

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
IN THE SYNOD OF THE NORTHEAST**

Annual Report



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PWSNE Moderator's Report

There have been many changes in the Presbyterian Church in General Assembly and the Synods. Most of our presbyteries have made drastic changes in the way they work as well. Presbyterian Women is no different. Times change and we must change with them if we want to survive and thrive. We have begun having a three year gathering cycle: one year is the Synod Gathering, the next is Churchwide Gathering and the third is the Presbytery Partnership Group (PPG) Gathering. Last year all five PPGs in our Synod held gatherings and all were wonderful and successful. The women I talked with at each one said over and over they hoped it would be repeated. I also hope they will be held again.

Important workshops are being planned by the team that went to Florida in September 2010 for training on the churchwide level of PW. They brought back many good ideas for rejuvenation and re-invigorating our PWP groups. Maxine Hunter is leading this effort so you can look forward to more information from her and her group.

2011 has been an interesting and productive year. Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Northeast has been active in so many areas, from supporting ECPAT (which works to end child trafficking in the USA and all over the world) to buying palm trees to help women better themselves in the Congo. We have made quilts for AIDS patients and ugly quilts for the homeless. I could go on and on making a list of what has been done, but you all know it. We need to make sure the rest of the Synod knows just how much we do.

Jo Ann Burrell went as our representative to South Dakota to speak with Native American women on their hopes, dreams and daily lives. To hear her speak is very moving. It is a real eye opener. Lucy Jarjigian will go to India in October 2011 as part of the Global Exchange. When she returns she will speak, when asked, at your presbyteries and share what she learns about the lives of women there. Be sure to invite both of them if your presbytery has not as yet.

Presbyterian Women is in the forefront of many fights for people's rights and freedom. I know this great tradition will continue and I hope you will be part of it. There is much more that needs to be done both here in America and in every corner of the world.

I can't believe it has been four years since I became PWSNE Moderator. It has been a wonderful, exhilarating, sometimes frustrating experience that I would not trade for anything. Thank you for all the love and support you have given me. I can't wait to see what the next chapter in this journey brings! God bless Presbyterian Women and each of you!

In peace and love,
Sandy



Representative to the Churchwide Coordinating Team Annual Report to the Synod of the Northeast

As my three year term comes to a close, I wish to thank the Synod of the Northeast for their trust, prayers, and support during this amazing journey of faith and leadership. I have met so many wonderful and inspiring Christian women (and men) from across our Synod and Churchwide doing some awesome projects and service. I said it last year and I'll say it again—our Synod has women and women's groups that are a true example of the Presbyterian Women's Purpose: faithful through prayer and Bible Study, supports mission of the Church worldwide works for justice and peace, and builds an inclusive and caring community that strengthens our church and witnesses to the promise of God's Kingdom.

For Churchwide PW, I have attended •••

- Two CCT meetings – Orlando (September 2010) and Louisville (March 2011)
- Attended the 2010 Leadership Training Event in Orlando (one of the PWSNE Orlando 8)
- and as one of the Leadership Team Presenting this Training
- Served on Leadership Enhancement Committee
- Served on the Nurture Committee as it was being dissolved
- Served on Communication Committee
- Served on *Horizons* Editorial Committee as Chair
– one meeting Face to Face, one meeting conference call
- Attended Chairs & Synod Representative meetings
- Served as Pianist for CCT
- Serving on Site Selection Committee for 2018 Churchwide Gathering and
Attended Religious Conference Management Association Convention in Tampa
- Visited Beth-El Farmworker Ministry, Wimauma, Florida (Birthday Offering Recipient)

In the Synod of the Northeast PW, I attended •••

- Cayuga-Syracuse Fall Retreat
- New England PPG Gathering near Boston
- Geneva PWP Day of Inspiration, Fall Gathering, and Spring Gathering

In Geneva Presbytery •••

- In the absence of an elected Moderator for Geneva PWP, serving as the contact person
- Attends as many as possible home church CT and circle meetings
- Attends with Voice & Vote all possible Council and Presbytery meetings
- Serving as Chair for the Presbytery meetings planning task group
- Plays organ/piano for home church early Chapel Services weekly & play in handbell choir
- Served as Communicant's Sponsor

Virginia A. Champlin 2008-2011 Term



Annual Report: The Leadership Network Coordinator The Desmond, Albany New York

July 22-24

With the merger of the Churchwide (CW) Enabler Committee and the CW Leadership Committee into the CW Leadership Enhancement Committee, our Synod in 2009 followed suit by changing (at least in name) the former Enabler position into the position of Leadership Network Coordinator. The transition from Enabler to this new world of Leadership Network Coordinator is on-going.

Several events took place in 2010 and early 2011 which have enhanced this transition. From September 24-26, 2011, Maxine Hunter the Synod of the NE's Leadership Network Coordinator, along with Charlotte Hasselbarth (moderator elect of our PW of Synod of NE), Gladys Ortiz, and Elaine Brown, as well as our Synod's representatives on the CW Coordinating Team (CWCT)—Virginia Champlain, Jenny Lee, Joanne Schnaudt, and Nydia Murphy—attended "Takin' it to the Congregations," the 2010 leadership training event at the Gaylord Palms near Orlando, Florida. The focus of the workshops and meetings: training women to connect directly to congregations. *(Our delegation of eight, often referred to as the Orlando 8, has laid the foundation for our synod's Leadership Network.)

Several Activities/Issues arose from the meeting in Orlando:

1. Issue: Two things became apparent: 1) the position itself, Leadership Network Coordinator (LNC) needed to be defined. This was completed in March 2011 and submitted to By-laws sub-committee. 2) A job description for the new position needed to be developed that more clearly reflected the new position. This job description will be reviewed during the meeting of the Synod's coordinating team on Sunday, July 24, 2011.
2. Activities of Orlando 8: (a) Elaine Brown presented a capsule report on the Florida CW Leadership Training at the PPG Gathering of New England, October 23, 2010. (b) During the Moderators Training, Oct.19-31, 2011 at Stony Point the Orlando 8 presented an introductory workshop, "Exercise in Building Up a Ministry/Organization"; handed out an assessment survey to PWP Moderators on organization and leadership focused toward their PWP organization (13 people replied); performed the motivational "But/And" skit; and "From Enabler to Leadership Network: Out of the Chaos of Transition," a report by LNC Maxine Hunter. (Her report was interrupted by loud singing from a group next to our meeting room); Gladys Ortiz and Nydia Murphy presented the materials, strategies, etc., to their PWP CT/PWP Gathering in the fall, 2010; Virginia Champlain led a leadership enhancement workshop (Vision Obstacle Direction—VOD) at PWP Spring Gathering in her Presbytery.
3. "PW Leadership Network: What it is? Where is it going?" by LNC Maxine Hunter, appeared in the February 2011, *The Lighthouse*.
4. Meeting: On February 19, 2011, Albany, NY the Orlando 8 (only 4 could attend) met to engage in reflection on the Leadership Enhancement event we had attended in Sept. 2010. Moderator-elect Charlotte Hasselbarth made all the arrangements. Attending: Charlotte Hasselbarth, Virginia Champlain, Elaine Brown and Maxine Hunter. Another time to get reacquainted with each other and a time of reflection is planned for early Friday afternoon, July 22, 2011 at the Desmond in Albany.
5. A Survey for PW of the Congregation is under development. We hope to give it a "test" at the July 2011 Gathering in Albany.
6. Workshops: Three Learning Circles, "Rise, Shine and Recharge" will be presented at our PW of Synod Gathering, July 22-23, 2011. These workshops—in Korean, Spanish and English—are based on tools, techniques and or strategies presented to our eight delegates in Orlando.

Respectively submitted,

Maxine Hunter, Leadership Network Coordinator



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN PRESBYTERY OF BOSTON ANNUAL REPORT

The Spring Gathering was held on May 15, 2011 at the Roxbury Presbyterian Church. The program emphasized local mission projects already in existence and planned for the future. The Roxbury women shared slides and information on their "Adopt a School" project. This program involves tutoring, recreational programs, and one-on-one activities in a neighboring middle school. Roxbury has experienced many acts of violence involving both adults and children. They hope programs like these will help to prevent so much violence in the future.

Naomi Northrop, from First Presbyterian Church in Worcester, MA, spoke about the Worcester Refugee Assistance Project (WRAP)'s weaving cooperative. This program began in January 2010 as a way to help women from Burma supplement their family income, learn to speak English, and find ways to cope with the stress of life in a new country. Several of the Burmese weavers accompanied her to the meeting. They also brought samples of their lovely work.

There was also a presentation by Kelsey Rice-Bogdan on a potential program for the Presbytery. She hopes to set up a Young Adult Volunteer group centered, at least initially, around food and agriculture. The volunteers would spend part of each week working in a food bank or other related activity and the rest of the time working with local churches planning and carrying out projects. Presbyterian Women have pledged support for this program.

Elizabeth Denier
PWP Moderator



ANNUAL REPORT FOR PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF CAYUGA-SYRACUSE

This has been both a difficult and exciting year for Presbyterian Women in Cayuga-Syracuse. Many in our leadership have been dealing with health issues either for themselves or family members. And many of us find ourselves over-extended. But we continue forward with that good old Presbyterian adage — ***“we can do it — we can still do it — who said we couldn’t do it? — we is Presbyterian Women!”***

Our Spring Gathering was held the week that we had the Presbyterian Women’s Choir, from S. Korea visiting our Presbytery. Their 30 member choir including 3 liturgical dancers, performed for our Gathering and to the Glory of God. Our Presbytery has had a mission partnership with S. Korea for 10 years. Our PW co-moderator, Susan S.-Smith, has served on the partnership team since the beginning and has kept PW in the loop. PW played hostess to many of these gals as they toured our area for a week. Only a few spoke English and not very well but the universal languages of laughter and sign came into play and it was an awesome experience. I was hostess for the 3 dancers, one of whom happened to be the purchasing agent for the choir so we spent quite a bit time shopping for make-up and shoes (much cheaper here than in S. Korea,) and for fruit. We packed small bags of fruit for each person that went on the field trip to Niagara Falls. They sat on the floor to do this — needless to say — I sat in a chair. We had a big tray of fresh fruit that they prepared every night much as we would have cake and coffee. I tried eating with chop sticks (the Korean method of weight control) and decided I didn’t like seaweed!

We toured many of our churches, and visited in private homes and local nursing and adult homes. We visited the Korean War Memorial in Auburn, fruit stands and nursery schools. Some took in the sites of the American

Legion Halls and ‘Y’s,” country music venues, rummage sales and one group even visited the dump (excuse me transfer station.) Everyone shared housekeeping and cooking techniques.

Also at the Spring Gathering, Rita Hooper did a power point present on her recent trip to CWS Warehouse in New Windsor, Maryland. There were several PW on the trip, which was sponsored and run out of the Syracuse of CWS by Amy Manning. Amy will be at the Synod Gathering. I encourage all those who support CWS to take this trip — it makes it soo much easier to ‘sell’ CWS when you see it in action. Oops I almost forgot — we worked for SERV too while we were there.

In Early August, we had our PPG meeting at a conference center in Hamilton, NY. I believe there were about 50 in attendance from the Fab 5 (Susquehanna Valley, C-S, Utica, Northern NY and Albany) with 4 of our presbyteries represented. Rev. Patricia Raube brought the keynote “From the Garden to the City” which presented a great beginning for the Horizon’s Revelation Bible Study. Lynn Hasselbarth did a workshop “Building Bridges out of Poverty” based on her trip to Peru as a Young Adult Volunteer and her work with the Family Life Center in Schenectady. Rev. Sandy Damhof serves as Director of Protestant Campus Ministry and is the founder of a new church in Slingerlands. She provided some valuable insights into how to more fully include young adults in our faith communities. Rev. Betty Jones, a most loyal and ardent supporter of PW joined in the communion service with Rev. Raube.

As has been our tradition for many years, we once again participated with Utica PW in our annual fall retreat at Vanderkamp. Our theme this year was a Spiritual Feast with Chef Rev. Dr. Lise Worthington of Stony Point. It included some actual food preparation as we prepared for the first ever Pie Baking Contest to be held at camp! She brought home to us the significance of food in a spiritual sense.

A little more that half of our PWs participate in some way in Together in Service. I’m sure more churches do mission work but don’t report it to PW. A number support On Point for College, which helps disadvantaged teens to get into college and provides whatever they need to keep them there from backpacks to silverware, transportation and emotional support. Some are involved in the Refugee Resettlement Program in Syracuse and many PW work on CWS kits and CROP WALK.

We still wrestle with the question of new members and how to get them, and now we face the crunch of leadership as our CT faces the question of aging and retirement moves. We ask for your prayers as we pray for you.

Rita Hooper
Co-Moderator C-S



Geneva Presbytery PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
Annual Report to the Synod of the Northeast
July 2010-June 2011

Gatherings

Day of Inspiration, Wednesday, September 1, 2010 @ Camp Whitman on Seneca Lake
Keynote —Joanne Strike (Utica PWP, Thendra, NY) – Trip to Nicaragua for Fair Trade
Devotions —Rev. Nancy Yao
Voices & Stories from Ovid young ladies that attended Youth Triennium
Moment for Mission —Amy Manning, Church World Service
Introduction to the 2009 Bible Study “Revelation” led by
Rita Oestreich visiting from her new home in Appleton, Wisconsin

Dish to Share lunch

Tour of Camp by Camp Property Manager Christopher Ruthven

Fall Gathering — Presbyterian Partnership Group Synod Regional Gathering

Saturday, September 25, 2010 at Camp Asbury Retreat Center, Perry, NY

Keynote “Celebrate & Protect Water — Global, Regional, Local,” Linda Schneekloth

Afternoon — Joanne Burrell, Synod Delegate to United States Mission Experience to

The Dakotas and the Native American life

Visit from Sandy Grillo, Synod Moderator

Worship & Renewal of Baptismal Covenant — Rev. Leslie Latham (Randolph/Western NY)

Spring Gathering — Saturday, May 14, 2011 @ Palmyra

(Tricia Owen, Sandy McMiniman, Randy Kennad — Palmyra Event Organizing Team)

Worship “Easter Morning” — Rev. Dr. Nancy Farrell

Keynote – Mary Lou Havens & Kathy Bush (Canandaigua Church) & friends —

Experiences with trips to Mexico —

Partnership between Presbyteries in Mexico and Geneva

Birthday Offering Received & Dedicated

Election & Rededication of Officers, Budget approved

VOD (Vision, Obstacle, Direction) workshop from Churchwide- afternoon

”Mission Projects” workshop led by Lois Carter held during the November Presbytery Meeting @ Elmira North

Beyond Geneva Presbytery PW

JoAnn Braun concluded in the Fall as Historian to Synod of the Northeast and serves on

Presbytery Council and as Council Commissioner to Synod of the Northeast

Virginia Champlin served as Synod Representative to Churchwide CT/Board & Synod PW CT

Lois Carter continues to serve on a Churchwide Committee

Moderator attends with Voice & Vote to General Council & Presbytery meetings

Others from our Coordinating Team attend Presbytery meetings faithfully

- The Geneva “Link” is our Newsletter, published twice a year.
- Our Coordinating Team is lacking an elected Moderator, therefore the Coordinating Team has divided the tasks and responsibilities.
- Our Women continue to be faithful to the purpose of PW with prayer, Bible Study, a caring & inclusive community of faith, and dedication to mission work and the church.

Virginia A. Champlin, Reporting



HUDSON RIVER PRESBYTERY PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

2010-2011 Annual Report

At the PW National Gathering in Louisville in July, 2009, women from of the Long Island PW (Alpha Brown), Hudson River (Judy Wason & Faye Bishop) and New York(Maggie Lewis) met and chose the date of October 2, 2010, a Saturday, for the first-time event of having Presbytery Partnership Groups (PPG) sponsor a joint event, rather than a Synod Gathering. Discussion was held regarding location and it was suggested that the Holmes Camp and Conference Center be considered as a site. Since it is located in the Hudson River Presbytery area Faye offered to check on the date. This was done and the lodge by the lake was reserved for the selected date, October 2nd.

A theme of LET US GATHER AT THE RIVER was suggested by the Synod PW. Since the Hudson River Presbytery was celebrating 50 years of being a Presbytery, we suggest "adopting" and expanding their theme of A RIVER RUNS THROUGH US for our program of the day. Judy and Faye invited two of the HRP creative ministers, Rev. Nancy Thornton and Rev. Cathy Surgenor, to lead the retreat style event. The attendance for this special day was 85 women, most from the New York City Presbytery. There was a positive response to the inspiring program led by Nancy and Cathy. Women enjoyed getting acquainted with each other and reveled in the lovely setting and the picnic style lunch. A special communion service ended the day.

In keeping with our intention to simplify the role of our coordinating team, we have held fewer meetings and have sponsored just one event so far this year: the Ash Wednesday Retreat. This was the 9th year that we have invited one of our HRP women ministers to lead us in a half day introduction to the Lenten season. This year Rev. Dorinda Violante used the theme "A Fresh Brewed Life" and inspired us with her multi-media presentation. We were pleased that 45 women attended, representing 14 churches. Stony Point Center is a convenient, centrally located space so we'll continue sponsoring this retreat style event.

In addition to financial support to Camp Holmes, Stony Point, Rural and Migrant Ministry, and the Global Exchange, we continued our mission project of creating stoles for the graduates of the Sing Sing Prison ministerial program. This is the 4th year that a local PW group has done the sewing.

To date we have sent 5 E-NEWSLETTERS to the 130+ members of our Yahoo group.

We publicize events taking place in our Presbytery and Synod. We use our link on the HUDSON RIVER PRESBYTERY web page to post our E-Newsletters and posters advertising upcoming events. Currently we are encouraging women to attend the "Rise and Shine" Synod Gathering in Albany in July. Our Presbytery PW is offering scholarships to women who wish to attend so we are hoping to have a good attendance.

We thank the dedicated members of our HRP Coordinating team for their support and are seriously searching for other women to step forward to help keep our team active.

Report from Co-Moderators Faye Bishop and Judy Wason

June 6, 2011



Korean Presbyterian Women Annual Report of KPW (2010 -2011 July)

It had been a very dynamical and spiritual years for me while I am serving KPW. There were many activities and gatherings and prayers for our enhancement to build His kingdom among us.

Most of all we, KPW members would like to share our loss of the most valuable spiritual leader as well as my personal mentor the late Yim Minwan on last July 8, 2011. She had been fighting with her brain cancer which

was found on 3 years ago while she was serving KPW as a moderator (April, 2007 – April 2009). Even she'd been battling with cancer cell and various forms of treatments; she never lost her smiling and sense of humors as well as her leadership abilities as a moderator. By her illness we were more bonded together through strong prayers for her and many others. There was lots of families and friends at the farewell service to share good memories with her and sending her to Father in heaven. Please keep pray for her remained family's comfort.

On October 2010, we had the annual Mission Conference at The Korean United Presbyterian Church of NY. The special guest speaker was Mr. Lee, Yoonsik from northern China, Yanbin, who helps and serves the North Korea Refugees by providing housings, helping find a job and schooling to educate children for the better future. Theme was "Come and See" to let anyone to visit there and give them a hand to build facilities for them. It was very touching and inspirational presentation that many sisters were talking about visiting there and give them a good will.

On April 2011, we had the Spring Retreat Gathering at the Stony Point, NY. The theme was "Korean Christian Women, is it alright to be as is?" to wake our spirit as a leader among the church communities. Even in the 21 century our church communities are still dwelled in old conservative traditional way of women's task serve. The Guest speaker Rev. Jean Kim who had served in PCUSA as the Women's committee chair at Louisville, KY, as a social worker had run the Homeless People Church over Seattle, and Newhaven, Ct.

Through the year, we had the quarterly prayers meetings 4 times. We pray for the worldwide church communities, PCUSA GA, synods, presbyteries, KPW supporting mission sites and missionary workers, Korean 2nd generation Christians' future, and PW leaderships and awakening of spiritualities. KPW is supporting 4 different missionaries site by offering fund and prayers: Alaska Eskimo Mission Center (Rev. Ryul Lee), Youth & Family Focus (Ms. Sungsook Lee), Hope World Inc. (Yanbin, China), Agape Homeless Church (Ms. Eunjoo Yoo).

It has been a busy but also enriched communion experiencing year, through all the prayers we do it together we are bonded in Christ even stronger than ever.

Shalom,

Hanna Cho



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2010년 5월 - 2011년 9월

1. 연합임원회

제 4차: 2010년 9월 11일 동부한미노회 사무실, NJ

제 5차: 2011년 1월 22일 동부한미노회 사무실, NJ

제 6차: 2011년 4월 29일 Stony Point, NY

제 7차: 2011년 8월 6일 동부한미노회 사무실, NJ

2. 연합기도회

제 39회: 2010년 8월 10일 뉴욕동양제일교회 (빈상석 목사)

제 40회: 2011년 2월 15일 수정교회 (문정선, 엄순희 목사)

제 41회: 2011년 6월 14일 뉴욕새누리장로교회 (김형석 목사)

3. 연합수련회 및 지교회 여성대표수련회

2011년 4월 29일 - 30일 Stony Point, NY

강사: 김진숙 목사

주제: “한인교회여성, 이대로 좋은가?”

여는예배: 엄순희목사(수정교회) “우리는 더 이상 조연이 아니다”

4. 연합선교대회

제 21회: 2010년 10월 16일 뉴욕중앙장로교회

강사: 이윤식 회장 (연변희망복지원)

주제: “와 보라”

제 22회: 2011년 9월 15일- 17일 필그림교회(양춘길 목사)

Vision Conference

주최: 미국장로교 한인교회 총회 남녀 선교회 전국 연합회

주제: 평신도와 선교 “건너와서 우리를 도우라”

5. 연합선교활동 및 선교지

Alaska Eskimo Mission Center (이 열 목사) - KPW/SNE

Youth & Family Focus - KPW/SNE

Hope World Inc. (연변 희망복지원) - EKPW

Agape Homeless Church (유은주 선교사) - EKPW

연변 희망복지원 방문 - 2010년 5월 12일-18일

6. NKPW 13회 총회: 2011년 5월 12일 - 14일 Chicago, IL

7. PWSNE Desmond Gathering: 2011년 7월 22일-23일, Albany, NY

“Rise and Shine”

Hanna Cho



Presbyterian Women of Monmouth

Presbyterian Women of Monmouth had a wonder year starting with our Fall Gathering for October 16, 2010 at the Hope Presbyterian Church in Tinton Falls, NJ. Our two speakers were Linda Kenyon, Director of Development at the Monmouth and Ocean County Food Bank and the Rev Phyllis Zoon, Presbyterian Hunger enabler for Monmouth Presbytery. The Theme of The Gathering was in celebration of World Food Day. Women who attended the gathering brought non-perishable food for the director to take back to the food bank. We ended the program with the celebration of Holy Communion.

Our Spring Gathering was just as great. We had 2 speakers the Rev David Cotton doing our overview on the Beatitudes and the Rev Mark Koenig Director of the Presbyterian Office at the United Nations. Mark gave a wonderful presentation on peacemaking. The theme of the gathering was "Blessed are the Peacemakers" on April 16, 2011, at the Presbyterian Church at Shrewsbury, NJ. We ended the program by singing Let There Be Peace on Earth. Also at the gathering we celebrated the giving of the Birthday Offering and the regular offering went to the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program.

After the Business Meeting, we went into doing Leadership Enhancement Tools, learning to build up ideas for our PW's and congregations.

Respectfully submitted
Lori Evans, Moderator of
Presbytery of Monmouth



**Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of New Brunswick
Annual Report for July 2010 – June 2011
To Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Northeast**

How did your Presbytery PW nurture faith?

Prayer and devotions are an integral part of all our meetings. We function as a faith organization and we seek to live out our faith by serving others as a part of Presbyterian Women. The popular Horizon Bible Study features many beautifully written prayers and art work which are coordinated with each of the nine lessons. In addition we are fortunate to have a class offered for the women who will lead the Bible Study at their churches offered by Rev. Joyce MacKichan Walker of Nassau Presbyterian Church. The Bible Study Revelation was challenging, but widened our understanding of prophecy and vision.

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

In addition to taking part in the Least Coin, Birthday, and Thank offerings, we continue to support the work of Dr. Katie Wolf who ministers to rural people in Haiti who previously had very little access to medical care by providing needed supplies and subsidizing their transportation to Haiti. For further information please see <http://www.friendsforhealthinhaiti.org>.

We have also continued the annual Christmas wreath sale which benefits Mission at the Eastward in Maine. The wreath sale continues to be a win-win holiday hit for all involved since it provides needed income for our friends in Maine while giving us some festive and fragrant Christmas greens to decorate our homes and churches.

Our Epiphany gathering always includes “white gift” donations which go to local organizations. This year the recipient was the Rescue Mission of Trenton.

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

Outreach is made to all churches by our newsletter, The Pulse. The moderator is a non-voting member of the Presbytery Council and also makes announcements at the Presbytery meetings. We also promote events in weekly Presbytery newsletter Monday in Ministry. We began a new program involving four interest groups – worship/music. Bible study, hospitality and hands-on. These groups met during the year and took an active part in preparing and conducting the programs for our Presbytery-wide meetings.

What types of programs were offered this year?

September 25, 2010 – Community Church of the Sand Hills – Justice revisited: Homelessness, Hunger with Mary Gay Abbott Young, director of the Rescue Mission of Trenton and Rev. Lisanne Finston, executive director of Elijah’s Promise, New Brunswick. Worship leaders Karen Rohrer and Nancy Hunter, Community Church of the Sand Hills.

January 5, 2011 – Dutch Neck Presbyterian Church – “Let us talents and tongues employ” with Rev. Lynn Rubier-Capron, Kingston Presbyterian Church, Keynote speaker. The program was a sharing of diverse talents by women of several churches.

April 2, 2011 – Nassau Presbyterian Church– “Unwrapping our Gifts” – with Rev. Elizabeth Schultz, youth minister at Nassau Presbyterian Church as keynote speaker followed by the sharing of talents by several members of Nassau Presbyterian.

What are your plans for next year?

October 15, 2011 – Kingston Presbyterian Church– “Make a joyful noise unto the Lord” Led by Dr. Karen Watts, the program will show us the differences between songs, choruses and hymns and then tell us about the publication of the new church hymnal. The music/worship group will lead the worship service and will be assisted by the Kingston Bell Choir.

January 7, 2012 – Dutch Neck Presbyterian Church – our annual luncheon, concluding with the Epiphany cake ceremony.

April 21, 2012 – Flemington Presbyterian Church – “Inasmuch as you did it unto the least of these, you did it unto Me.” Part of the program will be an opportunity to make something for a mission project under the leadership of our Hand On group.

Respectfully submitted,
Janice P. Rockmore, Moderator



Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of New York City Annual Report 2010-2011

Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of New York City (PWPNYC) continue to live out PW purpose towards building an inclusive, caring community of women and keeping the presence of God alive in our meetings and gatherings. Our Christ’s Candle not only reflected the women of the past and present but we are tending the flame to bring hope, love and justice to women of the future worldwide. We have learned to discipline ourselves to listen to women’s need all over the world so that they may live in a just society.

In October, we traveled to Presbyterian Center in Holmes, New York to celebrate our Presbytery Partnership Gathering (PPG) with Hudson River and Long Island. The theme of the Gathering “Let Us Gather by the River” was exciting. The worship leaders were Rev. Nancy Thornton and Rev. Cathy Surgernor. They brought a special touch to the gathering by having the members share scriptures and tell stories of women who influence their lives. This Gathering also gave the women in this Presbytery an opportunity to connect and meet women from other Presbyteries in sharing our oneness through stories and embracing the word of God.

The December Gathering was an Advent prayer breakfast that nurtured our bodies as well as our souls in bringing hope to our community and the world. We prayed for our youth, our leaders, the education system and the society in which we live. The theme of this gathering was “We’ve Come this Far by Faith”. The worship leader Rev. Brown made this gathering come alive by becoming one of the members in the congregation and praying with us asking God to hear our prayers. The Gathering was held at First Presbyterian Church in Springfield Gardens in Queens.

Our Spring Gathering was held at First Presbyterian Church of Brooklyn. We gathered to learn about peacemakers and their impact on today’s world. There were workshops on Domestic Violence, Safe Haven for youth, UN Women and United Nations, and Reconciliation Through The Arts. The theme of the gathering was “Blessed are the Peacemakers.” The worship leader was Dr. Flora Wilson-Bridges who spoke on ministry of reconciliation.

PWPNYC hosted two global women from India and Africa. They attended worship service in different congregations and spoke on the political effect in their countries with regard to women and the economy. There were three women from New York City Presbytery who participated in the Status of Women at the United Nations. We have five churches that made a new commitment to PWPNYC. They are ready to join forces by accepting and understanding PW Purpose.

Our Mission Opportunities this year were contributing to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Fund, and supporting Safe Haven program for the youth. We will support a new organization of incarcerated men in New York State prison by supporting their efforts to create an 18-credit course in Group Facilitation in Social Service: Applying the Arts to Social Behavior at City University of New York. The Birthday, Thank, Least Coin and Mission Opportunities offerings were our main focus this year.

PW in the congregation have many mission projects such as supporting clean water in Angola, sending bibles to Africa, collecting supplies for shelters, and baby showers for the homeless. PW worked with our youth in sharing their life stores and bible study. PW also sent personal hygiene kits to Japan, Mississippi, and Alabama. We also collected business attires for those women who are returning to work. There were women supporting the networkers Mother's Day cards which provided mosquito netting to prevent malaria. One of our new missions project is preaching the word of God to incarcerated females in prison.

We mourned the loss of our Historian, Edith Clark as well as our other PW sisters who passed away this year. May they rest in peace and we will always keep their spirit in our hearts.

Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of New York City are women who care!

Respectfully submitted by:

Alpha O. Brown, Moderator PW
Presbytery New York City



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN THE PRESBYTERY

ANNUAL REPORT FOR JULY 2010 – JUNE 2011

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN THE SYNOD OF THE NORTHEAST

Presbytery – Newton

PPG – New Jersey

Co-Moderators – Sally Strusz and Lisa Gray

How did your Presbytery PW nurture faith?

All of our local congregations have devotions and prayer as an integral part of their meetings. Several of them did the Horizon Bible Study on Revelations and found it to be very thought provoking and brought about very good discussions! Many of the churches combined their study with other churches in their areas.

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

Many of our PW's in the congregation support their local homeless shelters, the Nets for Mothers, the Palm Oil Project, Church World Service projects, local scholarships for girls to attend colleges, several support a Kenyan young lady attend college, "Ugly Quilts" for the homeless and the Birthday and Thank Offerings, as well as many other local opportunities.

How did your Presbytery PW work for justice and peace?

As a result of one of our leadership training events, at our Spring Gathering we featured a speaker involved with a local countywide office on Human Trafficking. After hearing this program, several local PW's have begun looking into their local towns for signs of trouble with young girls. It woke up these women that it doesn't occur in their backyards!!

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

We have cluster communicators who are responsible for getting information and help to 6-8 churches in their local area. Our moderators have both voice and vote in our Presbytery so we keep everyone up to date on what is going on locally. We communicate with our women through our newsletter — *Newton Notes* in August/September and February sent via email along with the Synod Newsletter — *The Lighthouse*. Every year we have a Presbytery wide retreat — this year the theme was "Holy Week Walk" led by our Presbytery Leader Rev. Judy Kolwicz and we feature a review of the upcoming bible study at our Fall Gathering.

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

Working with the PW purpose this past year, we were amazed as to what can happen when one or two gather together to commit themselves to make a positive difference in their local congregations and around the world. We look to support the ongoing work of each local church and their programs.

What types of programs were offered this year?

Our local congregations had numerous programs using many local organizations as featured speakers. Our Together in Service Coordinator spoke at several of the local meetings helping them to decide what type of mission work they wanted to do. Helping their own church with teas, baking cookies for community days, providing food for families in need, decorating for the holidays, and the Prayer Shawl Ministry are just a few of the programs offered this year.

Were there any new initiatives this year?

Because of the success of the Nets for Mothers program in one church, several others began this program for the first time this Mother's Day season. Rummage Sales have begun to be a way to help support local and worldwide mission giving, also providing money for their own church projects.

What are your plans for the next year?

Our biggest objective for this coming year is to find new leadership for the Coordinating Team. It is becoming harder and harder to get women to give us some of their "free time". We have revised our Bylaws and we try to work with the new job descriptions of the various positions and find new ways for programming.



Presbytery - Northern New York

Presbytery — Northern New York Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery Annual Report for July 2010-June 2011 Presbyterian Women in Synod of the Northeast

Presbytery — Northern New York

PPG _____

Moderator EMILY FLACHBART CASTINE

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

How did your Presbytery PW nurture faith?

At each of our Gatherings, we hold a worship service. We usually ask the minister of the particular church we are visiting to deliver a welcome message and do the call to worship. We sing hymns chosen specifically for our group, we include prayers, and we hear an inspirational speaker or a mini-sermon. God is at the center of our get-togethers.

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

We have given to both international and local missions this year. Recipients of our giving have been as follows:
International: The Women of Grace, Widow's Fund in Malawi;
National: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
Local: MINC/Rural Rehab; Family Promise of Clinton County; Plattsburgh Interfaith Food Shelf; and the Mooers Food Shelf (both of Clinton County).

How did your Presbytery PW work for justice and peace?

Our Peacemaking Chairperson, Betty Crump, has done a great job of promoting justice and peace through her articles in our semi-annual newsletter, the *Torch*. Betty keeps us informed on the current topics highlighted in that magazine and other publications.

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

Our PW has tried to alternate and vary the locations of meetings because we cover such a huge geographic area—the fall meeting was in the eastern sector, and the spring gathering was in the northern sector of the Presbytery. Our planning meetings are always in the central location of Potsdam, NY. For the personal touch, we send get-well cards to members. We encourage keeping in contact with one another. We are currently working on developing an e-mail address list of all members so as to facilitate our newsletter mailings and to save money in the process! We will include phone members and addresses for snail mail purposes. This goal will result in uniting us even more!

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

We are a group of dedicated and caring women interested in connecting and building friendships across the Northern tier of NYS. Our individual faiths are strong! United, our faith is colossal! We are each a part of a group bound and determined to carry out God's work in a variety of ways in our own churches and through our PW organization.

Were there any new initiatives this year?

Our goals have been tri-fold:

1. To gain more members
2. To provide a variety of key speakers at our Gatherings
3. To expand our giving to needy groups

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

Fall Gathering, 2010, at Chazy Presbyterian Church — Key Speaker: Barbara Copeland Perry, Stephen Ministry trainer, spoke on that healing ministry

Spring Gathering, 2011, at Fort Covington First Presbyterian Church — Ms. Rita Hooper, PW Synod Vice-Moderator, spoke on the upcoming Rise & Shine Retreat to be held at the Desmond Hotel, in Albany, from July 22-24. The chairperson of Together in Service also spoke about the work of that committee.

What are your plans for next year?

We are trying to refine the way we publish our semi-annual newsletter, the *Torch*. Postage costs are prohibitive, and we have been dependent on the generosity of the Watertown Presbyterian Church to send out our publication via bulk mailing. Our aim is to develop a membership e-mail list to facilitate the mailing process. We are also considering centralizing our semi-annual Gatherings at least once a year. Gas is so costly, and the miles are great from one area of the Presbytery to the other!

Report from: Emily F. Castine, Moderator
PW of Presbytery of Northern New York



**Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of the Palisades
Annual Report 2010-2011**

Nature of faith / mission:

Each meeting started with prayer and the lighting of the Christ Candle and ended with prayer and a Benediction by Katherine Kelley, Spirituality Chair.

The Spring Gathering on April 24, 2010, *God Will Work Wonders Among Us* led by the Rev. Dr. Janet MacGregor-Williams, pastor of the West Milford Presbyterian Church was held at the Claremont-Lafayette Presbyterian Church, Jersey City, NJ.

Diane Nafash showed her revised copy of the DVD *Who are Presbyterian Women*.

Our Fall Retreat was held on October 23, 2010 at the Teaneck Presbyterian Church, Teaneck, NJ. *Presbyterian Women, Self-Identity* was presented by the Rev. Beverly Dempsey. Worship and communion followed. The offering was designated towards Center for Food Action.

Building an 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 retreats and gatherings.

New Initiatives:

We continue to show the 20 minute revised dvd, *Presbyterian Women — Our Purpose, Mission and Outreach*, produced by our Communication Specialist Diane Nafash, at our gatherings and retreats and offer to congregations 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 Patter*, 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 have active PWs).

Post cards are being sent to give a special invitation to the retreats and gatherings; a calling list has been established for personal contact to churches; fliers are available at the registration table and an announcement is made at the stated presbytery meetings.

Presbytery involvement:

Sophie Diaz Corporan, our Vice Moderator and Program Chair, continued as Moderator of the Presbytery of the Palisades in 2010 and is now Chair of the Council.

The Future:

Dates and meeting places have been set for the Fall and Spring meetings. We plan to find ways to help women in small churches and to recruit new officers.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara
Barbara Van Tilburg, Moderator



**The Annual report of Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery S. New England
April 2010 to April 2011**

The annual meeting of Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Southern New England was held at the Babcock Presbyterian Church in Ashaway, RI on April 24, 2010. The speaker was story-teller Rev. Barbara Porizky. The luncheon was prepared by the women of Babcock. Thirty-two attended. The PW team members were reinstalled to serve until April 2011. The flyer as seen below was sent to all PWs either electronically or through regular mail.



Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Southern New England
ALL women in the Presbytery are invited to attend the

Spring Gathering

Babcock Presbyterian Church

25 Maxson St.

Ashaway, RI 02804

Saturday, April 24, 2010

Coffee and registration 9:30, worship, speaker, ending with lunch.

“How Stories Renew and Restore”

Featured speaker, Rev. Barbara Porizky

The Rev. Porizky has been PCUSA minister for 20+ years. She is also a professional story teller and story writer. She is working on her Doctorate of Ministry T Andover Newton Theological School.

THE OFFERING FOR THE DAY WILL GO TO MEDICAL BENEVOLENCE FOUNDATION AND PW'S BIRTHDAY OFFERING.

Fall Gathering 2010

The Presbyterian Partnerships Group gathering was held at the First Presby. Worcester on Saturday, Oct. 23, 2010.

On Saturday, October 23, 2010, we hosted our first PPG at First Presbyterian Church in Worcester, MA. We were hosted by interim co-pastors Bob and Peg Ferguson. The planners for this event met on Feb. 13, 2010 in Worcester. Participants were Beth Denier from Boston, Hanna Cho from the Korean Church in Boston, Judy Cunningham and I, Dotsie Shaw from Southern New England Presbytery. It was decided to follow the theme of “Shall We Gather by the River?” and organized a multi-cultural performance celebration. A worship service including Communion was held in the sanctuary. We invited the women from the Tumainie Fellowship in Springfield, MA to give a song and dance presentation in costume. The Korean drummers were also present. An afternoon of music, worship, fellowship, PW information, mission opportunities and lunch were enjoyed by more than 45 women from all over mid and southern New England. The Northern New England moderators were also in attendance. The three presbyteries were: Southern New England, Northern New England, and Boston.

Annual Meeting March 18, 2011

Retreat 2011 at the Mystic Hampton Inn, Saturday, March 19, 2011

The annual meeting of Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Southern New England was held at the Mystic Hampton Inn on Friday evening, March 18, 7:30 PM. Twenty-three women attended. Following the secretary and treasurer reports the subsequent motion was made by Judy Cunningham, stated as follows:

“As part of the Notice of Meeting, it was stated that in order to make decisions to effect changes in PWPSNE/CT going forward, including disbanding the CT, it would be necessary to suspend (set-aside) the By-Laws of PWPSNE currently in effect. If the motion is made and approved, then a meeting of the PWPSNE/CT will be held on May 2nd in the Presbytery Office in Old Saybrook to address the various aspects of eliminating the PWPSNE/CT as it now is formed including where the various funds and pledges for 2011 entrusted to the CT will be directed and the date this will be effective. (It is tentatively planned that this date will be as of December 31, 2011.) All are invited to this meeting.”

The motion was seconded, discussion followed; the vote was unanimous. A worship service including Communion was presented by Rev. Chris Caton with music provided by Lois Conboy. The retreat leaders were Carol Showalter and Rebecca Lussier from the Community of Jesus, Orleans, MA. The title was "Journey to Wholeness: a Day of Reflection," based on Psalm 139. Lunch was provided by the coordinating team. The retreat ended at 3 PM.

Submitted by PW moderator

Dotsie Shaw



SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND

ANNUAL MEETING

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN THE PRESBYTERY OF SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND

FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 2011

HAMPTON INN AND SUITES, MYSTIC, CT.

The Annual Meeting of PWPSNE was called to order at 7:50 p.m. with prayer and the lighting of the Christ Candle. Following this, we recited our Purpose.

A Notice of Annual Meeting having been distributed via the February, 2011 Prism newsletter and there being representatives from nine church, the Secretary declared a QUORUM WAS PRESENT.

Churches represented were: Hartford: First (Hartford, CT), Barrington Presbyterian Church (Barrington, RI), Dunn's Corners Presbyterian Church (Westerly, RI), Valley Presbyterian Church (Brookfield, CT), Crossroads Presbyterian Church (Waterford, CT), Greenwood Community, Presbyterian Church (Warwick, RI), Woodbury Union, Presbyterian Church (Warwick, RI), Milford United Presbyterian Church (Milford, CT) and Providence Presbyterian Church (Providence, RI).

Before beginning our business meeting, it was announced that Babcock Presbyterian Church in Ashaway, RI had suffered extreme vandalism a couple of days ago. The Westerly Sun newspaper, with photos and an article, was passed around. Rev. Chris Caton led us in prayer for the pastor (Rev. Marilyn McNaughton) and the members of the Babcock church. It was noted that PDA (Presbyterian Disaster Assistance) had already contacted the church and would be meeting with Rev. McNaughton next week. Babcock has also received many offers of help from the area faith community, They will be meeting at the First Seventh Day Adventist Church in Ashaway for services, etc. as the church is currently unusable.

We then turned to our meeting agenda.

The Minutes of the April, 2010 annual meeting were distributed. It was MOVED, SECONDED AND VOTED to accept the Minutes as presented.

The Treasurer's Report, as of February 1, 2011, was also distributed. It was MOVED, SECONDED AND VOTED to receive the report as presented.

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It was then MOVED that the By-Laws currently in effect for Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Southern New England (PWPSNE) be suspended (set-aside). Motion was SECONDED and discussion and a question and answer session followed. Moderator Dotsie Shaw gave those present an explanation and history of what has brought the PWPSNE/CT to this point of disbanding. After an in-depth discussion, several suggestions were made to keep a voice for Women's Ministries on Presbytery Council and also possibly as a part of the Stewardship and Mission Committee. We talked about how this could come about and because Presbytery is going through some changes that may require By-Law changes, it would thought this would be an opportune time to see that a voice for "Women's Ministries" continues in our Presbytery. It was suggested that we seek the council of Rev. Martha Highsmith, the next Presbytery Moderator (effective with the May,2011 Presbytery Annual Meeting).

At this point, the question was called and the vote taken. The VOTE was unanimous to suspend (set-aside) the By-Laws.

There being no further business, it was MOVED, SECONDED AND VOTED to adjourn. We adjourned at 8:55 p.m., continuing with Worship and the Celebration of Communion.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Cunningham
Secretary Pro Tem



Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of Susquehanna Valley Annual Report 2011

The PWP of Susquehanna Valley continues on though the numbers have diminished. There is strong financial support with pledges from the PWCs. Mission is an important aspect in all the churches. Many groups support Church World Service by providing School, Hygiene, Baby and Clean Up Kits. There is ongoing support as well for local mission and mission through the PC(USA).

There are two Gatherings each year, spring and fall. The theme for the Spring 2011 Gathering was "*Ending Poverty*." The major presentation of the day was given by the Rev. Patty Wolff based on the book by Jeffrey Sachs, "*The End of Poverty*." There was sharing of personal stories and small group interaction considering the root causes of poverty and how to address them. The host PW group provided a warm welcome and abundant food. The day concluded with a celebration of the Lord's Supper.

The Caller is our newsletter distributed twice a year. It is now available electronically or by mail if folks prefer. This communication is a way of sharing upcoming events, news from local PWC groups as well as information from the national Presbyterian Women's organization.

Plans are underway for the Fall 2011 Gathering with a focus on **The Beatitudes**. Women clergy in the presbytery will provide the leadership for the day.

We strive to grow and build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the PC(USA) and witnesses to the promise of God's Kingdom.

Grace and peace,

Joan Wise-Hostetter
PWP Coordinating Team Secretary



Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of Western New York 2010-2011 Annual Report

The Coordinating Team enjoys working together for YOU and hopes your commitment to PW will encourage you to attend all our gatherings AND invite someone new to come with you.

Last spring, Randolph Church hosted our Women's Gathering where we brought paper products for Genesis House, a shelter for homeless families in Olean, NY.

In August, 22 women journeyed to Chautauqua Institution for a review of our *Horizons* Bible Study, "Journeys Through Revelation." That journey revealed vivid images of a Lamb who would be Lord, a God whose *intent is our salvation, and Hope*, in the midst of fire and brimstone. The response to the setting, our presenter, Gladys Gifford, and the topic made us promise to do it again this year!

For our Fall Gathering, we joined Geneva and Genesee Valley PW Presbyteries at Camp Asbury (Perry, NY) to "Celebrate the Waters." We encouraged carpooling by offering \$25 to drivers who brought a full car! It worked! 38 women from WNY attended this very meaningful event.

Faith United Church hosted our Winter Gathering, where 66 women gathered to hear about the mission work of Compass House and Lackawanna Community Outreach Program. We ended up sharing how many of our churches serve the community in meaningful ways.

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 8 Cluster Leaders; **Joyce Bailey, Carrie Divine, Betty Johnson, Jeanne Kelly, Connie Lockwood, Gladys Newton, Marilyn Plache, and Sylvia Volk**. 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. (All for only \$24.95 a year!)

Priscilla O'Brien and LaPearl Haynes, our Missions coordinators, shipped thousands of 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 your PW's generosity. This year 17 churches have pledged \$9072!

Justice and Peace Issues have challenged us to add an action piece to each Gathering. **Diane Eshelman** is our Coordinator.

PATTERNS, our PW/Presbytery Newsletter, is sent out to 250 contacts. **Gladys Gifford** has respectfully updated us to the electronic age while keeping us on board with the Bible Study as our Spiritual Life Leader.

This year's Search Team, led by **Barbara Sykes, Margaret Bowen, and Pat Bauer**, is working hard to complete this year's slate.

As you can see, we have been faithful to our PW Purpose and are honored to serve the women in our Presbytery.

Marilyn Koszarek, Moderator

Joyce Bailey, Vice Moderator/Cluster Leader

Mary Myers, Treasurer

Mary Louise Berg, Secretary

