

The LIGHTHOUSE

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN of the SYNOD of the NORTHEAST

February 2010

Moderator's Message....

Greetings from the Moderator's chair. We are more than half-way through winter (yeah, come on Spring!) and all kinds of activities are starting up again following our cold weather lull.

I am really excited about our Presbytery Partnership Group (PPG) gatherings. I have been hearing about each and all of the events sound so wonderful. Now you have to help, please go the extra mile to talk it up and encourage the women in your Presbytery and in your churches to join you at your PPG gathering. We are doing a new thing and sometimes people have to be persuaded that new things are good. This one will be very good if we all work together. It will be such a special opportunity to spend time with and learn from women in your larger area. I am going to try my best to attend all of them. I hope to see you there. We'll all have a grand time!

Have you checked out our PW website lately? It is PWSNE.org. It is chocked full of good useful information. Our webmaster, Abbie Slaman is marvelous and does a great job keeping our PWSNE website up-to-date. Almost everything you need to know about PWSNE is in there – contact information, upcoming dates, and opportunities. Check it often, make sure your information is up-to-date. Did you send Abbie your dates? You have to do your part to keep it current. Abbie certainly does hers! Together we can do great things.

See you soon! May God bless and keep you,

Sandy Grillo,
PWSNE Moderator

MEET YOUR NEW COORDINATING TEAM MEMBERS

PW LEADERSHIP COORDINATOR, MAXINE HUNTER Maxine is an artist, athlete and avid-reader of fiction. Born in Lebanon Missouri, has lived in Morrisville, NY since 1985. She became a member of the Morrisville Community Church in 1996 and was ordained as an elder shortly thereafter. She has been very active in Presbyterian Women in her church, serving as moderator of this group several times. From 2002-2006, she served a moderator of the Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of Cayuga-Syracuse (PWP). In 2003, she organized/coordinated the PWSNE Gathering, "Lead, Laugh, Love" which featured Charlotte Johnstone. In 2002, encouraged (perhaps shanghaied is a more descriptive word) by the Rev. Harvey Sindima, she became an active participant in our presbytery's Korean international partnership with the Pyongyang Presbytery of South Korea. "Oops," says Maxine, "I almost forgot to mention I am married. My husband, Nick, is a Professor in the School of Agriculture Resources Division of Environmental Science at Morrisville State College."

Treasurer, Sharon Hsu Sharon is a deacon at the Taiwanese American Fellowship Presbyterian Church in New Brunswick, NJ. She is also a Sunday School teacher to the younger youth. As an accountant by training, she works at Dow Jones in the Expense accountant Department. Sharon states that she is at her happiest sorting books as a friend for the local Library's used book sales.

Search Committee Moderator, Sandra Arnold Sandy is a member of Pebble Hill Presbyterian Church in Dewitt, NY. She is a life-long Presbyterian, a long-time member of Presbyterian Women and past Moderator of PW in the Presbytery of Cayuga-Syracuse. She has served on the Board of Deacons and is an Elder. Two gifts she is particularly grateful for is her empathy with others and her sense of humor.

Search Committee Member, Elizabeth Denier Elizabeth is the widow of a Presbyterian Minister and mother of three adult children. She is now retired. She was a member of the archival staff of the Franklin D Roosevelt Library in New Hyde Park, NY for many years. Since retirement, she has served as PWP Search Committee Moderator and PWP Moderator the Hudson River Presbytery, PWS Search member and moderator and currently, PWP Moderator in the Presbytery of Boston.

Search Committee Member, Althea Meade Althea grew up in Mechanicville, New York. She attended the First Presbyterian Church of Mechanicville, where she was baptized, confirmed and married her husband, Bob. They married in 1954, the summer they graduated from college (Russell Sage for Althea and RPI for Bob). Althea is a retired primary school reading teacher. She and her husband are retired. They have four children, located in both ends of CA, MA and NYS (near Buffalo). They have eight wonderful grandchildren. Althea states she is a happy grandmother. She has been a member of South Amenia Presbyterian Church since 1957. Over the years she has been a Sunday School teacher and superintendent, choir member, elder, baker of many cookies and pies and currently Clerk of Session. She served on the Hudson River Presbytery Committee on Ministry. In PW, she served on the Hudson River Presbytery Mission as chairperson for a long time. She also served as the PW Synod of the NE Coordinator for Together in Service. Althea states she enjoyed participating in the mission trips to Mississippi and Northern Maine with others of her church and its partners. She attended the Gatherings in Louisville, KY with her husband in 1957, 2000, 2003 and 2007.

Member-at-Large Representing Hispanic/Latin American Women, Paula M. Damiani was born in Bayamon, Puerto Rico in the Evangelical Christian home of Rev. Jesus M. Vidal and the Missionary Ercira A. Vidal. She is one of six children born to this couple. She is happily married to the Lay Pastor Julio Benjamin Damiani, son of minister parents also.

In the secular field, Paula has earned a B.A. in Spanish with a Minor in Elementary Education, a Masters in Bilingual and Urban Studies, and has additional Post-Graduate credits in various subjects to round out her education. She was employed by the Board of Education of the City of New York for almost thirty-five years. She served as an Elementary School teacher for grades K-6, an E.S.L. teacher and then Coordinator of the Bilingual/E.S.L. Program at the school where she worked. She now enjoyed retirement from her secular job which allows her to give most of her time to God and the church.

In terms of her work with the church, Paula has been involved, since childhood, in one aspect of ministry or another. Her early interest in ministry was well established at home by her parents. A love for God, the Word, her neighbor and her family were the main focuses of the family's instructional plan. Although she was not raised as a Presbyterian, she served a Presbyterian congregation as the choir director and substitute organist for many years. She and her husband eventually became members of the Presbyterian Church in 1981.

Soon after Paula became a member of the PCUSA, she was ordained as a Deaconess in 1989, and became an ordained Elder in 1991. She enjoys working alongside of her husband as he ministers in the role of a volunteer Lay Pastor in the congregation where they are both members. She is also an active member of two Chaplains' organizations based in New York State since 2003. She has served the church on all levels. At the local and presbytery levels: she has served as the church musician, youth coordinator and Sunday School teacher, VBS Coordinator and instructor, Treasurer, and is at the present, the Clerk of Session, Elder Commissioner to Presbytery and a member of several Presbytery committees, Administrative Commissions and task forces. Beyond the local level, Paula is presently the 2nd term Vice-Moderator for the Hispanic-Latino Caucus in the Synod of the Northeast, and has been the delegate to G.A. in Long Beach, CA in 2000.

Her greatest pleasure is serving Presbyterian Women. She has served at the local, the presbytery and synod-wide levels. She has been a local: faithful member, secretary, treasurer and moderator, and has been the counselor to local PW groups. At the presbytery level: a moderator and vice-moderator, secretary of the Program Committee, and Enabler for multiple terms and has been a voting delegate to the Churchwide Gathering on two occasions. At the Synod level: a member of the Hispanic-Latino S.N.E. PW Regional Gathering Coordinating Team, a member of the Synod Search Committee in 1995-96, and a member of the Synod Finance Committee at present. Paula's hobbies included reading and studying the Word, playing the piano and singing in harmony with her sisters and friends, cooking and baking, sewing and gardening and always setting higher goals for herself and all those around her while keeping her eyes fixed on the author and perfecter of her faith, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Member-at-Large Representing African American Women, Magdalene Lewis Magdalene was born in Aiken, SC. Member of First Presbyterian Church in Jamaica, NY. She has served as moderator for PW in First Presbyterian Church as well as an Elder and chaired many committees. Presently she is a Sunday School teacher. At the Presbytery level she is currently the Together in Service Coordinator for NYC PW. On the Synod of the Northeast level she has served as Search Committee member and chaired that committee.

Magdalene is a graduate of Marymount Manhattan College; recently retired as a pre-school teacher. She is married to Gilman and they have one daughter Tara. She spends her free time taking care of her 18-month old grandson. She volunteers at SAFEHORIZON. Hobbies are sightseeing; listening to music and her favorite sport is basketball.

SYNOD REPRESENTATIVE to the CHURCHWIDE COORDINATING TEAM

Happy New Year One and All! It is hard to believe that half of my term is over as your Synod Representative to the Churchwide Coordinating Team. I know that the Synod Search Committee will be looking very soon for the next Representative. Just know that it is an unforgettable experience. The best part is representing the very best and most progressive inclusive Synod. It seems like a long time ago since our last CCT meeting in mid September. Here are some of the highlights and some of the on going project and work ~~

~~**Fund Development Committee** is working to raise the “Celebrating Giving.” A workshop format is being developed and will be available on line sometime this spring. A PW Legacy Program is being developed.

~~**Horizons Editorial Committee** introduced new departments in its fall issues of the magazine. As of January 2010, an annual subscription to *Horizons* cost \$24.95 (\$44 for two years and \$63 for three years). [Shhhh – if you have a subscription form/post card with the old rates – you could try to use that and it might be honored. Remember Shhhh! But, do it now before the time of that elapses.] And the Bible Study rate has changed to \$8 per copy. All of the other merchandise *Horizons*/Bible Study prices have raised in proportion, as well. But, remember, this is the first price hike in nearly 10 years. What hasn’t gone up over the years?

~~**Leadership Enhancement Committee** is working on a Leadership training event for the Fall 2010 with three being selected from each Synod to concentrate on Training PW in the local churches. This will be different format and approach from the 2007 training. A leadership webpage is being developed. Another Synod received a grant for “Sisters Stand and Walk Together.” This make the third Synod since PWSNE wrote and executed the inaugural/pilot program. And our second class will be graduating July 2011.

~~**Mission Relations Committee** noted that funds being received for both Birthday and Thank Offerings are much lower than previous years. Therefore, not as many grants and monies may be awarded. The 2011 Birthday Offering theme announced: Proverbs 22:6. Study Tours are available for any woman in the pew to apply and undertake. The Palm Project is now named the Congo Project. We should know soon the PWNSE representative for the United States Mission Experience to South Dakota. Remember that upon her return, she will be available to share her experience and findings with your Presbyteries. Our Jenny Lee is chair of the next Global Exchange to India in 2011. The emphasis will be on human trafficking and the environment (especially water). Later in the year, the applications for this will be available.

~~**Nurture Committee** is looking into developing a Whole Life Fitness: Body, Mind, and Spirit.

~~**Justice and Peace** has many goals and issues. Rape as a weapon of war as per the 2009 Churchwide Business Meeting. Environment issues: eliminate use of plastic water bottles, encouraging more recycling, encouraging less use of paper by using double side printing when ever possible, provide recycle containers at all PW meetings. Immigration issues: encourage use of the word “undocumented” not “illegal.” Use only “Fair Trade” snack items at PW meetings. When using hotel beds, leave \$2 tip under pillow per person/per night. And it was reminded that it is PW policy to use inclusive and expansive language whenever possible.

The 54th session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women will be held February 27th to March 12th. There will be at least seven from PWNSE among the twenty some attending. They will hear the “Review and appraisal of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform of Action and the outcome of the 23rd special session of the General Assembly. “ Look for a report from one of the delegates in the Fall 2010 issue of “The Lighthouse.”

The second week of March will be our next CCT meetings. If you have any concerns or comments, please direct them to myself or any member of the CCT.

On a personal note, I have a “clear health” report. I appreciate all of your prayers, cards, calls, and e-mails. PW is the best support anyone can receive. We certainly are a “caring inclusive community.”

Virginia Champlin

NEWS from PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN of the PRESBYTERIES

ALBANY will hold their Spring Gathering on April 8 at the FPC in Valatie. Jenny Lee, Synod of the NE participant in the 2008 Global Exchange to Eastern Europe and a Racial Ethnic Member-at-Large on the Churchwide Coordinating Team will speak on her experiences in Eastern Europe.

SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND held their winter retreat in Putnam, CT January 29-30. Leaders were Rev. Lori Hedlund and Rev. Marilyn McNaughton. The theme of the retreat was based on the book, *The Cup of our Life* by Joyce Rupp. Twenty-one women attended. The Spring Gathering will be held in Ashaway, RI. The title is "*The Healing Power Story: how story renews and restores*" led by Rev. Barbara Porizky. February 13, the PWPSNE representatives, the Boston Presbytery representative and the Korean Women representative met to plan the PPG for October 24, 2010. It will have Mission as its focus and will be held somewhere between the two presbyteries. Hopefully the Northern Presbytery will be represented as well. So you see, we're busy. –Dotsie Shaw, Moderator PWPSNE

NEW YORK CITY Presbyterian Women are looking for women in their congregation who have ministered in an exceptionally tireless and faithful way. Someone who, by her own witness, has been inspirational has made a difference in the lives within the congregation, in her home, and/or in her community. An unsung heroine who is not in the limelight but who labors faithfully behind the scenes for her Lord. We are sending an invitation to each church to submit one name, a biography, and a picture of a woman of faith. All nominees will be honored but from these nominees we will choose several women of faith to receive a special award at our luncheon. The luncheon will be held on March 20, 2010 at the First Presbyterian Church of Jamaica. The theme of the luncheon will be "God Did Wonders" with Keynote Speaker, Elder Dr. Elizabeth Arredono.

WESTERN NEW YORK Winter Gathering of the PW of Western NY will be another opportunity for us to get together to enrich our friendships and Mission awareness. We will "Welcome the Stranger" at Orchard Park Church on February 6. Molly Anthony, President of Board of Trustees of Family Promise of WNY will present on families who find themselves homeless in WNY. John Harbison, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Journeys End Refugee Resettlement Services will share stories of those who have been forced to flee from their homes in foreign countries. Dr. Pat Townsend will lead worship.

CAYUGA-SYRACUSE The FAB 5 PPG Gathering will be held on August 7th at the White Eagle Conference Center in Hamilton, NY. It is located on the beautiful Lake Moran. It is just the perfect setting for the theme of Gather by the River. Your team is still working on the touches of the gathering and a brochure will be out sometime in mid March. We will begin with registration around 9:30 and start our program at 10 AM. So save the date for a great time in beautiful scenery for our first PPG Gathering. There will also be time for leisurely stroll by the water and if so inclined to take a boat out on the lake.

The facilities are accessible to the handicapped as well. We hope to have great keynote speaker, some short workshops, great worship with singing. Presbyterian Women love to sing. Look for much more. The fee will be \$30 each which covers the conference center facilities, lunch, snacks and welcome snacks as well.

The FAB 5 includes: Albany PWP, Utica PWP, Northern NY PWP, Cayuga-Syracuse PWP and Susquehanna Valley PWP.

Susan Silliman Smith, planning committee chair

TOGETHER IN SERVICE UPDATE...

As has been mentioned in previous newsletters and presented to the Moderators at the training in Albany this past November, Together in Service is a wide open program that allows Presbyterian Women to joyously and creatively participate in the missions they feel close to their hearts.

Perhaps some of your local missions, such as food pantries, making caps for premature babies at local hospitals or perhaps your church has a mission in another area within the USA or abroad. Your group might participate in Church World Service kits as well. There are groups who visit hospitals and give patients lap robes, or a special pillow in special shapes. (When my husband had to spend a month in a hospital in Houston, TX he received something from two groups there as he was in two different places—in one place he received a hand crocheted lap blanket and another a heart shaped pillow with a saying attached to it.)

Some groups have had “baby showers” to put together layettes, some have had other group activities to put together the hygiene kits.

Whatever you do you are serving the Lord.

As many know a great need is currently needed in Haiti. Haiti has always been a very poverty stricken country but the Mission we may do at this time in Haiti can prove to even make Haiti a better place than it was before the Hurricane. The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance funds have made their way there. You might even want to stress this during Lent when promoting the One Great Hour of Sharing.

Have fun in your mission ventures for God has asked us to serve Him here and around the World.

Share your stories and submit them to your coordinator who will in turn send them to me to share in our Fall LIGHTHOUSE.

Susan Silliman Smith, Together in Service Coordinator. Email address: august13sss@aol.com. Phone number 315-963-8078

HORIZONS

The Magazine for Presbyterian Women!

If you do not receive the magazine, order it NOW! This magazine will keep you posted on what PW are doing worldwide, and provides you with information you would not find from other sources.

The January/February 2010 issue is “Simplicity.” “For billions of people around the world, living a simple life is not a choice; poverty makes it their reality. At the other extreme, there are many people who feel bogged down and drained by their accumulated stuff and lengthy to-do lists. For this issue, a variety of writers offer suggestions on how to scale back, and in so doing, find more joy, a stronger connection with God, and a more just and sustainable way of life.”

This particular issue might help you understand the concept of simplicity, especially now when our minds are fixed on the devastation in Haiti.

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Spring Spiritual Retreat

April 23 – 25, 2010

Christ the King Retreat House – Syracuse, NY

“Leaving FOOTPRINTS in the Sand”

“My steps have held to your path, my feet have not slipped.”

Psalm 17:5

Come, join us for a relaxing spiritual retreat including meditation, praying with scripture, interest centers, nature walks and wonderful fellowship with other Presbyterian Women.

We gather on **Friday, April 23 at 4:00 PM** (registration starts at 3:00 PM) and continue through **Sunday, April 25** after worship at approximately 12 Noon. **Special needs** of participants include the need for a first floor room because of stairs and/or special dietary needs (diabetic, vegetarian, etc). Please include these requests on the registration form.

Christ the King Retreat House is minutes away from downtown Syracuse, nestled atop six acres of rolling hills. This secluded mansion provides a wonderful setting with comfortable rooms, delicious meals and an opportunity to pamper yourself.

Barbara Johnson, well-known Spiritual Retreat Leader for the Presbytery of Cayuga-Syracuse and beyond, will again be our Retreat leader. She will guide us through activities that leave us renewed and refreshed.

Things to bring: Casual indoor/outdoor seasonal clothing, Bible, pen/pencil/notepad

Scholarships are available. Please contact Joanne Schnaudt at jwschnaudt@comcast.net or (609)693-7654.

Confirmation of reservation will be made if you have an e-mail address.

COST: \$215.00 – Registration deadline April 15, 2010

Early Registration Fee - \$195.00 if registered prior to April 9, 2010

[Registration fee includes two nights lodging (single room), all meals and program]

Directions: From **Thruway**, take Exit 34A to Rt. 481 to Exit 3W to E. Genesee St. (Rt. 92), continue west for 3.1 miles on E. Genesee St. (note Nottingham High School on left); at next stop light turn left onto **Brookford Road** and continue to end. From **Rt. 81** exit at Rt. 481 to Exit 3W and follow above directions. From **Rt. 690E** continue to Rt. 481S and follow directions above.

Spring Spiritual Retreat

Registration Form

Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the NorthEast

Fee: \$210.00 [registration deadline April 15, 2010

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Horizons

Stony Point Center Horizons Bible Study

May 14-16, 2010



Journeys Through Revelation

Apocalyptic Hope for Today

Led by **Louise Lawson Johnson**,
Writer of the Suggestions for Leaders
Study written by Barbara Rossing

Revelation is one of the most difficult books to understand in the entire Bible. Because it is full of mysterious and unfamiliar symbolism, terrifying images, and the end-time battle of Armageddon, most pastors and teachers choose not to touch it with a ten-foot pole. Yet, Revelation's message is first and foremost one of HOPE — a hope that has sustained Christians in distress throughout the ages. Don't be left behind! Come and explore this exciting PW Horizons study for 2010-2011.

What comes to mind when you think of the book of *Revelation*? Scary images? The four horsemen come to unleash destruction? Mysterious numbers such as "666"? The endtime battle of Armageddon? In recent years, an enormous prophecy industry has marketed frightening images of *Revelation*, leaving many people intimidated by this amazing and often misunderstood book. Although brimming with mysterious symbolism, *Revelation* ultimately is a book of hope that throughout history has sustained people who are oppressed. It is a wonderfully Christ-centered book, full of worship and praise.

In the 2010–2011 *Horizons* Bible study, *Journeys through Revelation: Apocalyptic Hope for Today*, Barbara Rossing guides us on a journey to meet the crucified Lamb, Jesus. In a journey reminiscent of the ancient Israelites' exodus from slavery, we are led from an unjust empire and its system of domination, through mythic battles and plagues, until, ultimately, we find ourselves in a renewed creation where God comes to live with us on earth. This brilliantly hope-filled vision speaks to us in the midst of the urgent crises of our day. In a time when all of creation stands at a turning point, a *kairos* moment, *Revelation* can help guide the choices we make each day as we seek to live into the renewal that God has for the whole world.



About the Leader:

Louise Lawson Johnson is an ordained PC (USA) minister who has served three congregations during her thirty-year ministry. Louise has a special love for studying and teaching the Bible; she taught a weekly community-wide Bible study in the Memphis area for twenty-five years. A graduate of Duke University, Louise holds a master of divinity degree from Princeton Theological Seminary and a doctor of ministry degree from Columbia Theological Seminary. She has served the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) at General Assembly, synod and presbytery levels, including fifteen years on Princeton Theological Seminary's board of trustees. She was project coordinator for a grant funded by the Lilly Endowment, has served as adjunct faculty at Princeton Theological Seminary, and has written adult church school curricula, Bible study leaders' guides, and articles and chapters for a variety of publications. Louise and her husband, William Stacy Johnson, have four children and a beloved Labrador retriever.



About the Author:

Barbara Rossing is professor of New Testament at the Lutheran School of Chicago, where she has taught since 1994. She is the author of *The Rapture Exposed: The Message of Hope in the Book of Revelation*. A fervent environmentalist, she speaks on ecology and the environment, as well as biblical and religious topics.



See over for registration information and options



**Engage...Examine...Explore...
Express...Empower...**

Join Louise Lawson Johnson, author of the Suggestions for Leaders for this year's study, as she unlocks the mysteries of the Book of Revelation. This program is designed for those who plan to lead the Horizons Bible Study in their church.

The full program, which offers additional resources, begins with dinner on Friday and ends with lunch on Sunday. Registration and check-in will start on Friday at 4:00 PM. Cost: \$200/Person which covers meals and a shared double room in one of our lodges. If requested at registration, a limited number of private rooms may be available at an additional cost. Call 845-786-5674 x107 with any questions.

Or, register for a one-day Intensive Program, Saturday Only - 9 to 9 for \$75/Person.

For transportation information email our Coordinator, transportation@stonypointcenter.org

**Conference Registration Form
Horizon Bible Study May 14-16, 2010**

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

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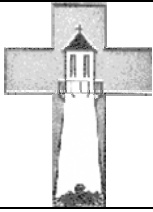
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Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Northeast



**CALENDAR
OPPORTUNITIES AND REMINDERS
EVENTS / ACTIONS**

2010	EVENT	FOR	Location
Jan. 29-30	Southern New England PWP Winter Retreat, Rev. Lori Hedlund and Rev. Marilyn McNaughton, Leaders. Theme based on <i>The Cup of Our Life</i> by Joyce Rupp	All Women	Immaculate Conception Convent in Putnam, CT
Feb. 6	Western NY PWP; Winter Gathering, \$5 reg., 10:30-2 pm <i>God Will Do Wonders Among You – Welcome The Stranger</i>	All Women	Orchard Park PC, Orchard Park, NY
Feb. 10 10 am	Utica PWP, Winter Gathering, Covered dish luncheon followed by video program by Dewitt Jones	All Women	Westminster Church, Utica, NY
Feb. 13	Planning meeting for Oct. 24 PPG Mission-themed gathering	ALL New England PWP-CTs	Worcester, MA
Feb. 17	10:30am-1 pm Hudson River PWP, Ash Wednesday Retreat Theme: <i>Praying through Lent with Heart, Soul, Mind and Body</i>	All Women	Stony Point Center
Feb. 27	Newark PWP, Winter Gathering (snow date 3/6)	All Women	TBA
March 5	World Day of Prayer will be held in the following PWP-NYC churches	All Women	Springfield Gardens & Glenn Morris
March 20	PWP-NYC Women of Faith Luncheon, Keynote Speaker: Elder Dr. Elizabeth Arredondo	All Women	1st PC-Jamaica NY
Apr. 8	Albany PWP, Spring Gathering, Jenny Lee	All Women	1st PC, Valatie, NY
Apr. 10	Newark PWP, Spring Gathering, Sandy Grillo	All Women	TBA
Apr. 20	Elizabeth PWP, Spring Gathering, Tuesday, 5:30-9 p.m., Theme: <i>SIMPLICITY</i> , Speaker: Rev. MiHee Kim-Kort of College Hill Pres., Easton, PA	All Women	Crescent Ave. PC Plainfield, NJ
Apr. 23-24	Spring Spiritual Retreat, at Christ the King	All Women	Syracuse, NY
Apr. 24	Geneva PWP Spring Gathering	All Women	Watkins Glenn, NY
Apr. 24	Southern New England PWP spring gathering: <i>The Healing Power of Story</i> and led by Rev. Barbara Porizky	All Women	Ashaway, RI
Apr. 24	Monmouth PWP – Spring Gathering: <i>The Tree of Life</i>	All Women	Manasquan, NJ
Apr. 24	9:30-1:30 pm, Palisades PWP – Spring Gathering: <i>God Will Do Wonders Among You</i> , leader: the Rev. Dr. Janet MacGregor-Williams	All Women	Claremont Lafayette PC Jersey City, NJ
Apr. 24 10:30-2 pm	Western NY, Spring Gathering <i>God Will Do Wonders Among You: My Story Past, Present & Future</i>	All Women	Randolph PC, NY
Apr30-May3	Healing Retreat: <i>Celebrating a Decade of Sisterhood</i>	All Women	Mantaloking, NJ
May 2	Boston PWP – Spring Gathering	All Women	Korean Church of Boston
May 13	Long Island PWP – Spring Gathering	All Women	TBA
May 14-16	<i>Horizons Bible Study: Journey Through Revelation Apocalyptic Hope For Today</i>	All Women	Stony Point Center
May 15	PWP-NYC Spring Gathering, Theme: <i>Let's Go Green - God's Planet</i>	All Women	TBA
July 17	NJ PPG Gathering , Theme: <i>Gather at the River</i>	All Women	Piscataway, NJ
Sept. 1	Geneva PWP Day of Inspiration	All Women	Camp Whitman
Sept. 9-16	USA MISSION EXPERIENCE		South Dakota
Sept. 18	Long Island PWP – Fall Gathering	All Women	TBA
Sept. 25	Western NY, Geneva, Genessee Valley PPG Gathering	All Women	Camp Asbury, Silver Lake
Oct. 2	PPG Gathering – New York, Long Island and Hudson River	All Women	Holmes, NY
Oct. 5-6	Long Island PWP Retreat	All Women	Sag Harbor, NY
Oct. 16	Monmouth PWP – Fall Gathering	All Women	TBA
2011	July: PW in the Synod of the Northeast: Gathering	All Women	The Desmond
2012	July: Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women	All Women	Orlando, Florida

Annual Recurring Deadlines

Jan. 15	Deadline for Women of Faith endorsements
Feb. 1, Aug. 1	Lighthouse articles due to Gail Banks
Feb. 1, Aug. 1	PWP Historian reports due to Jo Ann Braun
Mar. 15	Pledges due to Treasurer Sharon Hsu
Mar. 15	PWSCT expense vouchers due to Treasurer Sharon Hsu
Mar. 25	Pledge Payments due to Central Receiving and PWS Treasurer
May 1	PWP Directory due to Churchwide Program Assistant Patricia.Longfellow@pcusa.org
May 15	Annual Reports due to PWS from PWP Moderators, send to Shirley Fine sfine42@yahoo.com
June 1	Mission Reports due to PWS from PWP Mission Coordinators, send to Susan Silliman Smith