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Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Northeast  
2009 Annual Report**

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## **Moderator's Report July 2009**

What a year! It has been exciting, fun, exasperating, very busy and I have loved every minute of it! I was able to visit several Presbyteries including Elizabeth, Utica, NYC Hispanic/Latino, and Cayuga Syracuse. I attended a meeting with Eastern Korean Presbytery with our Synod Executives. I also went to several retreats various presbyteries sponsored as well as the Horizons Bible Study at Stony Point. It has been an honor to sit on Synod Council and also to attend the Synod Assembly meetings. In between, I've answered many questions and tried to help with quite a few problems.

We again sponsored the Healing Retreat and the Horizons Bible Study. Both were a success. The Spiritual Retreat had to be cancelled this year but we expect it to be back next spring.

Sisters Stand and Walk Together (SSWT) continues to flourish. There are three meetings scheduled for each year with a guest speaker coming each time to share insights into her particular field of expertise. It is again an amazing group of women that are participating. All seem to be enjoying the experience and I am so enjoying getting to know each woman. Information on the program has been sent to Women's Ministries in Louisville, they were so impressed that several other synods have been given grants to develop their own programs for immigrant leadership training.

Jyung In (Jenny) Lee ( a SSWT graduate) represented us beautifully as our Global Exchange representative. I had the pleasure of hearing her talk about her trip. She did a fine job of explaining what she saw and heard in Eastern Europe. We can all be very proud of Jenny.

In the past, when we have had our big Synod Gathering in Albany, our Hispanic/Latino sisters could not join us because their triennial national Presbyterian Women meeting, Encuentro was held during the same month. To finally solve this problem, we switched our meeting from 2010 to 2011 so they can be there. This created a problem with installing the new Moderator of PWS. The installation should be done with style, it is a big position and deserves to be done with class and dignity. To make it possible to install the next Moderator at Albany, the PWSCT voted to extend my term for one year, it will now end in 2011. Since we won't have a Synod Gathering in 2010, each Presbytery Partnership Group will have its own Gathering. It should be a wonderful time of innovation and sharing. More information to come on this, so watch for The Lighthouse.

It has been a great pleasure meeting the women of our Synod and learning about the various projects that are being worked on at the presbytery level and the church level. There is a marvelous variety of talents that our women are using to do the mission of Presbyterian Women. Many send money to support efforts such as bicycles and moringa trees in the Congo, others make prayer shawls, baby blankets and baby hats to give away. Still others sit with AIDS babies in hospitals to give comfort. The variety of mission projects is as varied as the women in our synod – all well thought out and extremely useful. We are very talented and enthusiastic in our Presbyterian Women's groups. We are alive and well. Did you know that there are 3 new PW church groups that formed this year in our Synod and at least 2 more are in process. Lots of good things are happening and I am so pleased to be a part of it. May God richly bless each of you every day.

Sandy Grillo  
Moderator  
Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Northeast

**Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Northeast Treasurer's Report**

Outstanding

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN THE SYNOD OF THE NORTHEAST**  
**Finance Committee Report**  
**July 2009**

The Finance Committee consists of the Moderator of the committee, Treasurer Sharon Hsu, and three PWP Moderators: Paula Damiani, Moderator of New York City Hispanic PWP; Marilyn Koszarek, Moderator of Western New York PWP; and Dotsie Shaw, Moderator of Southern New England PWP.

Our responsibilities include preparation of the budget for presentation at the November Moderator's training meeting and reviewing scholarship applications for the various Presbyterian Women sponsored events.

This year, three full scholarships and one half-scholarship were awarded for the Healing Retreat in May 2009.

Ten one-hundred dollar scholarships were awarded to the Churchwide Gathering in July 2009.

A budget, totaling a projected \$15,700 in income and projected \$10,925 in expenses, for 2009 was approved in November 2008. Our biggest savings is a result of the newsletter being sent by email instead of spending our funds for printing and postage costs for paper copies.

I am grateful for the members of the committee as their task is not an easy one, for we had three times as many applicants for Churchwide scholarships as funds available. A lot of prayers and time went into the scholarship process, and I do appreciate all their dedication and consideration in making the choices for the scholarships.

In joy,

Joanne W. Schnaudt,  
Moderator

**Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Albany**

Outstanding

## **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN THE PRESBYTERY OF BOSTON**

This has been a very quiet year for our PWP. Last fall, we participated in Presbytery Day in lieu of a Gathering. The theme for the day was *Many Voices - One Body: Multicultural Opportunities and Challenges in Our Churches*. The PW workshop was entitled, "Putting a Human Face on Immigration." One of the two leaders had grown up in the Caribbean. She is now a college professor and an expert on immigration matters. The other leader was from Ghana, the first member of her family to come to the United States. Many family members have come to our area since that time. After the two women had shared their stories and expertise, the other workshop participants shared their stories. Boston Presbytery is fortunate in having a large number of recent immigrants from many places. They have enriched our congregations and increased our awareness of the problems facing new arrivals and those who seek citizenship.

Although the workshop participants were enthusiastic, attendance was low. In spite of a great deal of publicity, distributed both electronically and in hard copy, I was dismayed to hear from a number of women, "I would have come, but I did not know about it." It seems communication is so easy that it has become overwhelming. I have been writing a bimonthly column which is included in the Presbytery packet and emailed to local church contacts. Really important information, such as the Churchwide Gathering and the Synod luncheon, was also included in the Presbytery newsletter.

For a variety of reasons, our plans for a spring program did not materialize. We are hoping to try for fall, possibly working with a visiting missionary in mid-October. I ask your prayers for Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Boston. We are struggling for survival and badly in need of more leadership.

Beth Denier  
Moderator

## CAYUGA SYRACUSE PRESBYTERY

Cayuga Syracuse have been busy within their local churches with various ministries. While there are many churches who do not have active women's groups we do have at least three churches who have women who are reincarnating their women's organization. As one would surmise this is not an easy project in this day of multiple activities and technology. One focus is the attempt not only to attract the younger women, while recognizing their gifts may not be with their physical presence. At the same another focus is seeing the newly retired women as women who now want to give more of their energy to the church after leaving the work force.

The women of the Presbytery attempted to try another type of meeting for our Spring Gathering, by meeting on Sunday afternoon for a catered meal. While it wasn't exactly what we had in mind, we did have a fair turn out for the event which we ended up having at a local church rather than a restaurant as originally planned. Our Synod Moderator, Sandy Grillo was our guest and keynote speaker. At this meeting we also, commissioned our Churchwide attendees. Also at our Spring Gathering, churches were asked to make and bring Health Kits for Church World Service. We had many kits delivered that day which were subsequently taken to the Church World Service office.

Cayuga-Syracuse saw twelve women attend the gathering. This is a sizable number over the previous gathering. Those attending were: Sandy Arnold, Gail Banks, Joyce Beckley, Jeanne Hearst, Rita Hooper, Barbara Johnson, the Rev. Betty Jones, Jane Lumb, Irene Mahoney, Renee Perry, Susan Silliman Smith and Esther Thurston. It was a moving experience for all of us. We were also able to meet old friends formerly from our presbytery and new friends from far flung areas.

Cayuga Syracuse looks forward to participating in the upcoming September Retreat with the Utica Presbyterian Women. Our Fall Gathering is not yet set in stone.

The Women continue to contribute towards many missions from knitting prayer shawls and baby caps to assisting in the On Point for College project (sending items like bedding, doing transportation, personal supplies, etc for the low income college students, many are first in their families to attend college) to contributing to many Church World Service projects.

Our coordinating team looks towards the challenges of continuing the ministry of PW.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Silliman Smith, Moderator

## **Elizabeth Presbytery**

In case you are wondering why, after six years (two terms from '96 - '02 ) I am back as moderator of Elizabeth PWP, it is because no one could begin as moderator this past year. We had two waiting in the wings to be available, but not until this present time. So when I was asked to be moderator again I told them that I would fill in for just one year. It would be very difficult for me to say no to PW as it has been a high point in most of my life.

Our Fall Gathering in Basking Ridge fell on a beautiful day in October. During a wonderful continental breakfast, the Oak Tree Quilters from our host church told of their group and displayed and described the story behind the quilts they had on display. Our Horizons Woman promoted our national magazine through one of her clever, original presentations and a drawing was held to award a subscription to one of the attendees. The 20th Anniversary of PW was observed and our mission gifts were given to the Palm and the Moringa Tree projects. Joy Carol, our keynote speaker, spoke on Affirming Life in a Time of Fear and Uncertainty followed by discussion and sharing. Joy has many years of diversified experience as an author, professional speaker, counselor, workshop/retreat leader, spiritual leader and has worked in community development programs in the U.S., Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Pacific. She is always well received and has led retreats in our presbytery.

The Pittstown church graciously hosted our Spring Gathering on one of the rainiest days in the spring but that didn't dampen the spirits of those who braved the weather. After an informal tea, we had DVD presentations on the Moringa Tree project, the Churchwide Gathering and the new PW DVD, that one of our own PWS gals so professionally put together. Two from our CT presented a Conversation on Global Poverty and Justice. Our usual Horizon drawing and skit is always looked forward to; our Horizon Woman has made a name for herself ! Jenny Lee, our PW Global Mission participant, gave us an excellent overview of the trip to Eastern Europe through her Power Point presentation which peaked the interest of all there. A new gold Honorary Life Membership pin was given to our past Executive Presbyter, Bob Foltz-Morrison, who has left our presbytery, in appreciation for his strong support of Presbyterian Women. Sandy Grillo installed the new CT leaders and commissioned those going to the Churchwide Gathering in Louisville. Our mission contribution went to a wonderful mission begun in the host church - America's Grow-A Row. After a plea from a local town food pantry asking local gardeners to donate excess vegetables to help feed the hungry, a church member began the program donating his excess crops and then asked a local farm to donate land so they could grow more. This mushroomed as the word got out and with more land, more volunteers to farm and care for the crops, it became a huge success. In 2007 with over 450 volunteers, they donated 115,000 pounds of fresh produce to feed the hungry. With all the farm land in our synod, how this could explode if this could be repeated over and over in other areas.

We are looking forward to the year ahead with Amy Aaroe as our new moderator.

Ginnie Miller, Moderator 2008-9

## GENESEE VALLEY CTPW ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2008/09

Our CT has been active this past year in providing communications and support to our local churches. My team is small but mighty and they keep in touch with their churches. My CT members deserve a lot of credit as they have been members for several years. We are trying to find new people to join us and I feel the new video we have from our last SYNOD meeting will help us promote PW to the “new generation” of young women. I feel it is important to remind women of our strong heritage as PW. Most of our PWCs are active in some way or other but many chose not to participate in PW. I am working on this by being as visible and available as I can be. I have strengthened our email base and it works fairly well with sending out our Valley Star publication and the Lighthouse. I do find it frustrating when email addresses change frequently.

I have visited many PW groups and hope to include more as I can. I have seen so many great mission ideas in the last year. Some are old some are new. Here are a few:

- Coffee can project- fabric covered cans to help rehab hip and knee replacement patients by Batavia PC PW
- Teddy Bear Picnic dressing bears for boys and girl and giving them to first graders with a book Gates PW
- Knitting prayer shawls to give to shut-ins Medina PW
- providing full paid camper ships for Sunday school children Tuscarora PW
- Layettes (18-20) made by the Chili PW

Of course many projects are done thru the year to provide money to support mission too. Stone Church held a scrap drive and did really well. Mumford is creating a cookbook for this Holiday season and others have delicious dinners, clothing sales and flea markets. All these wonderful activities are done so more can be done for missions. Missions are both local and abroad. Many of our churches help with the blankets and tool, school and hygiene kits for church world service. Several women from our Presbytery have gone to Maryland to help pack the boxes to go overseas.

I am pleased that our CT has been able to give monies to the Water for Sudan project this past year. We also gave monies to Mission Challenge 2008... The Geneseo Parish outreach is a medical outreach program for medically under insured and we helped them with a gift of money along with the Rose Mount House which provides housing for family members in area hospitals.

Our Presbytery represents five counties and we were able to give money to three rural Domestic violence shelters. We feel this is an important way to express our support for justice and peace.

The CT has an important role in providing leadership training and guidance. Our cluster leaders are kept well informed and do a good job at disseminating the information to the pwc's. We were happy to sponsor one team member to training at Stony Point and another to a retreat. Both shared information with the group when they returned. I am attending Church wide in Louisville for the first time as our voting delegate. The CT purchased PW manuals so we could give them to new moderators. This will continue as several groups still could use a manual.

The CT wanted to provide the pwc's with a retreat. Many of our churches are smaller and many may not have an active PW so we provided the Martha, Mary or Me Retreat. Our speaker did a great job and

everyone who attended felt rejuvenated when they left. In fact our speaker has been asked to do the program for another PW in the area.

The CT worked with our neighbor Geneva PW and Cayuga Syracuse PW to provide a Fall Gathering in October 08. It was a very successful event and working together was so much easier than doing it on our own as we are a small group. We had over 100 attendees and the reviews were very good. GVP provided Pastor Carin Farmer to speak and she was joined by Louise Davidson from Church wide Justice and Peace. The PPG took this opportunity to discuss Justice and Peace, diversity and inclusiveness issues. We had Lois Carter speak on missions and promote the Church wide gathering for 2009. The success of this event has lead us to plan for another in 2010.

The 2010 PPG event will be hosted by Genesee Valley and will be held on Silver Lake, one of the small Finger Lakes. The theme is taken from the suggestion given at SYNOD "Gather by the River "(lake). Our PPG is in the center of the Great lakes watershed and we will be talking about some conservation issues to protect this great resource. We have also invited Sandy Grillo and Jenny Lee to participate. PPG's are the way to go. It is much easier sharing ideas and responsibilities when there are many hands and minds.

As you can see we have been active. I think what I enjoy most is seeing how our churches interact with one another in the faith community. Wyoming has a fellowship day when they invite women of faith to a luncheon and they provide a program. Batavia First has a Prayer breakfast with their neighboring church women. Mumford and many others share One Day of Prayer with other groups of women. East Bethany invited three of the rural county's to share in their One Day of Prayer events. Just like the CT is sharing ideas and talents in the PPG events I can see this working for our pwc's too. Think out side the box. Joining others in our plans helps us get to know our strengths and forms friendships. This helps us grow and remain active churches in our Presbytery.

As I look forward to another year my goal is to train and engage my moderator elect, in the learning of PW. It has taken me a while to become familiar with the ins and outs and I have been a Presbyterian all my life! My wish for my CT is that we can interest others in joining our team so we can continue to build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church and witnesses to the promise of God's Kingdom.

Faithfully submitted,  
Gloria Hall Moderator

**Geneva Presbytery PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**  
**Annual Report to the Synod of the Northeast**  
**July 2008-June 2009**

**Gatherings**

**Day of Inspiration**, Tuesday, August 19, 2008 @ Camp Whitman on Seneca Lake  
Keynote – The Story of Sarah Smith, Missionary to Japan from Elmira 1890-1931 & founder of the Hokusei Gakuen School Sapporo by Joy Hoffman  
Opening Devotions “What do we Spell with our Lives by Rev. Diane Walker  
Closing Devotions “Our Journey through the Wilderness” by Rev. Anne Guild-Donovan  
Introduction to the 2009 Bible Study “Jubilee! Luke's Gospel for the Poor” led by Rita Oestreich  
History of PW in the Presbytery of Geneva and the Synod of the Northeast by Historians Sylvia Harding and JoAnn Braun, respectively  
Tour of Camp by Camp Property Manager Christopher Ruthven

**Fall Gathering**, Saturday, October 18, 2008 @ Canandaigua  
Joint with Cayuga-Syracuse and Genesee Valley Presbyteries  
Keynote – Louise Davidson – Churchwide Vice Moderator for Justice & Peace  
“Inclusion” workshop led by Jane Gerling  
Eyewitness News & Horizon Skit  
Thank Offering & Least Coin Received & Dedicated  
“Kindness” worship & communion led by Rev. Carin Farmer

**Spring Gathering**, Saturday, April 29, 2009 @ Painted Post  
“Feeding the Body, Mind, and Spirit”  
“Chow for Children” presented by Barbara Triggs & Sarah Ransom, Sayre, PA  
Bone Builders  
Birthday Offering Received & Dedicated  
Election & Rededication of Officers, Commissioning Delegates & Attendees to CWG  
Worship led by Lay Preacher Susan Frost

**Significant losses**

Lois DeWitt relocated to Florida, October 2008  
Rita Oestreich relocated to Wisconsin, November 2008  
Elizabeth Hart, former Moderator, passed away June 2009.

**Beyond Geneva Presbytery PW**

JoAnn Braun serves as Historian to Synod of the Northeast  
Virginia Champlin serves as Synod Representative to Churchwide Coordinating Team  
Lois Carter serves as Chair of 2009 Churchwide Gathering  
Carol Limner serves as Geneva Presbytery Delegate to Churchwide Gathering  
Moderator attends with Voice & Vote to General Council & Presbytery meetings

The Geneva “Link” is our Newsletter, published 3 times a year.

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**Virginia A. Champlin, Temporary Moderator**

**Hispanic Presbyterian Women New Jersey**

Outstanding

**Hispanic Presbyterian Women New York**

Outstanding

## **2008-2009 Co-Moderators' Report Presbyterian Women of Hudson River Presbytery**

We of Hudson River have had a busy year!

On November 16, we held our Fall Gathering, led by Rev. Deborah Bronkema of the Pleasantville Church, our host for the day. We celebrated twenty years of PW, and acknowledged the special contributions to our PW of Louise Palm and Marge Gullotta. Our speaker was Rev. Peggy Howland, who had just celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her ordination! She spoke of her recent trip to Kenya to attend an AIDS conference. Her theme was "Ambassadors of Hope." More people are living positively with HIV/AIDS, due to increased testing and better treatments. The second half of our program consisted of short presentations by some of our women, describing the worthwhile mission projects in which their PWC's are involved. Everyone found the exchange of ideas interesting and useful.

In December we again organized a visit to Gilmor Sloane House at Stony Point for the Advent High Tea. Dressed as one of the sisters who lived there, Louise Palm told us more of the history of the house. The informal meditation considered Mary's reaction to the news from the Angel that she would have a son!

Our traditional Ash Wednesday retreat had a great turnout. Rev. Laura Cunningham's topic was "Where Are the Wild Things? Children's Literature as a Door into Lent." It was fascinating to realize a deeper meaning in the well-known stories she used.

Our final program was our Spring Gathering, held in Central Church in Haverstraw. Pastor Pam Lupfer and CT member Louisa Kennard took us on a tour of the building, showcasing its fabulous collection of Tiffany Stained Glass windows, and a full theater in the basement, utilized by a community-wide Youth Arts Group. Following more sharing of mission projects, Pam's meditation focused on the stories illustrated by the windows.

New York Theological Seminary sponsors a Certificate Program in Ministry and Human Service for inmates of prisons in our area. It is a wonderful program, which prepares the men to find employment when they are released. The most noteworthy mission project of PW in the Presbytery has been organizing and financing the creation of stoles for the graduates! The actual work rotates among the churches: last year, Katonah; this year, Monroe; next year probably Pleasantville.

With the exception of the Ash Wednesday retreat, the attendees at our events steadily decrease in number and increase in age. The same is true for membership in our CT. Consequently, we will need to rethink our programming efforts in the near future. Decreased funding by the local churches also means that we will now do our communication and advertising totally electronically.

Judy Wason & Faye Bishop

**Eastern Korean Presbytery Women Synod of Northeast**

**Korean Presbytery Women Synod of Northeast**  
**Annual report (08/02/2009)**

My first few months as a moderator of the Korean PW Synod of Northeast (KPW/SNE) have been a challenging and transitional experience. From as a follower to be a leader was a quiet of tasks changes involved. But who am I. I am a daughter of Him I shall do what He asks me to do. As God provides to Abraham the ram to be sacrificed it as a burnt offering at the Moriah, the Lord will prepare, provide, and lead me and our members of Synod to be His servant.

Beginning of the year we had held a retreat designed for leaders - moderators and their new committee members - of both presbytery and church level. The purpose of this retreat was for the leadership development by practice their abilities provided by Him, and PW training and provide information - it's functions and structures of presbyteries, synods and up to churchwide level. This is somewhat confusing and overwhelming knowledge we had to obtain, but eye-opening chance to reach out to provide and enhance their service through PW.

Also the Annual Retreat/ Gathering in the spring for all of Korean PW members in Synod of Northeast was held in Stony Point center, NY. The guest speaker, Young-Sook Lee, PhD, spoke about "the Innovation of Spirituality". She gave us very powerful message to change ourselves inner characters as a Christian-being appreciative, positive attitude, express with good words and love, give blessing to others....they will change someone's life and yours.

Four of our ladies from KPW/SNE attended the Churchwide Gathering in Louisville. Two among us were there as voting representatives from EKPW. It was very good experience for us, though one lady has attended previously but three of us were the first comers. It was magnificent event and electrifying experience. They (all of the women who came for the gathering, prepared for the event, participated in the program, coordinated every detailed services and workshops....) were amazing. Truly "God did wonders among us", and He will keep doing it among us. The luncheon with Synod was very exciting with feeling of family reunion, neighbors block party comfortableness, welcoming from over seas, and sharing the missionary works, and at last praying for sisters' wellness was the most inspiring moments of all.

We are planning to have the Missionary training workshop as an upcoming event on September in Boston, Ma. We are hoping that members from many Presbyteries and churches could be participated this time.

I will be appreciated if you could keep pray for us to grow and build good relationship among other PW within God's work, and He would provide us a strength and courage for His work.

Respectively submitted,  
Hanna Cho

**Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery – Annual Report for July 2008-June 2009**  
**Presbyterian Women in Synod of the Northeast**

Presbytery – Long Island

PPG – Central

Moderator – Kassie Chamberlain (acting)

Based on the PW Purpose, please share the following information.

How did your Presbytery nurture faith?

At Spring and Fall Gatherings we publicized Horizons magazine through “word of mouth” advertising and by using sample copies of Horizons and other Horizons “free-bees” on a resource table. We encouraged the use of 2008-2009 Horizons Bible study, Jubilee! Luke’s Gospel for the Poor, and made information re the Bible study weekend at Stony Point. The devotional leadership is rotated at LIPW Coordinating Team meetings.

How did your Presbytery PW support the mission of the church worldwide (and locally)?

Using “blessings without boundaries” information, a letter was composed and sent to all churches in late August requesting that a mission pledge be made and to increase it by 5%, if possible. A separate “Together in Service” letter was included, as well as, a Palm Project folder. Churches are to report what mission work they are doing, especially new mission projects, before the Spring Gathering so that it could be “highlighted” at the meeting.

How did your Presbytery PW work for Justice and peace?

The 2009 Spring Gathering theme: PW and U.S. Immigration – “Between a Rock & a Hard Place”. We had hoped to invite one of the participants from the first U.S. Mission experience to speak, but distance and travel expense did not allow that luxury. We created our own program using resources from Horizons (background articles by Julia Thorne) and a film, *The Visitor* (one of several reviewed). Because of the length of the film, it was shown in two parts.

We were pleased to have an enthusiastic and capable woman lead the worship service using the 2009 Birthday Offering materials. She brought her knowledge, training, and life experience to the task which enriched the meditation.

We recognized several women who were going to the Churchwide Gathering. Chang-hee Choi was one of the women we had granted a scholarship.

How did your Presbytery PW build an inclusive, caring community of women?

We seek churches throughout Long Island to host either the Spring or Fall gathering, varying the place so that as many women as possible can attend. The theme for the 2008 Fall Gathering was “If Not Me, Who?” We enlisted help from three outstanding women leaders in the Presbytery to tell their stories of “call.” One, the full time pastor in a church, one, a lay pastor in a church with a high proportion of Hispanic people in the congregation, and one, an elder who serves as the Resource person at our Presbytery office. We listened to their awe inspiring talks, each one different, but sensed how God was leading each of them to the place where they are now serving.

We used the 2008 Thank Offering materials for our worship service. The leadership was shared by the Coordinating Team. We continue to offer scholarship help for women interested in attending leadership events including our annual retreat in Sag Harbor, NY.

We contributed support to a Young Adult Volunteer, Lynn Haselbarth, through PW in the Synod of the North East. She spent a year in Peru.

How did your Presbytery PW witness to the promise of God's kingdom?

In September 2008 our Presbytery held its Visioning Retreat, a continuing step in the process of reorganization and transition. LIPWCT was very supportive in their attendance and participation. We voted once again to give a monetary gift to the Presbytery to help in balancing the Presbytery budget.

Were there any new initiatives this year?

The Lighthouse newsletter is being sent to the Presbytery and in turn e-mailed to the churches. The church secretaries print it and make it available to PW in the congregation. Since it is always very informative and serves as a way of keeping PW women connected, we need to remind PW to ask their church secretary for a copy, especially if they are not using a computer themselves.

What types of programs were offered this year? Include speaker's name.

The theme of the October 2008 retreat was: "Be Still. Know that I am God." Come, Celebrate the Journey. The Reverend Anne McAnelly, pastor of the Remensburg Community Presbyterian Church, led the overnite event which always includes communion.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kassie Chamberlain

## **The Annual Report of Presbyterian Women of Monmouth Presbytery**

The Fall Gathering of 2008 was held at the First Presbyterian Church of Barnaget, Barnaget, NJ. We celebrated the giving of the Thank Offering and the Least Coin. For our program, we saw a film on the Thank Offering and celebrated 20 years of our purpose.

As Moderator, I had a lot of meetings with the Presbytery of New Brunswick Coordinating Team, to plan a combine Spring Gathering with the Monmouth Presbytery. The theme of the gathering was "Global Outreach" and was held at the Presbyterian Church in Yardville on April 25, 2009.

Our speakers were Rev. Louise Johnson, writes suggestions for leaders for Horizon Bible Studies, and Jenny Lee, Synod of Northeast Global Exchange Rep. in the beginning we had some praise music.

Monmouth and New Brunswick recommend that all Presbyteries due at least one gathering, mostly in the spring. Not just to get the women out, but to come together for great programs, to have fellowship with one another, and to share mission ideas.

In the fall of 09, we plan to celebrate the giving of the Least Coin and Thank Offering, a reflection of the Church Wide Gathering and an overview on the new study Joshua, a faith journey given by the Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Edwards a retired professor from Princeton Seminary, Parish Associate, Toms River Presbyterian Church.

Respectfully submitted:

Lori Evans, Moderator, PW Monmouth Presbytery

**Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of New Brunswick  
Annual Report for July 2008-July 2009  
to  
Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Northeast**

**Moderator: Mary Potter  
Vice-Moderator: Janice Rockmore**

**How did your Presbytery PW nurture faith?**

Prayer and devotions are a part of each gathering and coordinating team meeting. The Horizon bible Study – Jubilee has been well-received even in churches where there is no active PW.

**How did your Presbytery PW support the mission of the Church world-wide (and locally)?**

For many years our PW in the Presbytery has had a win-win-win program involving Christmas wreaths from the Mission at the Eastward in Maine. Two dedicated men from the Kingston Presbyterian Church who were formally honored this year by PW rent a large truck which is filled with donated household items and toys for distribution and returns to New Jersey filled with long-lasting and fragrant Christmas wreaths which have been ordered through churches in two presbyteries.

During the year we have had exhibits of mission projects at our joint gatherings. We have had a large outpouring of support for used plastic screw type medicine bottles for use at a medical clinic in Haiti. This year with the initiative of PW, our Presbytery endorsed the work of Friends for Health Care in Haiti for the Birthday Offering. We also collect items for baby kits and knitted wool caps which can save the life of vulnerable newborns in Haiti.

**How did your Presbytery PW build an inclusive, caring community of women?**

Our Search Committee has worked hard to expand diversity in all areas of leadership. We have been active in promoting and supporting the Peacemaking Program especially Christian-Muslim understanding.

**How did your Presbytery PW witness to the promise of God's kingdom?**

PW responded to a financial appeal by a member of one of our churches who had unexpected medical and international travel expenses for family members. We also provided funds so our new Presbytery Hunger Enabler could attend a highly worthwhile conference on hunger.

**Were there any new initiatives this year?**

We endorsed the Friends of Health Care in Haiti for the Birthday offering. This ministry has long been on our hearts and has strong links to our Presbytery.  
We had our first joint meeting of Monmouth and New Brunswick Presbyterian Women at a church in Monmouth which had been formed by the successful merger of a church from New Brunswick Presbytery and another from Monmouth Presbytery.

**What types of programs were offered this year?**

Fall – Peacemaking (Sudan), Devotions

Epiphany Luncheon – Women of the Bible in Drama and Song – postponed to September 2009 due to inclement weather.

Spring – Joint meeting with Monmouth in Yardville, NJ. Report of Global Mission with Jenny Lee. Bible Study with Rev. Louise Johnson on the Ethiopian eunuch.

**What are your plans for next year?**

A one-woman show in drama and song featuring women of the Bible has been rescheduled for 9/26/09 at the Kingston Presbyterian Church. We are offering this as a program to the public at no cost.

In January we are planning to combine our interest in Haiti and Friends for Health Care in Haiti by celebrating its people and culture. Our mission is to help raise funds for an ambulance to serve the needs of people in the remote and steep mountain area.

Plans for the spring are to be announced.

Respectfully submitted  
Mary Potter, Moderator

## **Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of New York City Annual Report – (2008-2009)**

The Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of New York City (PWPNYC) had a year of nurturing our faith, building an inclusive caring community of women and keeping with Presbyterian Women's Purpose. The Fall Gathering was a time to share our oneness and understanding the diversity among each other. In March, we celebrated the past PWP Moderators as well as the present Moderators in the congregation for their continued leadership skills to bring about changes using their special gifts. At our Spring Gathering, we had "High Tea" with God stirring our cups to inspire our faith and to be committed to our actions in missions. Our first Moderator's Summit will take place in August 2009. This will be a business meeting so the churches can have an active voice in planning activities during the year.

The future goals are: bonding with the Commission on the Status of Women at the United Nations to express the rights of women, and seeking younger women to become members on the coordinating team.

Some of the highlights were been invited to many events such as the youth of NYC Christmas party and their youth day with the Moderator of General Assembly, Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow and joining Catreliia Hunter, PW Moderator of Presbyterian Women USA in worship service.

Our mission (Together in Service) is shown in our commitment to projects that reflect - in the community and worldwide. Our projects include sewing ministries: knitting caps for newborns in local hospitals, making baby gowns for hospital overseas, knitting and crocheting lap scarves for the senior citizens in New York City, hosting baby showers for women in shelters and providing support for battered women. We also collected medical kits and school supplies for students in homeless shelters. There were several women who travel to New Orleans (PDA) and became builders by installing windows, floors and using heavy duty equipment to get the job done. Getting their hands dirty was not a problem. There are women assisting in soup kitchens and food pantries in their congregations. The women in the congregations have created a clothes ministry to provide clothing for those who are returning to work as well as providing counseling.

In nurturing our faith, we celebrated a worship service at each of the gatherings and the speakers were excellent with keeping with the theme. The Horizon Bible study was encouraged and most churches are planning to attend the bible study at Stony Point. Many churches express joy in celebrating God at their prayer breakfast and women's day programs. The Spirit continues to move the women in the New York City to praise God at all times and to be thankful for our many blessings.

The PWPNYC has been and continues to encourage Presbyterian Women's Purpose throughout the congregations.

Submitted by

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Alpha O. Brown

PWP Moderator in New York City

**Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Newark**

Outstanding

## MODERATOR'S REPORT FORM

### Presbyterian Women in Newton Presbytery – Annual Report January 2008-December 2008

How did your PWC nurture faith?

Many of the churches have Bible Study either monthly or weekly. Several participate in World Day of Prayer and World Community Day. At each of our Gatherings, we feature Horizon Magazine, talking about the articles in the current month and also talking about the Bible Study available through the magazine.

How did your PWC support the mission of the church worldwide and locally?

So many mission opportunities abound both locally and worldwide – our women have contributed to mosquito netting, college fund for Kenyan student, money for young adult volunteer in Peru, subscriptions to Horizon for Women's Guild in Kenya, C.W.S.- Tools and Blanket program, Market Street Mission (local), Salvation Army, Samaritan's Purse (local), Vellore Christian Medical College, Lupus Foundation, Socks for Soup Kitchen users, Hospital Gowns for Healing the Children Program, Maine Outreach Projects, Interfaith Council for Homeless Families of Morris and Warren Counties.

How did your PWC work for justice and peace?

Many of our PWC have begun to purchase item offered by the fair trade vendors thus helping men and women around the world. Several groups have helped their local churches explore issues dealing with antiracism in the local community.

How did your PWC build an inclusive, caring community of women?

Many of the local groups have programs helping women who have had surgery, death in families, etc. Many are helping their congregations join the Interfaith Council for Homeless Families in their counties and are joining in Interfaith events in their communities. We also seek to find churches located in different parts of our Presbytery to host either the Spring or Fall Gathering. This way it makes the travel time "doable" for all of our women and spreads the responsibility of the Gatherings around the Presbytery.

What types of programs were offered this year?

Programs included Book Club Circles, Interfaith Council on Homeless Families, the Spring Gathering with Sandy Grillo talking about opportunities available to Presbyterian Women, and programs on Prayer Shawl Ministries.

Did you start anything new this year?

Several new programs were started within the local churches including presenting a handmade blanket to each baby baptized in the local congregation. Another was Nets for Mothers – offered for 3 weeks leading up to Mother’s Day. A card was made up noting that a donation had been made in the person’s name, giving money for mosquito netting, over \$800 was raised.

What are your plans for the next year?

Our Presbytery, like many others, is in the process of trying to revitalize all of the PWC’s. This project has been somewhat successful and we will continue this during the next year. Also we continue to switch from mailing our newsletters to sending them via email. The hardest part of this is obtaining the emails of each woman in their congregation. Communications is another one of our big goals, we are not reaching the women we need to reach. But we have one new PW becoming active in a church where none has been for a long time.

**Northern New England  
PWP Moderators' Report May 2009**

1. **Outreach:** Building on the response to our annual retreats, the Coordinating Team (CT) focused on helping local churches develop a Women's Spiritual Center. A 2008 fall training session was held to enable the members of the CT to show other churches how to start this Spiritual Center. Maine and New Hampshire each had well-attended cluster meetings devoted to fostering spiritual growth for women. In addition, we are trying to encourage those churches with women's groups to formally organize as Presbyterian Women. There is some interest, but no actual commitment yet.
2. **Administrative:** This year duties were more generally shared by the members of the Team. Again we used the principles of decentralize and delegate, along with shared leadership. As an example: a member of the Team, Joanna Damon, and Joan Coop (both of Midcoast, ME) designed the creative program for this year's retreat. We feel this is a healthy way to use the talents of all the CT.
3. **Financial:** The treasurer did a great job reorganizing the office and the data, and is preparing to hand over to the new incoming officer. We are able to implement the programs we need with the money on hand.
4. **Mission Pledge:** We are still experiencing a decrease in churches contributing to this wonderful program. We believe this reflects the loss of members and participating churches that is an ongoing occurrence in the Presbyterian Church as well as these difficult financial times.
5. **Annual Gather:** Our annual Gather was incorporated in a 2008 Spring Retreat last May in Maine, building on 2007's success in VT. The spirituality and community growth theme was well-received. Attendance was up from 2007 and the women renewed friendships initiated during the previous year. Our Coordinating Team noticed that it is a challenge for local churches to plan this kind of retreat and feel this is one of the most valuable things we can do right now for PW. We are pleased to sponsor the 2009 Spring Retreat "Women in the Bible and Their Message to Us". The main purpose, building on previous years, is to help foster the spiritual growth of women and community growth.
6. **Memorial Minute/Memorial Fund:** Sadly in 2008, we lost two Presbyterian women very precious to us: Ann Mitchell (Bedford, NH) and Felicia McLaren (Barnet, VT). In their honor, two \$100 Scholarship Memorial Funds were created to be used by women attending our annual Gather. Every year, our Presbyterian Women's groups will have an opportunity to donate to these Funds as a way of remembering women in their churches. At each Gather, we will have a special memorial dedication where we will read the names of these women.
7. **God Will Do Wonders Among You:** 2009 is the year of the Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women in Louisville, KY from July 11-15. Registration books are available at this retreat or visit [pcusa.org/pwggathering](http://pcusa.org/pwggathering) or call 800/52402612. We encourage you to attend!

Submitted by the Co-moderators of the Coordinating Team,

Gail Brown and Nancy Donnelly

**Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Northern New York**

Outstanding

## **Presbytery Women in the Presbytery of Palisades Annual Report 2009**

### **Nurture of Faith**

Each meeting started with the lighting of the Christ Candle and ended with prayer and Benediction by Kathryn Kelly, Spirituality Chair.

The Spring Gathering on April 25, 2009, led by The Rev. Dr. Wanda Lundy, Pastor of the Church on the Edge (First Presbyterian Church), Edgewater, NJ, was based on John 15:1-11, "We Have Been Appointed to Bear Fruits." She introduced the study with a grape vine which needs nurture and pruning by the gardener. She pointed out that God is our gardener to help us lead fruitful lives.

Co-Leader Julissa Alvarez-Garcia, Pastor of "Primera Iglesias Presbiteriana Principe de Paz", Shrewsbury, NJ gave an interactive study of the scripture with analysis of each verse.

The communion service led by the two leaders carried out the themes of "I am the vine and you are the branches."

### **Support of Mission**

Congregations within the Presbytery contributed to the thanksgiving and Birthday offerings. The Prayer Shawl Ministry was active in the Warren Point Presbyterian Church. Presbyterian Women in each congregation support mission projects, which were listed in our "Together in Service" Coordinator's report to Susan Silliman Smith.

Money from the PWP budget was given to 16 special Community and Global organizations.

The Offering at the Fall Retreat was designated for "Shelter our Sisters," Hackensack, NJ and for Gilda's Club of Northern New Jersey (aid for those suffering with cancer).

### **Justice and Peace**

Our Fall Retreat was held on October 25, 2008 at the Elmwood Park Presbyterian Church. The Theme was "Peace and Justice in the world" Micah 6: 1-8. The Rev. Debra Given of the Leonia Presbyterian Church led the discussion. She started with "War and Peace" using scripture from the Old Testament to learn God's plan and concluding with the New Testament and Christ's way of peace.

The worship and communion Service carried out the theme.

### **Building and inclusive, caring community of women**

Invitations have been extended to the Hispanic, Korean, and Mideastern women within the Presbytery to be on The Coordinating Team and attend the Retreat and Gathering.

### **New Initiatives**

A 20 minute computer Key Point program, "Presbyterian Women – our Purpose, Mission, and Outreach" has been completed by our Communication specialist Diane Nafash. A DVD has been made available. It was shown at the October 2008 Retreat and the April 2009 Gathering. It is our goal to show it to churches within focus groups and at Synod functions.

Also, we have planned CT Meetings, Retreats, and Gatherings in churches, which have small groups, to encourage these women to become involved.

**Communication**

Our newsletter, "The Platter" is published in February and September. It was sent to the 54 churches in the Presbytery by e-mail, when possible. Copies of "The Lighthouse" were included. (Note: 15 churches are active)

Announcements of meetings are made at the stated Presbytery meetings as Our Moderator is given "voice and vote."

**Plans for next year**

Dates have been set for the Retreat and Gathering.

Find ways to help those churches whose congregations are small and their women's groups have diminished in numbers.

Establish a calling list to give personal invitations to congregations.

Recruit new officers.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Barbara Van Tilburg, Moderator

**Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Southern New England**  
**Annual report from April 2008 – April 2009**

The annual meeting of PWPSNE was held at Woodbury Union Church in Warwick, Rhode Island on April 26, 2008. Moderator Amanda Doescher opened the meeting. Worship was conducted by Rev. Beth Appel. The following leaders were nominated and elected:

Dotsie Shaw: moderator 2008-2010

Joyce Smedberg: treasurer 2008-2010

Nancy Collins: Together in Service 2008-2010

Judy Cunningham: secretary (pro tem), PW Leadership Network, Church Women United Rep CT 2008-2010

Molly Dean: historian 2008-2010

Amanda Doescher: Prism editor 2008-2010

Lois Conboy: music leader 2008-2010

Rev. Chris Caton: worship and spiritual leader 2008-2010

Stephanie Brackett: Presbytery Council Rep 2008-2010

Addie Sandler: peace, justice, and hunger 2008-2010 (Addie regrettably resigned the position.)

The speaker for the day was Margery Sly, Assistant Director Presbyterian Historical Society. She spoke about preserving archival materials for churches and individuals.

“Greening” was the topic for the fall gathering held October 18, 2008 at the Greenwood Community Church in Warwick, Rhode Island. Our speaker was Kevin Carson from the Rhode Island State Council of Churches. Kevin gave a presentation on what we can do in our homes and churches and in our communities using greening materials and facilities. Worship was led by Rev. Chris Caton.

The PW annual retreat was held January 30-31, 2009 at the Immaculate Conception Convent in Putnam, CT. Our facilitator was Rev. Susan Pfeil. The title of the weekend was “Time and its Gifts”. Twenty-three women attended.

The spring Annual meeting was held April 4, 2009 at the United Presbyterian Church, Milford, CT. A worship service was led by Rev. Chris Caton. Those attending the Churchwide Gathering were commissioned. Our speaker for the day was Jenny Lee, participant on the Global Exchange to Eastern Europe 2008.

No new officers were elected. By-Law changes were discussed; it was moved, seconded, and voted to accept the changes. Thanks to Judy Cunningham and Molly Dean for this endeavor.

The fall gathering has been planned and will take place on October 24, 2009 at Christ Presbyterian Church in Springfield, MA. The leader for the day is Rev. Eileen Epperson. Eileen will lead us in the many forms of prayer.

The Winter Retreat will be held at the Immaculate Conception Convent in Putnam, CT. on January 29-30, 2010. Friday evening until Saturday afternoon. The leaders of this retreat will be Rev. Marilyn McNaughton and Rev. Lori Hedlund.

Dotsie Shaw, moderator, Presbyterian Women in the PSNE. April 2009

**Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of Susquehanna Valley  
Annual Report 2009**

God is doing wonders among us!! We have been blessed many times over this past year.

At our Fall 2008 Gathering, we were taken on a journey of "Praying with the Psalms" with The Rev. Bill Carter. This was extra special for those of us from the Owego church where Bill grew up. Among other business, we elected a new treasurer. Our day ended with worship and communion.

More of God's wonders were experienced at our Spring 2009 Gathering. Dr. Janet Schwengber led the program, "Faithful Stewards of our Environment". It was a wonderfully informative, interactive program. After lunch, we had presentations on Celebration Giving, Horizons/Bible Study, and Together in Service. Many ideas for mission were presented and shared by everyone. Even though the attendance was low at this Gathering (25-30), when we entered worship and lit individual candles representing each church in attendance from the Christ Candle - there were at least 9 churches represented. (Note: the candles used were different colored 10 or 12 inch tapers - very visually effective!) Our revised By-Laws were approved.

We have invited Jenny Lee from the Global Exchange to speak at our Fall 2009 Gathering. We will hear from those who attended the Churchwide Gathering at this time, too.

We have been blessed by the pledges from the PW's in the local churches. During these tough economic times we are grateful that mission is still important to Presbyterian Women. Many local churches continue to be involved in local mission projects, Church Women United, and PCUSA projects.

We pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to challenge us to grow and to build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the PCUSA and witnesses to the promise of God's Kingdom.

Grace and Peace,  
Jo Ann Gray, Moderator

## **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN THE PRESBYTERY** **ANNUAL REPORT FOR JULY 2008 THROUGH JUNE 2009**

Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Northeast

**Utica Presbytery**

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Co-Moderators: Pat Parker & Karen Stockton

### I. Gatherings

- A. Fall Retreat was held at Vanderkamp in Cleveland, NY on September 10-11, 2008. The program, "Recovering Creative Spirituality", was led by Saunda Thomas & Sr. Marie May.
- B. Fall Gathering took place at Forestport Presbyterian Church in Forestport, NY on October 8, 2008. Breast Cancer Awareness was the topic for the program.
- C. Winter Gathering occurred at Oneida Presbyterian Church in Oneida, NY on February 11, 2009. Since we have had to cancel our past two Winter Gatherings due to snowstorms, we used a videotape program by Dewitt Jones. The topic was "Celebrating What's Right with the World".
- D. Spring Gathering was held at the Springfield Presbyterian Church in Springfield Center on May 13, 2009. Janet Schwenberger spoke on "Faithful Stewards of Our Environment".

### II. Mission

- A. Of course, our PW contributes to the Last Coin, Birthday and Thank Offerings.
- B. We send checks to Emmaus House and Thea Bowman House in Utica, NY. These are safe houses and residents for unwed mothers. We also collect household goods for these residences.
- C. Tidy Bottoms in Camden, NY is another program that we support. This mission provides diapers, clothing and other baby items to families in need.
- D. Many churches in our Presbytery participate in the Mothers' Day Net Workers cards and the tea bag art projects.
- E. Women of our Presbytery have been sewing and filling bags for school kits and sending them to Church World Service.
- F. They have knitted and crocheted lap robes for the elderly.
- G. We have been promoting the use of Fair Trade products such as coffee, and we have sold SERRV items at some of our churches.
- H. Many women volunteer at our local VA clinics, area hospitals, Meals for Seniors, Girl Scouts, etc.
- I. Many churches collect Campbell Soup labels and pledge to the Tools of Hope and Blanket Sunday Projects.
- J. We have participated in the Blankets+ Program.

### III. Other Joys

- A. Four women from our Presbytery attended the Churchwide Gathering in Louisville, KY. We look forward to their report.
- B. Our Newsletter continues to be a source of information and inspiration thanks to our tireless editor.
- C. We provided financial support for Lynn Hasselbarth who participated in the PCUSA Young Adult Volunteer Program in Peru. We look forward to hearing about her mission work.

## **Presbyterian Women of West Jersey Report 2008-2009**

The Presbyterian Women of West Jersey are excited and looking forward to attending the Churchwide Gathering in July. Most of those attending will be attending for the first time. Two will participate in the business meeting as voting representatives.

We received our involvement in the many missions we supported leading up to the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of PW (1988-2008) as we selected our mission for the Poster Project. PWWJ also participates in the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary when our PW Heritage will be recalled through the Time Capsule.

The \$20 gift cards, a Churchwide mission, was well received and highly supported.

Susan Smith (Together in Service) reports that our women continue to finish projects for the local, synod, national and international agencies. It is felt that a lot is being done, but our women are not reporting as they did in previous times. It is felt that Churchwide Gathering will spur more interest in reporting for "Together in Service."

We are getting positive feedback from Fall Gathering (October 18, 2008) Theme "Ministries of Memories – Celebrate Your History." We were encouraged to acquire and preserve records with enduring value and to celebrate. This program was presented by Anne Ostendarp and Leah Gass from Historical Society in Philadelphia. Some PW's are moving in that direction.

Spring Gathering, April 25, 2009 was successful and well received – Theme: "A Feast in the Desert" prepared and presented by (Soul Chef) – the Rev. Lise Worthington of Stony Point. Our program was – Biblical Feasting: A recipe for life in Biblical Tradition. Exodus 16:1-19 The program and menu were from the Bible and was enjoyed by all.

Fall Gathering for West Jersey will be on October 18, 2009 at the Haddon Heights Church. Lucy Janjigian will be our speaker. It will be a privilege to have her. She was heard at the Synod Gathering. Her life has been a life in "mission."

Neola Reese (09)  
Past Moderator  
Presbyterian Women West Jersey

**Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of Western New York  
2008 Annual Report**

It has been a good year; a year of Jubilee, inspired by our Bible Study on Luke's Gospel for the Poor. 16 Churches pledged \$11,510 and this is a report of what we have done.

Our 2008 Spring Gathering at Youngstown First had 61 in attendance representing 18 churches. We pruned our Board from 19 to 16 leaders, and offered a rainbow of mission opportunities for the aging population we embrace.

There were 93 of us at the Fall Gathering representing 20 churches at Buffalo Westminster where Louise Davidson, Churchwide VP for Justice and Peace, was our guest speaker. The discussions that followed raised awareness of needs generated from hunger, poverty, lack of public transportation, resources for the homeless, and isolated elderly.

Drums dominated our Winter Gathering at Tonawanda First Church where 48 women represented 18 churches. Carolyn Zimmerman showed us how playing rhythm instruments connects us to our birth rhythms, each other, and God.

Our Faithful Board meets ten times a year visiting churches around the Presbytery to report, plan gatherings, inspire, and fellowship with each other.  
PW in the Presbytery divides the local churches into 7 Clusters which are connected to the board by six Cluster Leaders; Gladys Newton, Marilyn Plache, Eleanor Scott, Jeanne Kelly, Joyce Bailey, and Carrie Divine. They're the ones who invite you to Gatherings, listen to your concerns, and offer information on PW possibilities.

Our HORIZONS coordinator, Elaine Hotelling, reminds us what a treasured resource our Churchwide magazine is. It has humor, devotions, a challenging Bible Study, Dedication Services for special offerings, articles about people and energizing topics, all to enrich your programs and personal spiritual life.

Agnes Wakeman, our Missions coordinator, shipped thousands of dried tea bags, Campbell Soup labels, and cancelled stamps to their grateful recipients, and highlighted Mission projects our churches are doing in their neighborhoods and in the world. Also our Thank and Birthday Offerings and Pledges impact Missions tremendously because of PW's generosity.

PATTERNS, our PW Newsletter, is sent out to 250 contacts. Mary Myers has done a beautiful job of layout and production to get it out to the women in our local churches.

This year's Search Team, led by Lyn McConnell, Mary Louise Berg, and Barbara Sykes, has found perfect matches for ALL the expired vacancies, save one... the third Search Team Member. We will fill it in the fall!

As you can see, God has been present in our planning, presentations, and prayers.

Submitted by

Marilyn Koszarek  
Moderator PW in the Presbytery of Western New York