



CITRUS POST

Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Riverside

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“For I, says the Lord, will be a wall of fire all around her, and I will be the glory in her midst.”

Zechariah 2:5

Greetings Sisters,

During the Season of Advent, with watchful souls and peaceful hearts, we awaited the birth of our Lord. Into the New Year and through Epiphany, it is us, as Presbyterian Women who decide there is room for the Holy Spirit. We are called through our Purpose; to work for justice and peace, build an inclusive and caring community with all of God's children, and support the mission of the church worldwide. As we reflect on 2016, let it show that we are truly Presbyterian Women, who are forgiven, freed, and empowered by God and in Christ. It is hope in our hearts that brought spirit to the season and it is grace in the air that brings peace to the world.

We celebrated our PWP Fall Prayer Retreat and Gathering at Calvary Presbyterian Church in Riverside last October. Our Prayer Retreat, *Reflections and Ripples*, joined PWCs from across our presbytery in prayer, reflection, and fellowship. The Gathering featured Rev. Claire Schlegel and Morgan Craig, presbytery representatives to the 222nd General Assembly (GA), where they spoke of the addition of the Belhar Confession to the Book of Confessions, other GA News, as well as their experiences there. With seven prayer stations, PWP joined in fellowship and reflective prayer to answer through what lens do we see Jesus and how do we see Jesus reflected in us.

On behalf of the PWP Coordinating Team and all PWP Sisters, we wish Linda Craig many blessings in her future. We will miss her leadership and the many gifts she has brought to the PWP Co-Moderator position. It has been a wonderful year learning and sharing the many experiences Presbyterian Women at all levels of our denomination has to offer with Linda. Thank you, Linda, for the true blessing of having been able to serve in this position with you. Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Riverside are so very grateful for your dedication and service, and we wish you the very best!

As we begin 2017, let us again be renewed as Sisters in Christ and as Presbyterian Women. We are chosen by God, holy and dearly loved. We pray because He is there, we speak because He is listening, and we act in Christ-like love because we are called to answer. May His overwhelming peace flood your whole being and His very presence be your strength. Peace of Christ and abundant blessings to you, my Sisters.

In Christ,

Debbie Law,

Moderator of Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Riverside

Presbyterian Women Moderators' Reports

NEWS FROM DESERT HILLS

Beverly Hartnett, Moderator

In Sept. P.W. met for a social gathering with a short meeting at Hawks Landing, which is a restaurant in our golf club located in a beautiful location surrounded by mountain ranges and green grass (a rarity in Yucca Valley). Previously we sponsored a Fall luncheon in November with a bake sale. Due to many scheduling conflicts we canceled the luncheon and only held the bake sale after church service along with a money tree raffle. It was a great success, financially because everything had been donated.

In November, our speaker was Bev Schmuckle who gave a presentation about International Foot-printers Association, which consists of volunteers in various fields of law enforcement.

In December, we had a salad potluck and in January, 2017, Evan and Terri Hughes gave a presentation about Guide Dogs of the Desert and they also brought two very obedient dogs with them.

The officers installed in December are: Moderator, Bev Hartnett, Vice Moderator, Rosemary Lane, Secretary, Ruth McLoud, Treasurer, Yvonne Francis, and Ruth McLoud for Search Committee.

We continue to sell white elephant items each meeting that are donated by our women. This has been very successful by asking only for a donation. As always, we are continually trying to encourage more women to join P.W. With our aging population, it is difficult.

NEWS FROM BEAUMONT

Cathy Calhoun, Moderator

The October Gathering included guest speaker Nandi DyalChand who gave a fabulous presentation on his Non-Profit organization that provides education to young lower cast women of India. Their objective is to train women so that they are an asset to their family which can keep them from being sold off into marriage at very young ages, sometimes 12 or 13 years of age.

Many are so young that their babies do not survive and sometimes the young mothers don't either. It was heart warming to know that Nandi, his wife Alda and Nandi's brother are working to give these young women a good life.

We ended the year with our Christmas Gathering which was a huge success. One of our Church choir members belongs to a Barbershop Quartet and they entertained us with Christmas songs which we all enjoyed singing along. We announced that we had two openings in our BPWCT, for which two members stepped up immediately. Cheri McKernan became our new treasurer and Ann Minto became our secretary.

During December we gave Christmas gift checks to the Church staff.

Also our annual sales of calendars occurred during November. This is our only fund raiser to the church.

Our approaching February Gathering will have a member of our Church speak about his life as the son of a missionary serving in Africa and China. May's Gathering will have Opal Singleton speak about human trafficking in our area. Any one interested in attending these may contact Jerry Schneider ([951-845-7850](tel:951-845-7850)) or Cathy Calhoun ([951-849-2614](tel:951-849-2614)).

NEWS FROM VICTORIA

Linda Schichtle

We have changed from Presbyterian Women to a new group entitled Women of Victoria. Our numbers have diminished to a handful of ladies as our church population ages. We do use the workbook from Presbyterian Woman study material. This year we are enjoying "Who Is Jesus?" very much and have been blessed by the message received through this study. Our Church has been spreading the Word for over 100 years. Our Presbyterian Women have provided the needs of those that are in need. This legacy gives us the strength to push forward in these uncertain times.

Our most exciting news is the addition to the Victoria family of Reverend Nancy Richmond as Stated Supply for the next six months. Pastor Richmond is a long-time member of Presbyterian Women USA and has even met the author of this year's PW workbook study. Nancy is attending our Women of Victoria meetings on the second Monday of each month. She brings much insight and educational background to our notice and we are blessed to have her with us.

The women of Victoria send our love and best wishes to all women of faith who love God's Word. May your study draw you even closer to Him and as you grow in faith, may He use you to bring peace to a troubled world and peoples. I remind myself, when worried about the fate of our planet and society that God is in control and is never asleep at the helm. "Be not afraid. I am with you always, even to the ends of the earth"

NEWS FROM FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, HEMET/SAN JACINTO VALLEY

Gail Renz, Moderator

We started back in September planning our Fall Festival which happens on the first Friday and Saturday of November. It includes a rummage sale with all household items, appliances, furniture, garage, electronics and so much more. For this sale we begin picking up and receiving the donations at our Family Life Center. The center houses a large gymnasium, kitchen, dining room, and numerous other office and storage spaces. We basically fill the entire gym with donations. We also have a Lunch for sale which includes homemade vegetable soup, chili, beef hot dogs (my favorite), pie and ice cream. My sister loves the soup, me too. She tries to take some home for dinner. Bonnie Hansen has been heading this up for so long. She has a wonderful crew to help. There is always a bake sale run by Donna and Jack Johannes. They have been at this for many years. This past year Sue Brockett and Diane Jones volunteered to take on the bake sale after the Johannes's retired. A lot of the recipes from the bake sale are in our cook book that we had published a few years ago. We really have some great bakers. There is a raffle for a handmade afghan done by Kit Perry. She knits all year long to

keep up our supply of lap blankets for our shut-ins. There is a separate display of gift tags for sale. The congregation donates their old greeting cards and with a bit of styling from some pinking shears and a golden string for attaching, voilà, you have gift tags for every occasion. Our Project Director, Judy Strahan, usually mans the sale and we all have had fun making them. The whole sale this year was headed by Diane Gutierrez and Diana Johnson. They took this responsibility over from Bob and Darlene Clark who retired after serving for at least 10 years. The men of our church pitch in and really help the Festival to be a success. With this Festival and also all our other sales, we finance all of our ministries and missions—the Open Table Lunch Ministry at our church helping to feed the needy; the Community Pantry; Valley Restart Shelter; Habitat for Humanity; the Heifer Project; Journey Out; PWP Mission Pledge; PWP support; and others.

During the Christmas Season our Sewing Circle made 44 Afghans and lap blanket for seniors in nursing homes. We also bring gifts to our December Luncheon for our shut-ins. This season is even busier due to our participation in "Operation Christmas Child" which is from Franklin Graham's Samaritan's Purse. Shoeboxes are filled with all sorts of toys, socks, crayons, pens, coloring books and much more to be distributed around the world to needy children. A book about Jesus is included; it contains eight weeks of learning about Jesus. By this past year there were over 1 million boxes worldwide.

This year saw the return of the Christmas Pageant. It included all different members of our church and then we had a catered meal and singing of Christmas Carols.

Our new Pastor, Kent Leydens has really taken our church to a new level of understanding of the Bible and how we really can strengthen our faith by living it each day. We have a group that meets on Sunday evenings Called Roots to Leaves. Here we explore each other and what our lives mean. Pastor Kent shares his own life and thoughts as well. For those who have a chance to attend, it has brought them so much closer to our to Pastor Kent. We also have what is called eight-is-enough. This is a small group of people who meet at each other's houses for a meal, great conversation and all the fellowship you could want.

It is time to say goodbye. Happy Trails to You. If you remember that from the Roy Rogers and Dale Evans show, you have just dated yourself. Those were good times. But we are having good times now. Our faith is stronger than ever and we know that Christ is with us every step of the way.

CALVARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Marjie Boyer, Moderator

As mentioned in the last *Citrus Post*, our PWC also was mesmerized by Nandi Dyalchand and his wife, Alda, as they explained their mission to assist East Indian girls to have a life, an education and a purpose other than extremely early marriages, debilitating their own health and often that of their babies. Rev. Dyalchand said that there was still much belief in the caste system, causing thousands of citizens to exist on the bare minimum of livelihood. The schools that the Dyalchands support foster a new belief in self and the great possibilities that education can bring to young people who up-to-now have never dreamed they could have.

Our speaker in January was Marianne Wagner, a Conscious Creative Coach who has her own business in Merino Valley, California.



Marianne Wagner

Marianne has been in Overeaters Anonymous for 36 years and explained the benefits of OA and other 12-Step Programs for people who continue to struggle with various addictions. She helped us to understand her own Spiritual Journey, a story of getting back-to-God, along with His blessings on her life as she has struggled with OA, a family and the aspects of trying to live with an eating problem.

In February and March, Celena Diana Bumpus, a breast cancer survivor and the Leadership

Chair of the American Cancer Society and the Leadership Council will bring us information about breast cancer prevention, detection and various treatment operations. In March she will return with information about research, clinical trials, as well as statistics on ovarian and uterine cancers. She especially wants to create an open feeling, not one of lecturing, but one where questions and discussion will be the format.

There is so much cancer everywhere we look, and we need to do as much as possible to share knowledge about it, not only to ourselves, but to our daughters and granddaughters, friends, and neighbors.

We continue to have the Horizon's Bible Study each month, October through June, at our Friendship Circle. Our teachers are Marjie Boyer and Joyce Maskike.



A splash of fun will be our Valentine's Day Tea, Saturday, February 11, 2017.

We would love to have any of you from the PWCs in our Presbytery come and share in this fun afternoon with us. Just call and let me know. You would be SO very welcome.

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NEWS FROM 1st Presbyterian Church,
San Bernardino

Debbie Law, Moderator

*“How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may
take refuge in the shadow of your wings.”*

-Psalm 36: 7

How precious is God’s steadfast love...for much we are given, for much we are thankful. In November, Presbyterian Women in the Congregation celebrated the 2016 Thank Offering by offering our gifts as a sign of our gracious gratitude. Presbyterian Women in the Congregation celebrated the 2016 Thank Offering Gathering with guest speaker the Rev. Eric Law of the Kaleidoscope Institute. Rev. Law spoke to the Seven Holy Currencies; money, wellness, time and place, truth, leadership, and relationship that allow for practical, theological leadership within the developing landscape of diversity. By using our church grounds and utilizing relationships with church leaders, we give the opportunity to have conversations and develop gracious leadership. Three women of PWC performed the *Horizons’* skit *Julia Child of God*, promoting the information, inspiration and education of Horizons publishing.



The stars will rise each night and disappear every morning but it is the eternal star to whom we belong, the Prince of Peace. During the Season of Advent, PWC turned our eyes to the stars and hearts to Bethlehem. PWC held our Annual Alternative Christmas Market, *A Journey of Memories, the last two Sundays of Advent*. We told of our journeys that are filled with the places we seek refuge, the people we love, and memories we cherish. PWC honored five recipients with our Alternative Christmas Market; First Presbyterian Church, San Bernardino’s Child Care Center, Updraft/Lifeskillz, Forman Christian College, Living Waters for the World, and Presbyterian Mission Giving.

Presbyterian Women in the Congregation joined our PWP Sisters at the Fall Gathering and Prayer Retreat at Calvary Presbyterian Church in October 2016. We are blessed to continue to connect with our Sisters of the Presbytery and renew our commitment to the PW Purpose with one another. We will hold our Annual Super Bowl Bake Sale in February to support our commitment to the Mission Pledge and continue the PW Bible Study, *Who Is Jesus?* As Presbyterian Women, we are called to serve God as we serve others. Where we see loneliness, we build community. We work for reconciliation with compassion, hope, and understanding. We send our greetings and blessings to each of our PW Sisters in the Presbytery of Riverside.

PWS News: Presbyterian Women and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

By Kelsey Law, PWP Hunger Member at Large and PWS Mission Member at Large

“I will lead you into the desert...And there I will speak to your heart.” -Hosea 2:14

At the end of October, I had the opportunity to be a representative of Presbyterian Women in the Synod of Southern California and Hawaii to be trained as a Presbyterian Women Disaster Preparedness Trainer in Scottsdale, Arizona. In collaboration with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, PW/PDA Trainers make a three-year commitment to actively seek congregations, clusters, and presbyteries to train in preparation for disasters. I joined with fifteen Presbyterian Women from the Synod of the Southwest for a two-day training at the Franciscan Renewal Center.

On our first day of training, we learned the specifics of PDA and their many ways of response to disasters across our nation. From the logistics of how PDA operates and acts to the different types of disasters, Presbyterian Women are able to take an active role in the ministry of disaster preparedness. The second day of training was filled with information and resources to better equip each trainer on the disasters most likely to happen within their community. We learned of the many systems and techniques we can implement within our communities, as well as the national and regional resources that are available. Our training

ended with a worship service and commission, where I received an equal-trade stole with the PDA logo on one end and the PW logo on the other, symbolizing our commitment to this ministry and the partnership between PDA and PW.

The Franciscan Renewal Center's campus offered a labyrinth, healing garden, blessed sacrament chapel, meditation chapel, and a desert walk. After each day of training, I was able to take each of these meditative practices and reflect as I answered and continue to answer God's call. The grace and leadership of Presbyterian Women has been an inspiration to those of our denomination, and I am truly grateful to be a part of this organization and its partnerships. I would love to share the many resources and ministries the partnership between Presbyterian Women and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance has to offer and am available to speak to any PW, Circles, and other groups/committees.

For more information, contact Kelsey at: law_kelsey@yahoo.com



Reflections and Ripples: Reflecting Jesus Through Ripples of Impact

*PWP Fall Gathering and Prayer Retreat – Saturday, October 15, 2016
Calvary Presbyterian Church, Riverside, CA*



Hi Everyone,

Attached is a flyer with information about World Day of Prayer USA services that we are sponsoring this March 3, 2017. The focus country this year is the Philippines. Since we have the largest Filipino congregation in the PC USA in our synod, it seemed a perfect place for the services. That congregation is Calvary Presbyterian Church in Wilmington, CA. There will be two different services so if you can make either one, I would love to see you there. This congregation has a very active women's group, which is very interested in learning more about PW. It is in Pacific Presbytery but is not too far from Los Ranchos. I hope that we can organize some car pools. I will need to stay for both services so it will be hard for me to help in this area. No reservations are needed, but if you are coming I would love for you to let me know via email.

Blessings,

Susan Skoglund

Presbyterian Women in the Synod of Southern California and Hawaii

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2017 Global Exchange to Indonesia

Every three years, a group of Presbyterian women travel to another part of the world to hear the joys and pain of our sisters there, and share faith stories and ministries with one another. It is a global exchange because, the following year, a group of women from the same part of the world is invited to itinerate in synods and participate in the Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women.

Presbyterian Women in the Synod of Southern California And Hawaii are honored by the selection of Treeyse "Jenny" Mambu from Los Ranchos Presbytery to be our Synod's delegate to the 2017 Global Exchange to Indonesia. Jenny works with her husband at the Indonesian Presbyterian Church of Fullerton as the Sunday School Director and is also an assistant director of Kids Connections of the First Presbyterian Church of Fullerton. Because Jenny is from Indonesia and served as chairperson of women's fellowship of St. Paul Congregation in Jakarta before she came to the United States, she is very excited about this opportunity.

Because Jenny will represent us, study the resources to prepare herself and commit to presenting programs about her experience for two years after she returns, we are privileged to assist her financially. **The cost of the trip is \$5,000.00 for each participant.** It is hoped that every PW group will contribute to the 2017 Global Exchange as they are able.

Any group or individual who would like to contribute should send a check made out to PWS to **Pam Hodges, PWS Treasurer, 8101 Dunbarton Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90045.**

Participation in the Global Exchange in Indonesia will result in changed lives and openness to see-

ing the world in a different light. Feel free to share this information with others and plan to schedule a presentation by Jenny in the two years following her return.

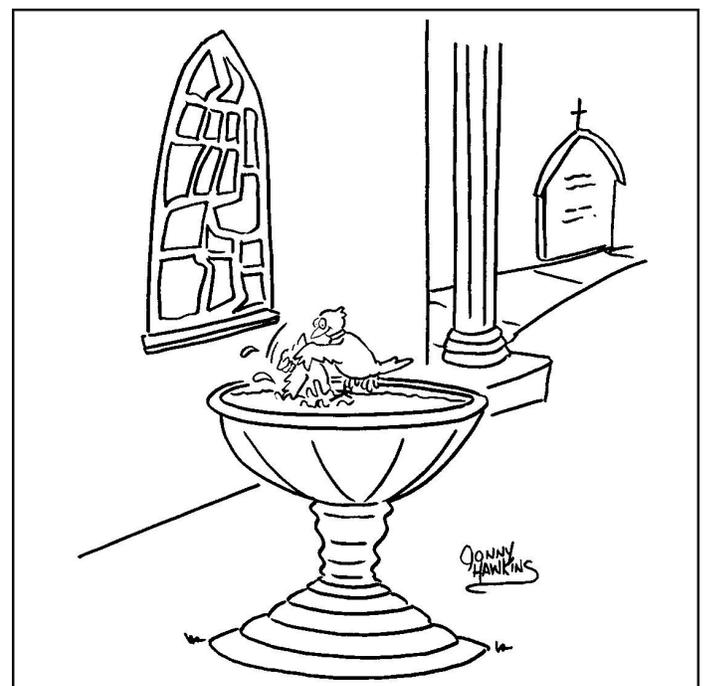
To reach Jenny with questions or to schedule a program, call or email:

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PLEASE MAKE A GREAT
ATTEMPT TO
CONTRIBUTE
FUNDS FOR JENNY'S
GLOBAL EXCHANGE
TRIP TO INDONESIA.



2018 Churchwide Gathering



The 2018 Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women will be held August 2–5, 2018, in Louisville, Kentucky. 2018 is also the year that PW celebrates its 30th anniversary. “Each month for 30 months (one for each year of PW), we’ll be sending a Gathering update to help you prepare, promote and plan for the 2018 Gathering. This eighth update lands in your inbox 22 months from opening plenary (give or take a few days!)”

Following the Light

The theme for the Gathering is “Arise, shine, your light has come,” based on Isaiah 60:1. The 2018 Gathering logo, which was made official in September, features these words and a bright yellow sunflower (PW logo as the stamena) against an equally bright sky.

The sunflower is a perfect symbol for Presbyterian Women. Presbyterian Women, like sunflowers, live for the Light. In fact, sunflowers are known to “follow the sun,” turning toward the light, a phenomenon known as heliotropism. Sunflowers are native to North America but can now be found all over the world. There are several types of sunflowers—some tall, others short—but all sunflowers are hardy and serve as a reminder of the light!

As you and your sisters consider the logo and theme, please share your ideas, reflections, artistic adventures, skits, poems, haikus, meditations and other light-focused offerings!

Reflecting on Light

Light is the theme of this email series. As we prepare for the Gathering, we’ll explore the many meanings of light in scripture and in our lives.

“It is not darkness you are going to, for God is Light. It is not lonely, for Christ is with you. It is not unknown country, for Christ is there.” — Charles Kingsley

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” —John 8:12

From: <http://foothillspresbytery.org/events/2018-churchwide-gathering-presbyterian-women/>

Presbyterian Women in the Synod of Southern California and Hawaii

SUMMER CONFERENCE

Fixing Our Eyes on Jesus



July 7-9, 2017

Chapman University, Orange, CA

Speakers:

Melissa Bane Sevier

Author of 2017-2018 Horizons Bible Study

Carol Winkler

Churchwide Presbyterian Women Moderator

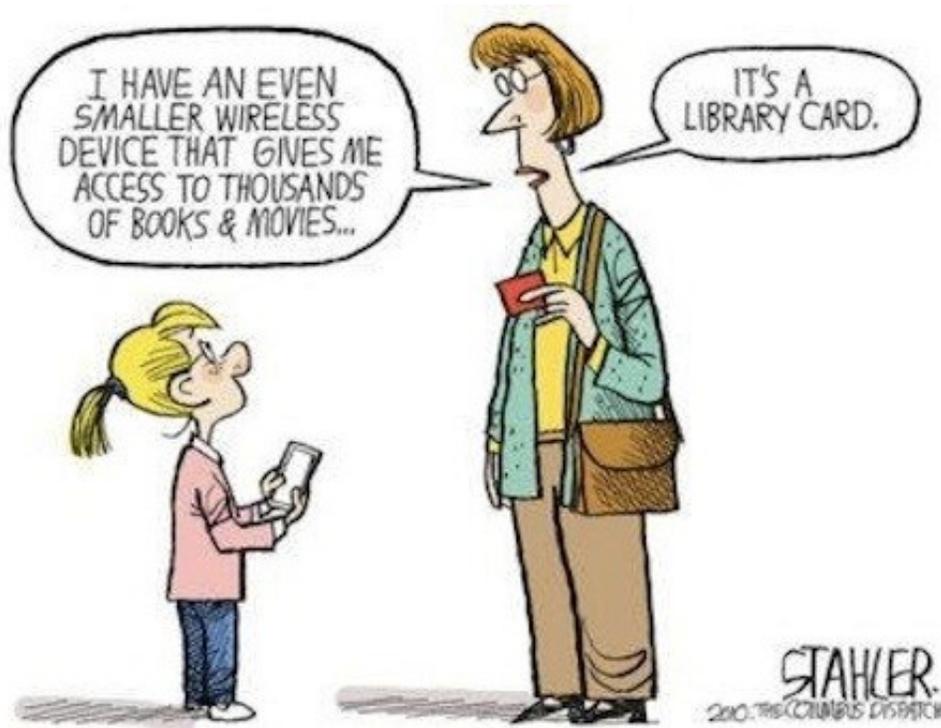
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MODERATORS: The way to share information about your PWC to other PWCs is to send me news of your groups—What are you doing? What are your plans? What kinds of gatherings are you having? Tell us about your speakers (others would like to know ideas). How many circles do you have?

Lets share all the wonderful things we are doing with and for Presbyterian Women. Tell what you're doing for Mission. Share ideas for programs.

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Please send in news to marjieboyer@gmail.com



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