



Churchwide Coordinating Team

Meeting Summary

March 2011
Louisville, Kentucky

General News

- The CCT met March 21–24, 2011, in Louisville, Kentucky. Along with the board and committee meetings, Molly Casteel provided an antiracism module and David Gambrell officiated during closing worship.
- An offering for Sweetgrass Project: Oglala Sioux Tribe Suicide Prevention Initiative was received during closing worship.
- **New Resource!**
The International Day of the Roma is celebrated worldwide each year on April 8 to raise awareness about the most pressing issues for the Roma people and to celebrate Romani culture. PW joins the celebration this year by publishing a new resource, *Presbyterian Women's Ten Days of Prayer and Thanksgiving for the Roma*, March 30–April 8, 2011. For these 10 days, the resource focuses on a different European country, each with a Roma presence. A Roma Christian or mission coworker from or with intimate knowledge of each country has written a prayer and overview of that country. The resource is available for download from the PW website.
- Please remember to submit information for the Quarterly Mailing according to the schedule below. Contact Yvonne Hileman, yvonne.hileman@pcusa.org with questions.

Quarterly Mailing Schedule (evergreen)			
Mailing	Text Due	To Printer	Mail Date
10/15	9/10	10/6	10/20
1/15	11/30	12/18	1/15
4/15	3/8	3/26	4/14
7/15	6/9	6/29	7/15

PW Websites

Presbyterian Women	www.presbyterianwomen.org
Churchwide Gathering	www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering
Horizons	www.pcusa.org/horizons

Committee Information

Note: Task groups and committees, written in bold italic, report to the CCT through the CCT committee under which they are listed. Only committees and groups with information for the current summary are listed.

Administrative Committee

Marta Rodriguez, chair

- The CCT approved an Audit Committee charter for Presbyterian Women in the PC(USA), Inc. The moderators will appoint the committee.
- The PW Leadership Development Grant Committee allocated \$5,000 for scholarships for PW leaders to participate in antiracism training at Big Tent II. Each participant will be asked to pay her own \$50 registration fee.

Antiracism Committee

Ruth Mason Lowe, chair

- A 23-hour antiracism training will be offered as a Big Tent II preconference in Indianapolis (location subject to change), June 30–July 1, 2011. A workshop on white privilege and another workshop on antiracism using PW's *Becoming the Beloved Community* resource packet will be offered during the conference. This is a joint effort of PW, offices in Racial Ethnic & Women's Ministries and Compassion, Peace and Justice ministry areas.
- Three antiracism workshops have been approved for the 2012 PW Gathering:
 - Building and Nurturing Diversity in PW Leadership, Jackie Caleb
 - Introducing the Beloved Community, Barbara Allen
 - White Privilege, Barbara Smith

Creative Ministries Offering Committee

Mary Lou Williams, chair

- The Creative Ministries Offering Committee (CMOC) met March 17–19, 2011, in Louisville, Kentucky.
- Twenty-six Thank Offering projects were funded, totaling \$724,780. Twelve are international projects and fourteen are national projects.
- The July/August issue of *Horizons* will spotlight the Thank Offering recipients.
- Thank Offering interpretation materials will be available July 2011. The packet has been redesigned to be a self-mailing, 12-page booklet that will include a DVD, poster and liturgy. All additional materials will be available through PDS (800/524-2672) or as downloads from the PW website.

Funds Development Committee

Nydia Murphy, chair

- The 2012 Mission Pledge packet for synods/presbyteries and congregations will be available in August. A scripture, devotional and suggested hymns will be added as a dedication service to use whenever women celebrate the Presbyterian Women Mission Pledge.
- Presbyterian Women received a \$50,000 gift for the Mission Pledge from a Presbyterian Woman in Texas—rejoice!
- Staff and two CCT members will attend the Women’s Funding Network Conference in Brooklyn from April 6–9 to represent PW and learn more about the Women Moving Millions in Faith Communities initiative.
- New fundraising strategies will be added to the funds development strategic plan, including approaching foundations and corporations for gifts, and implementing a Leadership Giving Program to secure gifts that range from \$1,000 to \$5,000.
- A proposal will be presented to the Gathering Planning Team regarding the addition of a silent auction at the 2012 Churchwide Gathering. Synods will participate by donating items for the auction, and will be able to choose where the funds raised will be directed (Birthday Offering, Thank Offering or PW Mission Pledge).

PW Giving Comparison January 1–December, 2009/2010			
Year End	2009	2010	Variance
Mission Pledge	\$1,828,953	\$1,763,599	\$(65,354)
Thank Offering	\$767,802	\$874,681	\$106,879
Birthday Offering	\$673,750	\$673,978	\$228
HLM	\$131,784	\$125,371	\$(6,413)
Memorial/Recognition	\$3,765	\$5,029	\$1264
Together in Service	\$56,653	\$39,807	\$(16,846)
Total	\$3,462,708	\$3,482,466	\$19,758
<i>Prepared March 9, 2011</i>			

PW Giving Comparison January 1–February 28, 2010/2011			
Year to Date	2010	2011	Variance
Mission Pledge	\$56,054	\$177,609	\$121,555
Thank Offering	\$68,114	\$149,152	\$81,038
Birthday Offering	\$9,634	\$34,781	\$25,147
HLM	\$16,600	\$18,025	\$1,425
Memorial/Recognition	\$265	\$180	\$(85)
Together in Service	\$1,162	\$11,985	\$10,823
Total	\$151,829	\$391,732	\$239,903
<i>Prepared March 9, 2011. Figures as of February 28, 2011. For more information, contact Jen Lenard-Benson, jen.lenard-benson@pcusa.org or 888/728-7228, ext. 5308.</i>			

Communications Committee

Mary Martin, chair (Chris Wolf, acting chair)

- Leah Bradley, director of seminary relations at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, proposed a plan for improving PW visibility on seminary campuses be created. This concept will be pursued, along with a plan for seminary visibility at the 2012 CWG.
- Susan Jackson Dowd and Meagan Manas will lead a workshop on justice and communication at Big Tent II.
- A Social Media Task group has been created and will begin work on a PW social media policy soon.

Bible Study Committee

Chris Wolf, chair

- Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty will write the 2014–2015 Bible study on *2 Corinthians*.
- 2015–2016 Bible study topic is water. We are seeking author nominations. Visit the *Horizons* website to download a form or contact Ashley Meyer (ashley.meyer@pcusa.org).
- *Confessing the Beatitudes* by Margaret Aymer is available. Visit the *Horizons* website for information and resources.
- Field testers needed for the migration study (*Exodus* and *Deuteronomy*) by Janice Catron. Visit the *Horizons* website to download an application.

Horizons Editorial Committee (HEC)

Virginia Champlin, chair

- The *Horizons* Editorial Committee met by conference call March 16, 2011.
- Subscription numbers have dropped this year. Please contact Carissa Herold about ways to promote *Horizons*.

Translation Committee

Leila Abdul-Karim, chair

- The Translation Committee met via conference call November 15, 2010, and March 7, 2011.
- Translated Bible studies dated before 2009 are available to be donated to Spanish, Korean and Arabic speaking mission partners within and outside the United States. Contact Carissa Herold (carissa.herold@pcusa.org) for information.

Churchwide Gathering (CWG) Planning Team

Kathy Randall, chair

Churchwide Gathering Basic Schedule				
Wednesday 7/18	Thursday 7/19	Friday 7/20	Saturday 7/21	Sunday 7/22
Registration	Morning Plenary	Morning Plenary	Morning Plenary	Closing Plenary
Dinner*	Lunch*	Lunch*	Synod Lunches	Daily Through Saturday <i>PW Live Tours Exhibits Forums Books Shopping More</i>
Opening Plenary	Business Meeting/ Workshops	Business Meeting/ Workshops	Workshops	
<i>Breakfast not included in registration.</i>	Dinner* Evening Plenary	Free time– Activities Available	Dinner* Evening Plenary	
*Meals included in registration cost/no dinner Friday				

- The promotional packet and several other items are available. Visit the Gathering website for information.
- Timeline—
 - Registration booklet in Sept/Oct 2011
 - *Horizons*, PDS, mailings
 - Electronic registration opens 12/1/11
 - Mail-in registration opens 1/15/12
 - Early registration ends 5/15/12, \$440
 - Registration thereafter, \$480
 - One-day registration \$95 and weekend \$155
- For information about the Gathering and Gathering planning, contact Kathy Randall, 504/866-7435 or kathyrandall@bellsouth.net.

Justice and Peace Committee (J&P)

Janice Takeda, chair

- The committee discussed the connection of Presbyterian Women to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW). We heard from those who attended in 2011 and began to plan for 2012. We discussed ways we can continue to support the work of the CSW, and how we can select and support the attendance of women who are particularly related to the 2012 theme: empowerment of women from rural areas.
- The committee also discussed the importance of sending participants to Ecumenical Advocacy Days in Washington, D.C., noting its benefits as a leadership development and advocacy training experience.
- J&P supports the ecumenical project Words Matter (www.wordsmatter.org) and will bring awareness of expansive language through *Justice & Peace Links* and a workshop at the CWG.
- PW and the PC(USA) have affirmed their support of the U.S. ratification of the UN treaty known as the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW). Participants in the 2011 UN CSW highly recommended working on this issue and met with members of a coalition who suggested a postcard campaign. PW will print these advocacy postcards, to be signed at PW events.
- J&P continues to work on its informal communication tool, *Justice and Peace Links*. We have begun to use an e-newsletter format, and will work to expand our email network. We

will work with synod reps to gather email addresses from synod and presbytery moderators and J&P members.

Justice and Peace Links

Visit the PW website for back issues

<http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/pw/justice/>

Are you receiving an email copy? Don't miss out on upcoming issues! Email Meagan Manas, meagan.manes@pcusa.org or Patricia Longfellow, patricia.longfellow@pcusa.org to add your name to the list of recipients.

Leadership Enhancement Committee

Martha Pool, chair

Heather Sigler, acting chair

- A follow-up report form for Takin' It to the Congregations leadership training will be sent to all participants.
- Each member of LEC will connect with assigned synods by contacting the synod moderator and/or the leadership coordinator to review progress and offer support.
- LEC members are expected to read Phyllis Tickle's book, *The Great Emergence: How Christianity Is Changing and Why* (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books, 2008), before the next CCT meeting.
- References to the synod of Puerto Rico should be changed to Synod of Boriquen/Puerto Rico in print and other communications.
- Encourage use of Go To Meeting for committee meetings between CCT meetings.
- PW engagement in the GAMC web calendar is encouraged. Sharon Dunne Gillies sends uploads to the PC(USA) web team (sharon.gillies@pcusa.org). A calendar for the CCT Google site that will contain events, meetings, and due dates is under construction. For information about the Google site, contact Ann Ferguson, (ann.ferguson@pcusa.org).
- LEC used the Vision, Obstacles, Directions (VOD) model to discern the direction for this committee. For information about this discernment tool, contact Unzu Lee, unzu.lee@pcusa.org.

Mission Relationships Committee

Martha Knichel, chair

- A revised brochure "Women Are the Keys to the Future of South Sudan" will be available on PW's website as a downloadable resource by May 2011.
- Guidelines, including FAQs, for all future Global Exchange and USAME groups regarding sponsorship programs and projects encountered on study trips are being created.
- Virginia Hines and Kathy Reeves reported on their visit to the Brethren Service Center and the amazing amount of work done for various church groups, including PDA and PW.
- The *Together in Service* (TIS) manual is being revised. Downloadable and print versions will be available on PW's website and through PDS by the 2012 Churchwide Gathering.

Global Exchange Committee

Jenny Lee, chair

- The pretrip for the 2011 Global Exchange to India took place October 30 to November 8, 2010. Planning for the trip is well under way.
- The committee met November 11–13, 2010, to select the participants, who have been notified. There will be 27 participants, including staff.
- The Global Exchange 2011 dates are October 7–25, 2011 (subject to change).

USA Mission Experience (USAME)

LaDonna Fay, chair

- The 2013 USAME will travel to eastern Tennessee and western North Carolina. The committee will develop a mission statement for approval during the September 2012 CCT meeting.
- A report of the 2010 USAME to South Dakota has been published in the March/April 2011 issue of *Horizons*.

Upcoming Horizons Magazines

- May/June 2011, Bible 201
- July/August, Bridges Between Generations
- September/October, Women and Power
- November/December, Aging
- January/February 2012, Global Exchange
- March/April, Sacraments and Spirituality
- May/June, Fear