Hankins if you have any questions.

Pledge cards are available from the national office for individuals if your PW group would like to use them. You may order them or download them from the web page. [www.pcusa.org/pw](http://www.pcusa.org/pw)

In 2011, we are asked to give five percent more than we are giving in 2010 so that the PW/PCUSA Mission Pledge goal of \$2.1 million may be reached. Here are some of the ways PW is witnessing to the world through the Mission Pledge:

- The largest beneficiary of the PW Mission Pledge is the denomination. From 1989 through 2007, PW contributed over 61 million dollars to the PC(USA) *with no strings attached*.

- The PW Mission Pledge supports **mission!** It helps support a wide variety of mission projects, including RECONCILE in Sudan, which provides trauma healing and civic education to help resolve conflict in this war-torn part of the world. It helps to identify needs and coordinate mission efforts like the Roma Development Project and the Palm Development Project, which give women in Eastern Europe and Africa the gift of self-sufficiency and hope.

- The Mission Pledge ensures that PW groups will continue to operate at congregation, presbytery, synod and church levels, and that churchwide staff will be available to provide vital support and leadership.

- The Churchwide Gathering and all of the good things that come from coming together in community once every three years is made possible by the Mission Pledge.

## **Save the Date- the next Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women is July 18 - 22, 2012 in Orlando, Florida**

### **USA Mission Experience to South Dakota**

Please keep me in your prayers as I prepare for the **USA Mission Experience to South Dakota** on September 9-16, 2010. To have been selected to represent PWSMA on this journey is an honor and privilege for me and for PWJCP! I will do my best to make you proud of me. My sincere gratitude is given to those of you who have generously donated to help with the expenses. I look forward to sharing my experiences with you when I return.

### ***Last BUT NOT Least...***

I offer a big **thank you** to each and every one of you who has sent me an update regarding a **change in your officers**. Officers are elected at different times of the year throughout the presbytery so there is no way I can stay updated without your help. Remember the information I have on **January 15th of each year will be the information printed in the directory**. If you can also inform me about changes in a minister, secretary, or clerk of session it will help the information printed to be accurate.

If you are interested in nominating a woman to serve on the 2012-2015 Churchwide Coordinating Team endorsement forms are available on the PW PC(USA) website. They must be submitted by November 1, 2010. Contact Bernice Thompson at (636)391-7506 or [bjcthomas@yahoo.com](mailto:bjcthomas@yahoo.com) for more information.

Please keep your PWJCP officers and coordinating team in your prayers. We want to serve our Lord faithfully. **Let us hear from you.** What do you want that you are not getting? What is working well for you that you can share with the rest of us?

We are constantly updating the PW page on the JCP website. You can keep up with our news and events there. You will find a link there to the PWSMA scholarship application for young ladies and women wishing financial assistance to attend PC(USA) sponsored events.

Blessings and Peace to you and to your PW,  
Debbie Esselman  
PWJCP Moderator



# Presbyterian Women in the Congregation Celebration of Mission Through Women's Pledges

## Mission Pledge Form January 1, 2011—December 31, 2011

As Presbyterian Women, we make the following pledge to support the mission of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) worldwide through the General Assembly Mission Budget and the basic operating budget of Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery, Presbyterian Women in the Synod, and Presbyterian Women at the churchwide level.

### Amount of Mission Pledge

Please indicate below the amount pledged to PW at each governing body level.

- To support the mission of the **PC(USA) worldwide** and **PW in the PC(USA)** \_\_\_\_\_
  - To support the work of **Presbyterian Women in the Synod** \_\_\_\_\_  
( $\$0.12$  multiplied by  $\frac{1}{2}$  of your total congregational membership)
  - To support the work of **Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery** \_\_\_\_\_  
( $\$0.63$  multiplied by  $\frac{1}{2}$  of your total congregational membership)
- Total Mission Pledge** from this PWC \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Congregation** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of the moderator of Presbyterian Women in the Congregation

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street address

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number Email address

### Deadlines

This Mission Pledge form should be completed and sent to the moderator of Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery or whoever is responsible for the Mission Pledge in your area no later than **November 15, 2010**. Send all quarterly payments of this pledge to the **treasurer of Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery by March 10, June 10, September 10, and December 10, 2011**.

### Instructions

1. Enter the amount of pledge for the mission of the church worldwide (including support of Presbyterian Women at the churchwide level).
2. Enter the amount of support for Presbyterian Women at each governing body level, as requested by your PW in the Presbytery or PW in the Synod.
3. Send to the person indicated below.

Send Pledge **Form** to: \_\_\_\_\_

Moderator of Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery or designee

**Debbie Esselman** \_\_\_\_\_

Address

**784 West Farm Road 84** \_\_\_\_\_

City State

**Springfield, MO 65803**

Send **Contribution** to: \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer of PWJCP

**Virgie Hankins** \_\_\_\_\_

Address

**1315 S. Ingram Mill Road** \_\_\_\_\_

City State Zip

**Springfield, MO 65804**

## INFORMATION FOR MODERATORS AND TREASURERS

The work of Presbyterian Women in the John Calvin Presbytery, PW in the PC(USA), and PC(USA) mission work is supported by contributions from Presbyterian Women in the local congregations of John Calvin Presbytery. How does this happen?

In the fall (typically at the Fall Workshop) moderators should receive a form entitled “**Celebration of Mission Through Women’s Pledges**”. Moderators and/or treasurers of each PW Congregation need to complete the form and **send a copy of it to the moderator** of PW in the John Calvin Presbytery by **November 15, 2010**.

There is a portion for your contribution to the mission work of the PC (USA) and PW in the PC(USA). Determine how much you will give to that mission and put the amount on the line provided.

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There are also portions for the PW of the synod and the presbytery. Each JCP women’s group is asked for a combined total of \$0.75 times ½ of the total congregational membership reported to JCP for the previous year. You can get this number from your church or the presbytery office.

\$0.12 of the \$0.75 is allotted to support the work of Presbyterian Women in Synod of Mid-America. The remaining \$0.63 of the \$0.75 times the formula stays here in the treasury of PWJCP to fund that budget.

**Contributions are submitted to the treasurer** of the PW in the John Calvin Presbytery, as noted on the form. Please make checks payable to Presbyterian Women in the John Calvin Presbytery. You may pay in one lump sum or by quarters. The quarterly months are listed for you on the form.

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The following is a schedule for the remittance of funds to the PWJCP treasurer for the following approved offerings:

**Birthday Offering** –June 10<sup>th</sup> of any given year-----**Thank Offering**  
–December 10<sup>th</sup> of any given year-----**Fellowship of the Least Coin-**  
September 10<sup>th</sup> of any given year.