

NORTHERN LIGHTS NEWSLETTER

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF THE NORTHERN PLAINS – SPRING 2022

Moderator's Musings

Lana Schultz, PWP Moderator

As winter continues all around us, we need to look inside for ways to fulfill our PW Purpose and, similarly, our Matthew 25 commitment. To that end, PW Synod's Native American Concerns Committee has several partnership opportunities for PW Circles from scholarships to hygiene kits, gift baskets for infants, bedding to backpacks, fabric and sewing notions, each highlighted in this newsletter. Gift of the Heart kits, specifically school bags, will be a hands-on mission activity at the PW Synod Gathering in June. If your PW Circle is considering making school bags, there is a free shipping option until June 15. Any school bags brought to the PW Synod Gathering in Sioux City, Iowa this summer will be added to the collection and delivered to Ferncliff. So anyone attending the Synod Gathering can transport the bags at no cost. Some paperwork is required, so if your PW is interested in participating, please include the Gift of the Heart mailing form in each box, not bag, which form can be found in this newsletter (SEE p. 9).

This is a good time of year to start making summer plans, such as attending the PW Synod Gathering in Sioux City, Iowa from June 16-19. The cost is free to the first ten registrants from Northern Plains. Send your confirmation email by U.S. mail or email to treasurer, Sharon Johnson, for reimbursement. The registration form in this newsletter describes the excellent *workshops on a wide range of topics* to sign up for. Starting with the **why to attend**: *It will be a time to reconnect, renew and grow. The Gathering will explore the PW Purpose in a variety of ways. Plenary (entire group) sessions and keynote speakers will focus on specific points of our purpose.* Adding **the fun in attending**: *You will meet and make new friends; you will share laughter, smiles, hugs and tears; you will gather new ideas for your local PW group; you will enjoy great food and hotel accommodations located along a beautiful river walk.* Including **the benefit of attending**: *But best of all will be the many unexpected blessings happening all around you and to you.* And closing with **an invitation to attend**: *Please come join us!*

As we move out of January, spring gets closer and closer. The PWP Coordinating Team will be meeting this month to discuss a possible Spring Gathering tentatively planned for April. Your suggestions, ideas, desires for date, time, place, theme, speakers are welcomed. Please contact Lana Schultz, 701-238-4538 or lanaj0@casselton.net, as your input is appreciated. The Coordinating Team will be in contact with everyone as to decisions made for a Spring Gathering.

"The springtime brings with it the promise of Easter, the promise of new life and hope. It's inspiring to move past the winter landscapes at rest, and watch the earth blossom anew. Spring comes to our faith and awakens us again. As you

wake up to the newness of what God has for you, remind yourself of his great love, his sacrifice, and his desire to know you better. It's a new day and a chance to grow, to blossom, to become more of what God created you to become." (Excerpted from "Wellspring 365 Meditations to Refresh Your Soul" by Karen Moore.)



PWP News

Four mission grants were awarded by PWP in 2021 to: (1) Clearwater Forest for purchase of a laptop for the kitchen manager; (2) University of Jamestown Religious and Spiritual Life Center for materials for campus ministry activities; (3) PW of Mandan for blessing bags filled with hygiene products, masks, meal gift card for homeless and persons at risk; and (4) PW of Colgate for batting and backing material for quilting project. Congratulations to the recipients.

At our Fall Gathering last year, we voted to join in the Matthew 25 vision of the PC(USA). We received our "certificate of commitment for accepting the Matthew 25 invitation to act boldly and compassionately by embracing one or more of three areas of focus: building congregational vitality, dismantling structural racism and eradicating systemic poverty." This is a commitment that mirrors PW's Purpose.

Calendar

January 31	Deadline to return the Annual Report Form is January 31 . Report to Synod is due March 1, so PW Circles still have time to complete the form and send them to Lana.
February 9	Coordinating Committee meeting of PW of Northern Plains, 6:00 pm, Zoom
February 15	Deadline for Presbyterian Youth Triennium application
March 2 – April 17	One Great Hour of Sharing special offering
March 5	First quarter pledges due to Sharon Johnson
April	PW Spring Gathering, date to be announced
April 2	Presbytery meeting, in-person and Zoom, Gilby
April 22 – 24	Crystal Springs, ND, Youth Event
April 18 – June 5	Pentecost special offering
June 15	Deadline for free shipping of school bags
June 16	PW Synod Pre-Gathering Mission Event, approximately 9 AM to 3 PM
June 16-19	PW Synod Gathering, Sioux City, IA
Sept 4 – Oct 2	Peace & Global Witness special offering
Nov 27 – Dec 18	Christmas Joy special offering

What Does Being Matthew 25 Mean?



What is a Matthew 25 Church?

Matthew 25:31-46 calls all of us to actively engage in the world around us, so our faith comes alive and we wake up to new possibilities. Convicted by this passage, both the 222nd and 223rd General Assemblies (2016 and 2018) exhorted the PC(USA) to act boldly and compassionately to see our neighbors through Jesus' eyes and serve those who are marginalized or in need – people who are hungry, thirsty, naked, sick, imprisoned, strangers, poor or oppressed in other ways and in need of welcoming. Source:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/wp-content/uploads/Matt25-big-brochure-2021.pdf>

The Focus

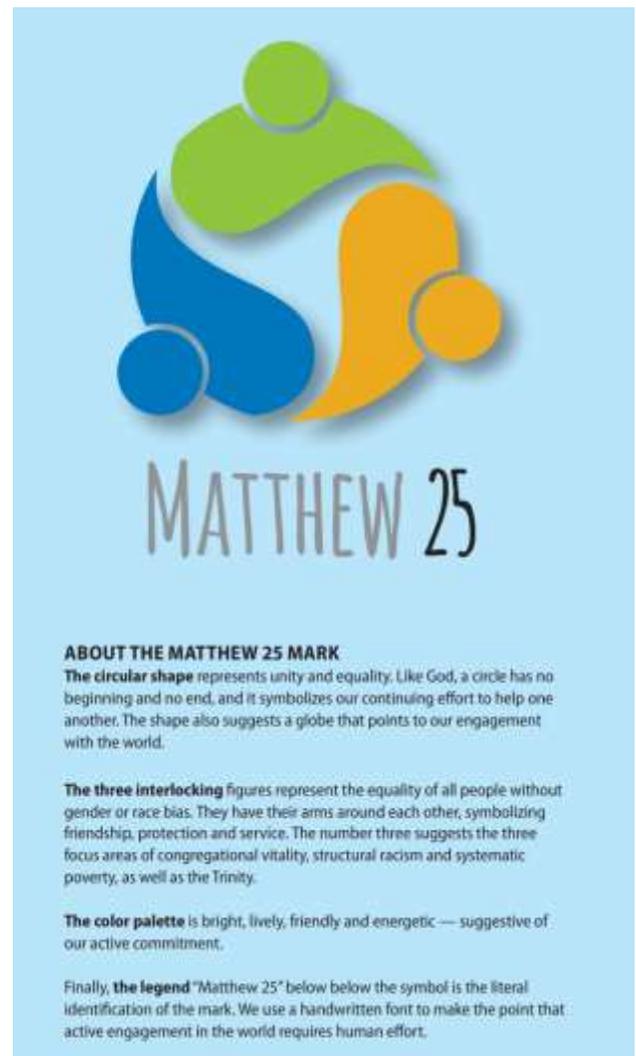
Presbyterian Women of the Northern Plains and the Synod of Lakes and Prairies < <https://lakesandprairies.org/> > are following the vision of Matthew 25. The vision focuses on the following:

Focus #1: Building Congregational Vitality

Focus #2: Dismantling Structural Racism

Focus #3: Eradicating Systemic Poverty

Lets us, as Presbyterian Women, continue to encourage one another to be **actively engaged** and to **act boldly and compassionately** with the world around us.



Fellowship of the Least Coin Prayer Movement

Fellowship of the Least Coin Prayer Movement is simple, yet significant and unique:

--It brings Christian women together in a fellowship of prayer without any discrimination of race, nationality, culture or denomination.

--The offering is unique because all—regardless of income, education, nationality or home—give only the smallest coin of their currency.

--The least coins become a large amount in the same way individual prayers offered by many throughout the world become a strong force.

In 2021, the Fellowship of the Least Coin granted 22 projects worldwide, including those that advocate to (1) end gender-based violence and human trafficking of women (2) develop women's leadership (3) facilitate the social integration of migrant and refugee women (4) empower vulnerable women and girls during a pandemic (5) provide parenting/family literacy education to Indigenous mothers impacted by domestic violence and (6) raise awareness about the rights of women and girls. *Horizons Magazine*, pgs. 23-25 (Nov./Dec. 2021).

DEVOTION

SETTING PRIORITIES...AGAIN!

From *Wellspring: 365 Meditations to Refresh Your Soul* by Karen Moore.

“But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” Matthew 6:33

The start of a new year is a good time to take a look at your priorities, to examine more closely where you are willing to put your effort and energy. What's at the top of your to-do list?



Most likely, you'll find a lot of things there like cleaning out the garage, decluttering closets, daily exercise. At the beginning of a year, we're usually pretty focused on improving ourselves and our lot in life.

Matthew recommends that we go back to our to-do list to see if we've remembered to put God at the top of it. He says that when we start there, we're getting it right. In fact, we're getting the message that there's really nothing worth doing if God is not a part of the equation.

Today, put your to-do list aside for a bit and scratch out the stuff that keeps you busy and look for the stuff that keeps you in the business of life, the life God called you to. He can only help you, guide you, and bless you if you invite him into your story. Call him, he's always available to you.

Lord, I know that I get so busy with life I forget to even mention your name in passing. I forget that you are the reason I get to do anything at all. Be with me today and lead the way to all that you would have me do. Amen.

**Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying,
Whom shall I send, and who will go for
us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.**

- Isaiah 6:8 (KJV) -



Newsletter Editor Opportunity

If you enjoy writing, editing, and searching for information, or if you need a creative outlet, the job of Editor of this PW Northern Lights newsletter is open.

This position involves gathering submissions from members of Presbyterian Women of the Northern Plains Presbytery and putting that information into a readable format. A rather simple template has been created with which you may revise to your liking and technical abilities. The newsletter is produced twice a year: spring and fall. Our moderator, Lana Schultz, makes the job easy by providing a thorough list of items of interest, and it is always enjoyable hearing from the various PW groups from across the Northern Plains.

In addition, you will become part of the Coordinating Team that meets on occasion throughout the year preparing for meetings, making decisions about grants, and enjoying the company of others who share a mission.

There are also past issues archived so that you may look back on how this publication has evolved. Creative license is yours!

I will always be available for content and technical support and will gladly create “how-to” notes for such things as the overall process, copy/paste, formatting, screenshots, etc. – whatever you need.

If you have any questions as to what is involved, please contact Carrie Boldish, cboldish@gmail.com, 218-791-2342. If interested in this position, please contact Lana Schultz or members of the Search Committee: Donna Preston, Charlotte Enger, and Nancy Lium.

Thank you for giving this opportunity prayerful consideration.

Ongoing Donations of Fabric & Supplies to PW of Dakota Presbytery

Quality quilting fabric and sewing supplies such as sewing machine needles, 6-inch rulers and measuring tapes, thread and needles, scissors, and straight pins, may be sent to any of these four women.

Each is located in a different part of Dakota Presbytery:

Susie Amos P.O. Box 104 New Effington SD 57255

Ida Ashes Brown 38630 SD Hwy 46 Lake Andes SD 57356

Ruby Schlueter 592 E. Hwy 18 Pineridge SD 57770

Ernestine Youpee P.O. Box 1491 Poplar MT 59255

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The Sower

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If you wish to receive a copy of The Sower, please provide your email to Kathleen Keefer, thesower.slap@gmail.com, or call 712-542-0039. Share **The Sower** with others in your PW group.

2021-2022 Dakota Presbytery Partnership Opportunities PW Synod of Lakes and Prairies



OSLH Native Connections
“Welcoming the Child” Ceremony and Support to new mothers
Pine Ridge, South Dakota



A “Welcoming the Child” Ceremony is held for newborns teaching the Lakota cultural traditions of protecting the baby’s fontanel (“soft spot”) from harm or sickness, and the sacred connection to walking in balance. This ceremony offers a way to celebrate the birth and also offer support with cultural teachings, parenting skills (nutrition, nurturing baby care, build/maintain healthy relationships), helping mothers get their GED or high school diploma, develop job skills and/or offer coping skills.

Gift baskets are given to each mother and these items are needed for the baskets: Clothing sizes 3-6 months ONLY – 2-onesies, 2-sleepers, 1-outfit, socks, bibs, 2- receiving blankets, disposable diapers (not newborn), wipes, baby wash, baby toothbrush, baby caps/hats, and baby bottles (small).

Items can be mailed to: Lisa Schrader, % OSLH Native Connections, 412 Dakota Street, Pine Ridge, SD 57770



Services for homeless men, women and children
Pine Ridge Presbyterian Church, Pine Ridge, South Dakota

Elder Ruby Schlueter provides three meals each week for 60-70 men, women and children of Pine Ridge who are homeless. She calls these folks her “family” and the love she shares with them is received and reciprocated.

At Christmas she provides a gift for each person. Items needed include: hats, mittens, gloves, scarves for children and adults; hand towels and washcloths; small shower gel, shampoo, lotion; hair brushes, combs, and elastic hair bands; sturdy backpacks for adults and children; hoodies, sized 1X-2X-3X; pull-over shirts, size 1X-2X-3X; colored pencils and drawing paper; fleece lap robes.

Also, Ruby is seeking fabric to teach sewing/quilting to some of the homeless women and young girls. She can use thread in addition to the fabric. Gift items or financial contributions for meals can be mailed to: Ms. Ruby Schlueter, PO Box 7002 (592 E. Hwy 18), Pine Ridge, SD 57770

Gather the Children Home (Emergency Foster Care)
Pine Ridge Reservation, Porcupine, South Dakota

Gather the Children Home is a culturally appropriate emergency foster care home children ages birth through age 12. It provides a caring and immediate safe environment for children removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect, while suitable foster or relatives home becomes available.



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Items needed include: twin sheets and mattress pads, twin-sized fleece blankets, crib sheets, towels and wash cloths. Also, ongoing financial support paying for monthly internet and phone expense or some other monthly expense. Please include a self-addressed and stamped postcard that can be returned to you as acknowledgement that items were received.

These items can be shipped to the following address: Gather Our Children Home, House #32, Porcupine School Road, Porcupine, SD 57772



Wacinyan Tipi (House of Hope) Homeless Shelter 45657 Veterans Memorial Highway Sisseton, SD

Wacinyan Tipi's (House of Hope's) mission is to restore the basic integrity and dignity of the Dakota values of each individual who is homeless and passes through their shelter doors.

Hygiene kits are much needed. All items for each kit should be placed in a one-gallon Ziploc bag. Each hygiene kit should include: hand towel, wash cloth, toothbrush, toothpaste, bar of soap, shampoo and comb (wide-tooth preferred).

Kits should be mailed to: House of Hope, %Dora Arteaga, 45657 Veteran's Memorial Highway, Sisseton, SD 57262

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Sisseton Wahpeton College

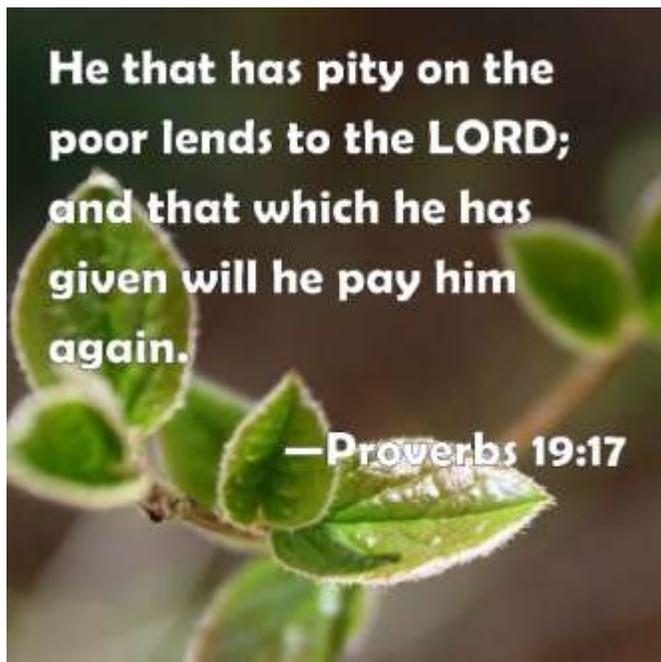
Sisseton, SD

Financial contributions are being received by PW Synod of Lakes and Prairies to create a sustaining Native American student scholarship fund. These funds will make it possible to grant a scholarship each semester to a Native student attending

Sisseton Wahpeton College as a second semester freshman or a sophomore. Criteria for selection is in place. Ongoing funds are needed to sustain granting a scholarship each semester.

Contributions can be mailed to: Terri Sherman, PWS Treasurer, 12244 N. 84th Street, Lincoln, NE 68517

Note on memo line: "Native American Scholarship Fund".



PW NewsBytes

PW NewsBytes—formerly the *PW Quarterly Mailing*—brims with “news you can use” from Presbyterian Women Churchwide! Just like the name suggests, *PW NewsBytes* is fully digital, which is good stewardship (of both finances and trees) and makes for easy sharing and a more connected PW community.

Use this link to download the latest issue:

<https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/downloads/pw-newsbytes-fall-2021/>

New Church World Service Project – Assemble “Welcome Backpacks”



Church World Service (CWS) has released a new **Welcome Backpacks** kit that can be assembled much in the same way that we have been assembling the Gift of the Heart Kits (hygiene, school, clean-up buckets) for many years. These backpacks are one tangible way to welcome unaccompanied minors or families to the United States at one of our local resettlement offices.

CWS welcomes asylum seekers at the US southern border by partnering with 17 border shelters. Shelters who receive asylum seekers released from Border Patrol or ICE, provide them with food and shelter, and arrange transportation for them to reunite with their families. Most asylum seeker arrive to these shelters with little more than the clothing on their back.

CWS Welcome Backpacks provide unaccompanied minors and families with the essentials for their transition: food and water, children’s activities, a blanket, basic hygiene items, and PPE. You can help extend welcome by assembling backpacks or sponsoring a backpack to be assembled.”

For information about contents of the new Welcome Backpack kit and how to assemble, pack, and ship them, go to <https://cwsglobal.org/donate/welcome-backpacks>.



Please note that at this time, this new kit is not yet being received at the Brethren Service Center in New Windsor, MD but must go to CWS at its address in Elkhart, Ind.

Submitted by Marilyn Stone

Whoever is generous to the poor lends to
the LORD, and he will repay him for his deed.

Proverbs 19:17





**PRESBYTERIAN
DISASTER ASSISTANCE**

**Gift of the Heart Kits
Mailing Form**

Please complete the top portion and include inside your shipment of kits:

Congregation/Group: _____

Contact Person: _____

Date: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Number/Type of Kits: _____

Mail to:	Church World Service Brethren Service Center Annex 601 Main St. New Windsor, MD 21776 Phone: 410-635-8794	or:	Ferncliff Disaster Assistance Center Attn: Gift of the Heart Kits 1720 Ferncliff Road Little Rock, AR 72223 Phone: 866-732-6121
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Let us hear from you!

Consider sharing how your group participated in the Gift of the Heart Kits program

1. If you would like PDA to know about your participation in this ecumenical project, please email the same information from the form above to pda@pcusa.org.
2. Sometimes PDA shares stories about group projects on the web site or in print. If you would be willing to send your story/photo, please email those with permission for PDA to use them.

Thank you for reaching out in this tangible way in the name of Christ.

www.pcusa.org/pda

Introducing the 2022–2023 PW/*Horizons* Bible study

Celebrating Sabbath

Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight

By Carol M. Bechtel

In the nine lessons of this Bible study—with passages from Genesis, Exodus, Deuteronomy, Isaiah, Matthew, Luke, and Acts—we'll consider Sabbath

- as a celebration, not a day of dreary formality
- as God's intent for all of creation that includes busy women too
- as one day of the week, perhaps a Sunday
- as a time to surrender unhealthy striving and frantic busyness, and instead trust that God will provide
- as a reminder that life is precious and working too much is against God's plans for our precious lives
- as a day devoted to community and justice and not exclusively to self-care

Ultimately, Sabbath reminds us to honor God who honors us by giving us a day each week to reset our pace, our priorities, and our lives.

Bible study, supplemental materials, and other helps!

The following resources will be available in the spring and summer of 2022

- Editions of the Bible study studybook: English, Ecumenical, Spanish, Large Print, and Audio
- Resources to spread the word: Promotional poster/flier, eBlasts, Pendant/Charm
- Resources to learn more about the study: *Workshop for Leaders*, Companion DVD, Blogs
- Bible study resources in *Horizons* magazine begin with the Summer 2022 issue
- And more!

About the Author



The Reverend Dr. Carol Bechtel is Professor of Old Testament at Western Theological Seminary in Holland, Michigan, where she has taught since 1994. She also serves as the Executive Director of the American Waldensian Society, an organization that partners with Christians from the Reformed tradition in Italy and South America.

Carol grew up on a farm in Fulton, Illinois. She attended Hope College, Western Theological Seminary, and received her Ph.D. in Old Testament from Yale University. Her publications include a commentary on Esther and several curriculum series and Bible studies. We're sure many of you will remember her PW Bible study from 2007–2008,

Above and Beyond: Hearing God's Call in Jonah and Ruth.

Carol lives in Holland, Michigan, with her husband, Tom Mullens. They have four children and seven grandchildren. Her hobbies include singing, cooking, gardening, and the Celtic harp. We are so excited to welcome back Carol to Presbyterian Women!

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• Read and discuss any or all books that appeal to you. Registration will be needed to join the discussion on Zoom.



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• Questions for discussion or reflection will be sent with your registration confirmation.

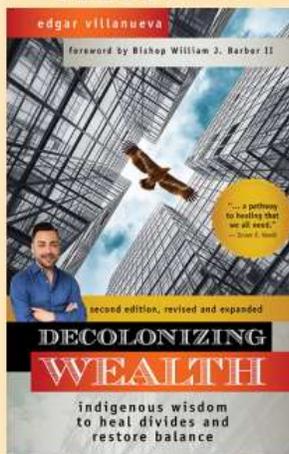


To register, scan the QR code with your smart phone or go to presbyterianwomen.org/justice.

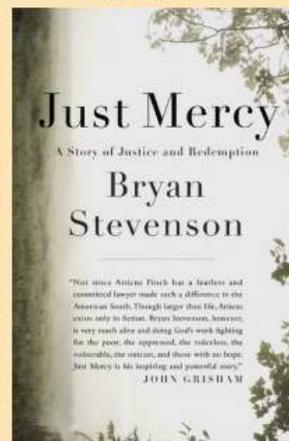
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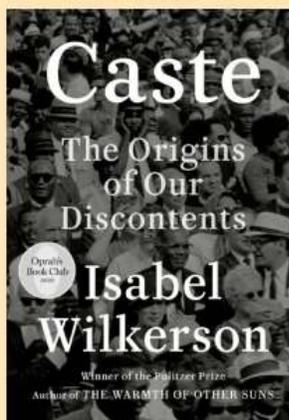
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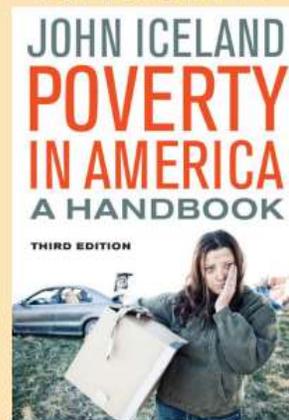
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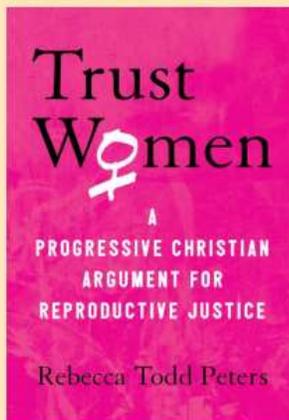
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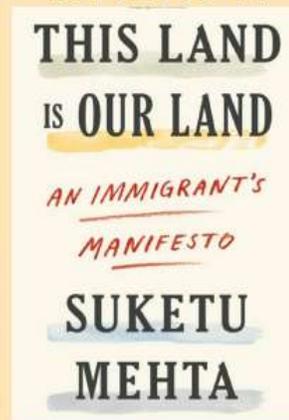
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Selections are recommended reading by the Justice & Peace Committee of PW's Board of Directors.

Inspiration among the Embers

Carrie Boldish

Author's note: This is a piece I wrote for our church newsletter, but I feel it is appropriate for PW, too. My hope is that you will see yourselves here – filled with God's love, working with determination and humility while serving others.

When disaster strikes, we are drawn to the TV and Internet for visuals of destruction, whether it be the recent tornados in Kentucky and Missouri or the snowstorm on a Virginia highway. It is human nature to want to see the results of what Mother Nature has wrought. Mountains of snow, depths of flooding, and dust storms on the dessert are sad curiosities but wonders nevertheless.

As we watched with horror the recent urban wildfires near Denver, the following story was shared with me, and it has weighed on my heart ever since.



While away from home over the holidays, one family watched with horror on a Denver tv station as the fires in Louisville, Colorado swept through their neighborhood. Fraught with despair, the new mother wept over what she thought had been lost. A neighbor broke into the family's home, searching for the two cats that had been left while the family was away. Only one cat could be located. The thought of losing a family pet in this way was overwhelming.

Prior to returning home, a group text from neighbors confirmed that her home had been spared. The neighborhood, however, had not. For whatever reason, their home stood alone among a field of burning embers and ashes.

Upon the family's return to the Denver area late in the evening, the husband settled his wife and baby into a hotel. He then proceeded to the family home in Louisville in search of the second cat. Thankfully, the cat came out of hiding and was declared safe from harm.

The man then noticed that someone had come through the neighborhood and had cleared snow from all of the driveways, even though the drives now led to nothing but ruin. Still, this allowed families to pull in and search for what might remain of their belongings. All drives had been plowed – except for one - the one that belonged to the “mean family” in the neighborhood. The man, tired and distraught himself, felt God's urging to do the right thing. He located a shovel and cleared the snow.

This is what it means to be filled with God's love. God enables us to rise above our human flaws and gives us strength and determination to care for others, to do the right thing, and to be humble about our decisions.

May you be filled with God's love and spirit in 2022.

Justice and Peace Calendar

Use these dates to promote advocacy in your communities. The dates and events can be found in your latest issue of Horizons magazine – another reason to subscribe!

Resources for Inspired Living

Matthew 25 in PC(USA): Actively Engaged in the World: <https://tinyurl.com/y4446vhe>

PCUSA special offerings: <https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/>

Presbyterian Giving Catalog: <https://presbyteriangifts.pcusa.org/gifts/?appeal=SG-5E20>

Presbytery of the Northern Plains: <https://www.northernplainspresbytery.com/>

Presbyterian Women: <https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/>

The Sower: thesower.slapp@gmail.com

Synod of Lakes and Prairies: <http://lakesandprairies.org/>

An application for **Youth Triennium** is available at <https://www.northernplainspresbytery.com/youth-connection>



When did we
See you?
Matthew 25: 31-46

PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH TRIENNIUM 2022
July 24-27 • Indianapolis, IN

Who? Current 8-12th Graders
Cost: \$600 before January 15
\$675 after January 16
Final Deadline: February 15

INTERESTED OR HAVE QUESTIONS?
Contact your local youth leader or
Kayla Bones at kbones@firstpresfargo.org
Chair of the PNP Youth Connection Team & PNP 2022 Triennium Registrar

Arvilla

Linda Warnke

We only had one meeting last fall for the thank offering and for least coin and hunger fund. I found this article prayer and thought I would send it.

Prayer:

Along life's pathways, we continually search for signs to point us in positive directions. Christ has given us a sign which points to healing and hope that is the Sign of the Bread of Life. No more shall we hunger after things that cannot sustain us. Now we have been fed and nourished by Christ! Open our hearts in gratitude, Lord, for the wondrous things you have done for us. Open our spirits to hear your words of hope for us today. Amen.



Bdecan

*Rosie Helland, Youth and Outreach Coordinator
Bdecan Presbyterian Church, Tokio, ND*

Deuteronomy 31:6 "Be strong and of good courage, do not fear or be in dread of them: for it is the Lord your God who goes with you; he will not fail you or forsake you."

We have had a lot of things going on here at Bdecan. The Lord has provided for us and never left our side. During my cancer diagnosis Louie Garcia was kind enough to take over the worship services that I had to miss. I am back preaching every Sunday now since my treatments and surgery have ended. Prayers were answered and I am now cancer free. Some of the healing process still has me limited as to what I can do in the food pantry. No lifting is the greatest thing but, Marlys Jetty has taken over with directing the helpers on food truck day and the truck gets unloaded and everything put away in record time. We have between 8-10 volunteers that help with that process. We are serving about 60 families a month and with the cost of food going up I'm sure that number will increase. We had one of our freezers go down and so the Ministry Team purchased a new and larger one so we can order more meat now when it is available from Great Plains. We have also seen an increase in the cost of food from them. With the cold weather the clothing pantry has been open but it takes more work to keep it straightened out. We have three ladies who are very helpful to keep working at it, and we try to have it open

on Pantry day. We are opening the pantry now on the 3rd Thurs. of the month from 2-5 and it seems to be working out ok, with emergency boxes for those who miss that day if they call.

Church attendance has been down with the snow and cold weather and we have been unable to have Sunday School due to my illness this year. We did have a Halloween Party which was well attended and plan to have a Valentines Party and Easter Egg Hunt. The kids always enjoy these special days.

Once again this year we were unable to have any mission teams come due to the covid 19 Pandemic. The Rochester group has begun planning for next summer to come again for VBS and have had their meetings to do the planning. We pray that people will get the vaccine so that will be possible. We have had a couple of families from the church that have had to quarantine due to catching the virus, but happily they were not hospitalized and have since recovered.

We gave out about 130 backpacks in August and outfitted 129 Children with winter wear. It was a big

success. We held it at the Rec center in Tokio and had lots of volunteers to help with that project. We also gave out blankets and quilts provided by several churches that day and all of them went.

There have been many funerals on the reservation this year due to illness and the pandemic. Lots of relatives of people here at the church. Larry Theile from the Lutheran Oyate Church has been very busy helping with those. We had a visit from J.R. American Horse to do a service in Nov. while I was in the hospital in Rochester. He is part of the Dakota Presbytery. He is a cousin to the Redfox family.

Christmas Eve we had a candlelight service which was well attended and everyone received gifts donated from the Headstart Program and candy and peanut bags. We had Indian tacos and a birthday cake for Jesus.

I'm sure most everyone has now heard of the break in and vandalism we suffered the first part of January. As

of now the church has been cleaned up thanks to Sharon Georgeson's family, Louie and Bob, and a new steel door has been ordered. Louie told us today the cost will be about \$1,000. No one has been arrested for this but we continue to pray for them that God will forgive them for desecrating His house. The Presbytery of Prospect Hill in Des Moines in North Central Iowa, has generously offered to send a donation to help pay for the new door. We thank them for this and thank Elona Street-Stewart for the e-mails sent out to the Dakota Presbytery to let people know of the break in.

God continues to bless the people of the Bdecan Church with kindness from everyone. Bob and I thank everyone for the prayers that were offered on our behalf. Sometimes goodness comes from bad things happening. We praise our Risen Savior for all His goodness to us.



Colgate

CPW ANNUAL REPORT-2021

Jeanne Mewes

THE TRAIN:

At birth we boarded the train and met our parents, and we believe they will always travel by our side. As time goes by, other people will board the train; and they will be significant i.e. our siblings, friends, children, strangers and even the love of your life. However, at some station our parents will step down from the train, leaving us on this journey alone. Others will step down over time and leave a permanent vacuum. Some, however, will go so unnoticed that we don't realize they vacated their seats. This train ride will be full of joy, sorrow, fantasy, expectations, hellos, goodbyes, and farewells. Success consists of having a good relationship with all passengers requiring that we give the best of ourselves.

The mystery to everyone is: We do not know at which station we ourselves will step down. So, we must live in the best way, love, forgive, and offer the best of who we are. It is important to do this because when the time comes for us to step down and leave our seat empty we should leave behind beautiful memories for those who will continue to travel on the train of life.

I wish you a joyful journey for the coming years on your train of life. Reap success, give lots of love and be happy. More importantly, thank God for the journey!

Lastly, I want to thank you for being one of the passengers on my train! ❤️

The Colgate Presbyterian Women held 9 meetings in the year 2021, with an average attendance of 7 members. Two of our meetings were held using ZOOM.

Our officers for the year 2021 were: Moderator-Jeanne Mewes, Vice-Moderator-Lori Fuglestad, Secretary-Melanie Mewes and Treasurer-Barb Mewes.

We might be a small group, but we were busy bees in 2021.

We remember our very special friends, Evy Johnson, Chelsea Brown and Cassie Brown. We support our 16-year-old friend, Sangeetha, through Child Fund. We have an active prayer chain that uses text messages to get prayer requests out very quickly and effectively. It works quite well for church announcements and information as well.

Each meeting we collect offerings for hunger, birthday and fellowship of the least coin. We participate in the birthday offering and thank offering each year.

We have enjoyed our bible study that meets once a month led by Carol Flaten. She's an excellent teacher!

We have a collection jar in the narthex for Bdecan. We support them throughout the year by furnishing goodies after church. In 2021 we collected \$1,060. We collected diapers, toilet paper, bedding and clothing for Bdecan as well. Some of that collection went to a need that Peggy was made aware of. We like to help wherever and whenever we can. We have collection boxes in the narthex for the area backpack program and the Steele County Food Pantry. The Happy Stitchers have been busy making quilts, which most of them were sent to WAE. We collected Christmas gifts for WAE as well.

We made Valentine boxes for our college students and participated in the Blanket Sunday offering.

This year we tried something new that turned out wonderfully! Peggy is our "Altar Angel"! She is in charge of the seasonal decorating in the sanctuary, watering the plants and changing the altar cloths. So, church cleaners, take note of this! You don't have to worry about these chores anymore...we have an "Angel" now!

We collected a Lenten offering this year. We wanted

the monies collected to help someone locally. The amount of \$400.00 was given to Brady Munro.

We furnished a prize for the post prom party and served pies at Page Community Days.

Rachel Erickson alerted us to a young woman in her acquaintance in great need of help as she was expecting a baby. We had a diaper shower for her and sent a baby quilt along made by the Happy Stitchers.

We served for two funerals that were held in our church this year: Nadine Cole and Homer Wennestrom. We were happy to celebrate with Tim and Katie Erickson by serving their groom supper.

We hosted the Fall Gathering at our church this year.

For our year end giving for the year 2021, we gave to the Salvation Army, Frasier LTD., and the New Life Center. We gave our donations during Giving Hearts Day, so our monies could be doubled. We also remembered Pastor Mark and Carol, WAE, Bdecan, Steele Country Food Pantry, and Bread of Life Missionary (Melissa Alm).

WE give thanks to our Heavenly Father for the opportunity to serve Him. It is our hope and prayer that we can be of service to Him in the coming year, and to be a blessing....so that others may know Him.

*"Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward.
You are serving the Lord Christ"
– Colossians 3:23-24 (ESV)*

FARGO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S GROUP

Nancy Liim, Moderator

The Fargo PW has been meeting by ZOOM all this year. We have been doing the Bible study "What My Grandmothers Taught Me", on the third Tuesday of each month at 2pm. Pastor Mary Holtey leads our Bible study. It is nice to see some people from other congregations Zooming in with us. We also hold our monthly board meetings by ZOOM.

Our congregation is still masked during Sunday services, which are also available on line, by going to the First Presbyterian Church website.

The PNC has been actively searching for a new Pastor, in the meantime we are grateful to be led by Pastor Mary Holtey.

Our PW is in the midst of our annual pledge drive so we can continue our local mission giving and our Presbytery giving.

Gilby

Vicki Bunker, Treasurer

We unfortunately are ending the Gilby Presbyterian Women. We haven't met since March of 2019. With, for the most part, two active members (occasionally 3), we haven't been able to host any of our usual activities. (Brunch's for Thank Offering, birthday objective, and a few other special activities as come along.)

Lila, our Moderator, and I are sorry to resort to ending, and we surely will miss our gatherings. Any funds left in the Willing Workers account have been turned over to the Church.



Hallock

Jan Younggren, Moderator

Happy New Year everyone. We as PW members are returning to 'normal'. Normal is different for each one of us, but we have resumed circle meetings.

Also, we were able to host our annual pie social last summer, inviting the community to enjoy this sweet time of fellowship. This has been an annual event for 'forever'. All members of the congregation are asked to donate one pie. The list includes about 35 homemade, delicious pies...everything from apple to strawberry. In true Presbyterian order, they are displayed alphabetically! Usually, we have Juneberry pie as well, made from hand-picked berries and baked by one of the men in our congregation.

Funds raised help support the mission pledge of our PW group. The date for **2022 is July 21st**. Always the third Thursday. You are invited to attend, it is worth the drive.

Waiting for spring in NW Minnesota.





****REGISTRATION Packet****

PW Synod Gathering

June 16-19, 2022

Hilton Garden Inn

1132 Larsen Park Rd

Sioux City, Iowa 51106

PW: *Better Together*
Tied Together With Love

Ecclesiastes 4:12 (NIV)

A cord of three strands is not easily broken



What to expect at the PW SLAP Gathering/Better Together:

(Presbyterian Women of the Synod of Lakes & Prairies)

Experience a time of hope, praise and fellowship. This will be a time to grow your faith. It will be a place where having time to be with God/Creator and other women is a priority. It will be a time to reconnect, renew and grow. The Gathering will explore the PW Purpose in a variety of ways. Plenary (entire group) sessions and keynote speakers will focus on specific points of our purpose. Workshops will provide information about a wide range of topics, including PW missions. A hands-on mission opportunity will be a time to sew school bags. Giving from your hearts and wallets will allow you to support Lila Mae House, All About You Adoptions, Marion Medical Mission and the Dr. Susan LaFlesche Picotte Center.

Even more enticing is that the Gathering will give you a chance to lift your voice in praise by being part of the Gathering Choir; you will meet and make new friends; you will share laughter, smiles, hugs and tears; you will gather new ideas for your local PW group; you will enjoy great food and hotel accommodations located along a beautiful river walk. But best of all will be the many unexpected blessings happening all around you and to you. Please come join us!



Start each plenary by hearing the word of God from our Worship Leader Rev. Danelle Crawford McKinney. Danelle is a member of the non-geographic Dakota Presbytery, currently working at Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, Kansas where she resides with her husband Ron and teenage son Ronston. She has 2 adult daughters Alethia Oatman from Idaho and Madison McKinney from Lawrence, KS. She brings a unique outlook to our Gathering as she helps us to ponder God's calling through her eyes and experiences that will guide each of us to understand our

own calling.



Mission Opportunities:

Hands-on Mission Activity:

Sewing school bags for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Gift of the Heart School Kits. Bring 1 yard *per participant* of kid-friendly durable fabric, thread, notions for decorations, your skills to sew, cut, press and help! Don't sew?? Teachers will be standing by to help.

\$10 gift cards donated to

Lila Mae's House – Sioux City, IA

Mission: To provide a safe, healthy environment where adult survivors of sex trafficking can rest, heal, recover and develop life skills necessary to become empowered, independent, and self-sufficient women. *Program:* Adult women who've been victimized through sex trafficking often see themselves as worthless and expendable. Lila Mae's House seeks to help women develop the skills to regain control over their lives.

All About You Adoptions – Sioux Falls, SD (2020 Thank Offering Recipient)

Mission: Our mission is to empower everyone involved in the adoption process.

Purpose: To empower those experiencing an unplanned pregnancy; To create a forever family for waiting children; To build families through adoption

Bags of books:

Bring what you'd like to donate (no more than 5 books per participant). Buy gently used books. Proceeds to go to PWS Native American College Scholarship Fund (PW Synod)

Gathering Choir:

Music leader Rev. Kristi Holler and musician Pat Penn will be gathering any women interested in singing at the Sunday morning closing Worship. They've selected "Singing to the Lord ALL the Earth!" (1 Chron. 16:23) for the Gathering Choir!

Gathering Offering: Divided between

Dr. Susan LaFlesche Picotte Center

Dr. Susan LaFlesche Picotte, the first Native American to receive a medical degree, built a hospital on the Omaha Reservation in 1913. The hospital is currently being restored to include a medical clinic, cultural and educational spaces, as well as an outdoor amphitheater and community gardens. Dr. Picotte had many connections to the Presbyterian Church, serving as a Sunday School teacher and interpreter at First Presbyterian Church in Walthill, NE, so it is special that we now have an opportunity to help make this restoration project possible.

Marion Medical Mission

Marion Medical Mission seeks to share the love of Christ with the extreme poor in Africa by providing all in need with a sustainable source of clean, safe drinking water.



Synod of Lakes & Prairies

On-site Vendors:

Touch of Hope—Books, Bibles, Cards, Unique Gifts, CD's and DVD's for Christian Living (Sheldon, IA)

Beyond Joy---Pottery

Others

Local areas of interest: River walk just outside the hotel, Sargent Floyd River Museum, Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center, Chief War Eagle Monument, Marketplace Mall, Tyson Events Center, Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center, Adams Homestead & Nature Preserve, Cone Park, LaunchPAD Children's Museum, Hard Rock Casino, Winnebago Casino.

Suggestions as you make your plans:

Ask someone to attend with you

Encourage women from your congregation to attend

Provide scholarship assistance to help women attend

When your family asks 'what do you want for Christmas?'---reply a trip to the Synod Gathering and a Gathering buddy!

Ask someone to chauffeur you to the Gathering

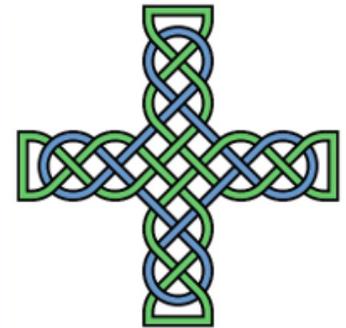
Think about using your skills to help and teach others basic sewing skills making PDA school bags

Read up on the Mission Opportunities and make plans for your participation

Pray for the Gathering Team, Leaders, Hotel staff/facilities, travel

Consider local support for your attendance \$\$: *You'd like to attend but are short of personal funds?*

Request support from your local PW group (some groups set aside funds for this purpose).



Items to bring to the Gathering:

- 1 yard of kid-friendly fabric and notions to sew PDA Gift of the Heart School bags
- 3-5 gently used books you'd like to donate and shop for other gently used books
- \$10 gift cards—to be donated to All About You Adoptions (Sioux Falls) and Lila Mae House (Sioux City)
- Gatherin Offering money to support Marion Medical Mission and Dr. Susan LaFlesch Picotte Center

Meals to be provided:

Thursday evening: plated meal, please be on time! Be seated by 5:00 pm

Friday & Saturday & Sunday breakfast will be at hotel with room reservation voucher (2 per room)

Friday & Saturday lunch: box lunch provided

Friday evening: Buffet provided. Dinner 5:30-6:30

Saturday evening: Plated meal. Dinner 5:30-6:30

Please note any dietary restrictions on the Registration form. Thank you.

Hotel accommodations:

You must make your hotel reservations directly with the hotel.

Cost is \$125/night plus state & local tax

To make the hotel reservation, call: 712-255-4200, Mon-Fri 8 am to 5 pm

Or use the event link: www.myevent.hilton.com/presbyterian-womensconference/

Make note of your confirmation number: _____

Room types available:

Standard King (1 king bed)

Standard Queen (2 queen beds)

King Suite (1 king bed + 1 pull out couch/bed)

Includes: 2 breakfast vouchers, Serta mattress, in-room refrigerator, microwave, Keurig® coffee maker, swimming pool & hot tub

CANCELATION:

If you must cancel your hotel reservation:

call the hotel by 6 p.m. TWO (2) days before arrival with your confirmation number to avoid fees.

This call to the hotel will not cancel your Gathering Registration.



Registration fee:

\$100 for entire Gathering

OR

Commuter fees

Thursday (includes meal) **\$25**

Friday **\$75**

Saturday **\$50**

Sunday only **No charge**

Enclose check payable to 'PW-SLAP'



**PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN**

**Return completed Registration with registration fee
before May 15, 2022 to**

**Maggie Horak, 5601 Barrington Park Dr, Lincoln, NE
68516**



- The workshop titles, descriptions and leaders can be found on the next few pages.
- ***Please use this worksheet to make your selections.***
- ***Pick one workshop from each session.***
- Sessions are Friday AM 1, Friday AM 2, Friday PM 3, Friday PM 4, Saturday AM 5, and Saturday AM 6. Please review the workshop descriptions and make your selections.
- Transfer/copy your selections to the LAST PAGE (10) of this registration packet.
- *Please return only PAGE 10 via postal mail to the address on the form as your registration for the Gathering along with a check payable to PW SLAP.*

If you have questions, you can call

Maggie Horak (402-429-0523 between 4-8 pm) email mmhlin@outlook.com

or

Beth Jensen (319-350-6460) email dbjensenfamily@gmail.com



Workshop Day/Time/Session	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Option 5	Your Selection
Friday AM Session 1	A	B	C	D	K	
Friday AM Session 2	F	B	H	I	K	
Friday PM Session 3	A	J	C	D	E	
Friday PM Session 4	F	E	H	I	J	
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Saturday AM Session 5	L	M	N	P	Q	
Saturday AM Session 6	L	M	N	P	R	

Workshops: There are 6 Sessions Select **one** for **each** Session

Workshop	Workshop Title	Workshop Description	Workshop Presenter/Leader
A	2022-2023 Horizon's Bible Study Overview	Teaching the Horizon Bible Study class at Synod School since 2016, Jan has come to love these studies! She has even turned a few into sermon series in order to share them with her congregation! This workshop will provide a quick tour through the 2022-2023 study, <i>Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight</i> , by Carol M. Bechtel. Come and learn about the study, the options and suggestions for leaders, and get ready to lead, participate in and promote this great study.	Rev. Jan Christensen
B	This is a 2-part Workshop Following Spirit in Dakota Presbytery Pre-workshop reading recommended	Ever since its founding in 1842, the Dakota Presbytery has been unique---the first presbytery established beyond the Mississippi River, the first non-geographical presbytery, the first presbytery whose members spoke language other than English (Dakota). Discover the history of this presbytery, learn of its present challenges, and the unique ways it is following Spirit into the future. Rev. Dr. Clifford Canku will use clips from the video <i>Winds over Dakota</i> , in his presentation and recommends the reading of <i>Beloved Child</i> by Diane Wilson in preparation for the workshop. Presenter recommends attending BOTH parts	Rev Dr Clifford Canku
C	Storytelling: Oral tradition in Native American Culture	Oral tradition was the staple of information before European influence. This activity will emulate the atmosphere of storytelling from long ago.	Rev Danelle Crawford McKinney
D	Draw Closer to God through Creative Worship	You will engage with the rest of the Gathering through creative Bible journaling and visual interpretation through words and pictures. Simple creative processes will be accomplished through the use of color pencils, watercolor and other art mediums. Capture your relationship-with-God-story making it "sing with color". Sue will assist in the 'no artistic skills required'	Sue Kimball
E	Prayer ≠ Monologue	This workshop will offer opportunities to practice and explore some of the many ways we can commune with God in prayer. It will expand participants' perspectives on who God is and what conversation with God can be like.	Rev. Kathleen Splitt
F	Beyond Joy	This is Leasa Brouillard's personal story from broken and beautiful to Beyond Joy. Leasa is an entrepreneur with her own small pottery	Leasa Brouillard

		home and your church and your community.	
N	Deep Dive into Matthew 25	What Is Matthew 25? How can it be implemented and how much does it cost? Why do we need it? Who can do it?	Rev. Carolyn Grice
P	The ABCs of LGBTQIA+	This workshop will be a primer on the meaning of the letters LBGTQIA+ in a safe and caring environment for us to learn, ask questions, and explore what it means to be an ally.	Christy Abraham
Q	Celebrate lessons learned and opportunities to implement in ministry	This workshop will celebrate lessons learned from modern day boarding school workers and will describe the current social issues affecting indigenous people today. Where do we go from here?	Rogene Crawford Gina Burshiem
R	The Strength of Our Village: Adoption Addition	All About U Adoptions provides crisis / unplanned pregnancy counseling services available 24/7, assisting clients with diverse concerns including violence, addition, homelessness, food insecurity, and legal issues. Nearly 60% of the agency's expectant mother clients are homeless when they come to us. Discover how AAU has worked to meet this need with the help of their Thank Offering grant. AAU is a full-service adoption agency for those seeking to add to their family through adoption. The agency helps guide and support birth parents, adoptive parents and adopted children as they navigate adoption for a lifetime.	Coleen Globke & Kelsey Andrews



******Complete and return this page as your registration******

Make a copy for yourself, if needed



Workshop Selection

Write your choices here



Sign me up for the Gathering Choir Yes No

Friday AM Session 1	Friday AM Session 2	Friday PM Session 3	Friday PM Session 4	Saturday AM Session 5	Saturday AM Session 6

Your name for nametag: _____

Presbytery name: _____

Age group: 18-25 25-40 41-55 56-70 71 & over

Home address: _____

Email address: _____

Telephone number: ()- _____ Include area code

Your EMERGENCY CONTACT: Name _____

Your EMERGENCY CONTACT: ()- _____ Include area code
Only to be used in case of emergency/not shared

DIETARY RESTRICTIONS: _____

Registration fee: your selection(s):

\$100 Entire Gathering (Thurs evening through Sunday)

\$25/Thurs \$75/Fri \$50/Sat

Total enclosed _____ *Make checks payable to PW SLAP*

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Email confirmation will be sent within 7 -10 days of registration and fees received.

If you have no email address: Telephone confirmation Postal mail confirmation

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NEW – 2022 PW SYNOD PRE-GATHERING MISSION EVENT



A PW Synod Pre-Gathering Mission Event will take place on Thursday, June 16, 2022, from approximately 9 AM to 3 PM, with a to-be-determined additional cost for those who choose to participate.

This Pre-Gathering Mission Event will include a guided tour of the Dr. Susan LaFlesche Picotte Hospital in Walthill, NE, an exterior visit to Dr. Susan's home and First Presbyterian Church in Walthill. It also includes a visit to the John G. Neihardt Center which contains many of Dr. Susan LaFlesche Picotte's personal artifacts, as well as the Bancroft Cemetery, both in Bancroft, NE.

Dr. Susan LaFlesche Picotte, an Omaha Native American woman, was the first Native American medical doctor. In her younger years she attended Presbyterian Mission Schools, and later taught Sunday School and served as an interpreter at the First Presbyterian Church in Walthill, NE, on the Omaha Reservation. This is where she built a hospital funded in a large part by the Presbyterian Church. This hospital is currently being restored and funds are being raised to complete this restoration. The restored hospital facility will house a medical clinic, cultural and educational spaces to teach/learn Native culture and arts, as well as space on the grounds for community gardens and an outdoor amphitheater.

If you are interested in participating in this Pre-Gathering Mission Event, please let Marilyn Stone know of your interest (via email at mmstone52@att.net OR leave a message at 262-763-0918). Transportation and lunch options are being explored. If you have a van or church bus that could be used for transportation, please let Marilyn know this as well. The cost for this event will be available in January when registration begins. 



Many PWs in the Congregation (PWC) have different forms of leadership, a moderator, a facilitator, a different convener for each meeting or bible study. Please give us the information for the Leadership of your PW group.

Please send completed form to:
 PWP Moderator: Lana Schultz
 Address: PO Box 891, Casselton, ND 58012
 Email: lanaj0@casselton.net
 Forms are due: **January 31, 2022**
[Keep a copy for your records](#)

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN THE CONGREGATION ANNUAL REPORT FORM

Please complete the form with members of your circles/coordinating team.

Moderator/Facilitator/Convener:	Term ends:			
Mailing address:	City:	Zip:		
Best Phone:	Email address:			
Co-Moderator/Vice Moderator (circle one)				
Name:	Term ends:			
Mailing address:	City:	Zip:		
Best Phone:	Email:			
Treasurer:	Term ends:			
Mailing address:	City:			
Best Phone:	Email address:			
Secretary/Clerk:	Term ends:			
Mailing address:	City:			
Best Phone:	Email address:			
If there is no one in your PWC who has an email address, can we use your church email address? Yes No				
Church email:				
Number of women in your congregation:				
Do you have an active, formally organized PWC? Yes No	Number of women who attend PWC meetings:			
How many times did your PWC Directors/Coordinating team meet last year?	Number of active circles/groups			
	Number attending:			
How many women in the congregation fit into each of the following age ranges:	30 & below:	31-40:	41-50:	51-60:
	61-70:	70 & above:		
DO YOU:				
Use/Recite the PW Purpose: Yes No	At every meeting/event?: Yes No			
Use Horizon study books: Yes No	If no, list other study books used:			
Use the Mission Yearbook of Prayer & Study?: Yes No				

PRESBYTERY OF THE NORTHERN PLAINS

Please list the LOCAL MISSION PROJECTS your PWC has been involved with during the past year. These may include: food pantries, homeless shelters, schools, prison ministries, non-profits providing services to those in need, Bdecan Ministry, Northlands Rescue, Chogoria, Youth Connection or projects adopted by the PW in the Presbytery (PWP):

Has your PW participated in any of the following PW Mission Projects/Fundraising efforts: (Please circle all that apply and add any others)

Honorary Life Membership	Birthday Offering	Mission Pledge	Thank Offering
Global Exchange	USA Mission Experience		
Puente Community Resource Center, San Francisco, CA	Ciliwung Community Center, Jakarta, Indonesia		
Bay Area Anti-Trafficking Coalition, Pescadores, CA	Suwung School and Clinic, Bali Indonesia		

Has your PW participated in any of the following PC (USA) Mission Projects/Fundraising efforts: (Please circle all that apply and add any others)

Hunger Program	One Great Hour of Sharing	PC(USA) Missionaries	Presbyterian Peacemaking Programs
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance			
Gift of the Heart Kits	How many:		
School kits,	How many:		
Clean-up buckets	How many:		
Monetary Donations	\$		

Has your PW participated in Ecumenical Mission Projects: (Please circle all that apply and add any others)

Fellowship of the Least Coin	Habitat for Humanity	Africa: Little Dresses	How many:
Bread for the World	Reusable Sanitary Products	Little Britches	How Many:
World Community Day	Church World Service	T-shirt diapers	How Many:
Church Women United	Orange Day	Heifer Project International	Centsibility
Thursday – Black Day	World Day of Prayer	May Friendship Day	
Number of women who attended the Churchwide Gathering:	Has anyone ever participated in the Global Exchange: Yes No		
Number of women who attended the last Synod Gathering:	Has anyone ever participated in the US Mission Experience: Yes No		

Has your PWC had programs focusing on any of the following Justice and Peace issues during the past year: (Please circle all that apply and add any others)

Human Trafficking	Food Justice	Water Issues	Worker’s Rights
Prison Reform	Children’s Advocacy	Immigration	Race relations
Children’s Literacy			

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PRESBYTERY OF NORTHERN PLAINS

Please list any other PWC sponsored events, service activities or fundraisers you have participated in during the past year: (These would include: salad luncheons, sewing days, book clubs, church clean up days, etc)

To help us get to know you better we would like to know more personal stories about your women’s groups. Please choose one of the following options and share:

1. Tell us about one favorite mission project. Why do you support this project? What makes it special? What relationships have grown out of it? How those served experience the love of Christ through this project? Photos always welcome and greatly appreciated!

This annual report form takes the place of 3 reports submitted in the past-- your annual report, your officers’ list and the Together in Service report. You now only need to submit this 1 annual report form to your PWP Moderator. It will allow the PWP to give accurate information to Churchwide.

The completed form is due on: **January 31, 2022.**

2.

Describe one good thing that has happened with your PW group in the past year.

Presbyterian Women of the Northern Plains Coordinating Team 2021-2022

Moderator (2021-2024)

Lana Schultz
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Casselton, ND 58012
701-238-4538
lanaj0@casselton.net

Secretary (2021-2024)

Elizabeth Swee
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