



NORTHERN LIGHTS NEWSLETTER

Presbyterian Women of the Northern Plains

Fall 2026

Moderator's Musings

Donna Preston, Moderator of the PW of the Northern Plains

I don't know about any of you, but this summer has flown by for me. I attended Synod School the end of July. I was able to connect with several PW women throughout our Synod. I didn't have to take any classes for my Lay Pastor classes this year. I was able to choose ones I wanted to take. I took PW Bible study class to get an overview on this year's Bible study on 1 Corinthians. I am looking forward to this study. I also took Isolation in Ministry class from Rev. Dr. Paul Synder, who is originally from Arvilla and who served Wilton and Glencoe for his first churches out of seminary. It was great to connect with him. 3rd class I took was on resilience put on a team of women from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. This is a class they offer in areas of disaster to church and community leaders. We learned many techniques to use in times of stress. The final class was AI 101, which explained how to successful use AI tools out there to help us in leadership and ministry as well as in our personal life. The message was that AI wasn't going away and we need to become familiar with it and how to use it. Often when one searches the internet on any subject AI is the one who answers the search. Another important message is that one doesn't always get correct information so it's important to double and triple check accuracy. The theme for the week was "Love In Between." Each morning, we had a message from the plenary leader, William Yoo, who is Minister of Word and Sacrament in Presbyterian Church (USA) and associate professor of American Religious and Cultural History at Columbia Theological Seminary. The worship leader each night was CeCe Armstrong, who just completed her term as co moderator of General Assembly. The most memorable part of her each sermon was her ending when she told us: "I love you and there is nothing you can do about it". It was a great 5 days of learning.

Since returning, I have been preparing for backpack give way at Bdecan Church on August 15th. Thanks to the Arvilla Presbyterian Church and Larimore United Methodist congregations for donating money for the school supplies plus to 4 of the women who helped pack them.

My duties for Presbyterian Women have been on the back burner this summer. I would love to visit PW events at your church this fall if you are interested. I can present a program or share about Youth Connection or Bdecan Presbyterian Church/Bdecan Ministry Team as I serve as leader of both groups. Feel free to reach out to me.

Blessings, Donna

EDITOR'S CORNER

Hello PW friends! My name is Lynn McGauvran and I'm your newsletter editor, after being elected at the Spring Gathering in East Grand Forks. As a member of the Langdon Presbyterian Church, I'm the moderator and treasurer of our PW group, and am also currently serving on our session.

I would like to extend a huge thank you to Jeanne Mewes for her work as newsletter editor the past three years. She has done an excellent job putting together informative newsletters for us and I hope to continue to do the same. Thank you so much Jeanne!

Many of you are aware that Pastor Sue Mackey, who was serving the Langdon church, passed away this past spring. She was a very insightful and caring person and is greatly missed. Shortly after Sue's death, Pastor Jodi Myrvik, who serves United Lutheran Church in Langdon, wrote this column for our local paper. With her permission, I'm sharing it here.

A pastor who modeled the true definition of "Pastor"

This past month, Langdon and the extended community lost an influential faith leader when Pastor Sue Mackey died. On behalf of the Langdon Ministerial Association, I would like to share this tribute to our colleague in faith and friendship—a friendship I was blessed to have for more than 20 years.

The definition of a pastor in Scripture is a shepherd—one who feeds God's people with truth, leads them with humility and wisdom, protects them from harm and falsehood, cares for them with compassion and patience, and equips them to grow into maturity in Christ. A pastor is called to "shepherd the flock of God...being an example to the flock" (1 Peter 5:2-3). A pastor is called "to equip the saints for the work of ministry" (Ephesians 4:11-12). A pastor is called to "watch over souls as one who must give an account" (Hebrews 13:17).

Some leaders carry a title. Others become the title. Pastor Sue Mackey was the kind of shepherd whose life defined the word pastor, and she lived it with remarkable faithfulness. Pastor Sue didn't just comfort the hurting; she challenged the comfortable. She didn't just nurture faith; she stretched it. She didn't just teach Scripture; she called people to live it. She believed that love sometimes whispers and sometimes pushes, and she did both with grace. She encouraged people to go deeper in prayer, trust God in hard seasons, grow beyond spiritual complacency, and become doers of the Word—not hearers only. She listened deeply, making people feel heard and valued. She prayed faithfully, carrying the burdens of others before God. She served quietly, never seeking applause. She encouraged generously, speaking life into weary hearts. She challenged boldly, calling people to grow into the fullness of Christ and dive deeper into their personal faith. She was a shepherd who knew her flock by name. A teacher whose life preached as loudly as her sermons. A comforter who showed up in the hardest moments. Her ministry was not measured in sermons preached but in lives transformed; not in programs built but in people strengthened; not in titles held but in Christlike character lived out daily. Because she lived this calling so well, the church, our families and our community are different—better, stronger, more rooted in Christ and more courageous in faith.

Thank you Pastor Sue. You touched more lives than you ever knew, and you will be missed by many people near and far. Your legacy is not written in stone or on plaques. It is written in each of us.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND DEADLINES

September 5:	Quarterly payment to Sharon Johnson, PWP Treasurer
September 7:	Labor Day
September 16:	RSVP due for Women's Servant Leadership Retreat
September 20-23:	Ministry Leadership Retreat, Clearwater Forest Camp
September 26:	Women's Servant Leadership Retreat, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Casselton ND
November 14:	Annual Mission Fund pledge form due to Donna Preston
November 26:	Thanksgiving Day
November 29:	First Sunday of Advent
December 1:	PWP Mission Grant applications due
December 5:	Quarterly payment to Sharon Johnson, PWP Treasurer
January 31:	PWC Annual Report form due to Lana Schultz

Are you an introvert or extrovert? God made each of us uniquely **us**. If you are an extrovert, love being one! If you need a little more quiet, and introspection, celebrate that. It's how God chose to design you. Tune in to what energizes you, and make sure you get plenty of it. Pay attention to what makes you tick. Recognize your strengths, weaknesses, and those particular personality nuances that help you to live well the life God has granted you.

*I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful,
I know that full well. (Psalm 139:14)*

From the devotional, "Fresh Grounded Faith" by Jennifer Rothschild.

This retreat is for any church leaders but especially for Ministers, CRE's and musicians.



Ministry LEADERSHIP RETREAT

This retreat will focus on Self-Care, featuring clergy self-care expert Joy Hensel & opportunities to experience Forest Therapy.

We will also learn about Respectful Conversations with Jerad Morey from the Minnesota Council of Churches, who is also a licensed Forest Therapist.

Carol Meier will be our worship leader & provide music- focused workshop opportunities.

**DATE: SEPTEMBER 20-23
AT CLEARWATER FOREST**

**16595 CROOKED LAKE ROAD,
DEERWOOD, MN 56444**

**COST: \$430 SINGLE OCCUPANCY,
\$325 DOUBLE OCCUPANCY
\$200 NO LODGING**

Goals of the retreat:

Join us for high-quality, meaningful learning and reflection, connecting with others while networking, and rest and renewal in God's creation.

REST  RESTORE  RECONNECT



Wild Path

Forest therapy for events and groups

Minnesota Council of Churches



PW SYNOD NEWS

---The online Horizons Bible Study will meet by Zoom on September 21 at 6:30 pm. Join us for Lesson 2. Contact Maggie Horak (mmhlin@outlook.com) to receive the Zoom link.

---New online Justice & Peace (J&P) Book Discussion Group starts next year on January 12 at 6:30 pm with the book "To Do Justice," by Peters and Hinson-Hasty. Kathleen Keefer will facilitate.

PW PRESBYTERY NEWS

WHAT IS THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S ANNUAL MISSION FUND AND WHY



DOES IT MATTER?

From PW's Annual Mission Fund brochure

PW's 2026-27 Annual Mission Fund is the operating fund for Presbyterian Women at all levels of the organization. With the Tree of Life imagery in mind, the Annual Mission Fund is the foundation—the soil—that provides structure, strength and stability so that the tree's branches (PW) are sufficiently fortified to bear fruit, such as leadership development opportunities, denominational and ecumenical support, advocacy, Bible study, community and mission. PW's Annual Mission Fund supports all the branches of PW work and witness in the world, growing from our PW Purpose.

Presbyterian women fund all levels of the organization through gifts received by PW in congregations, which, in turn, provides a portion to presbytery, then synod, and finally churchwide (national). Our blessings, combined and set in motion in this way, sustains our beloved PW.

Annual Mission Fund Pledge form for PWs in the Congregation is available in this newsletter for your convenience in giving and sending to PWP Moderator, Donna Preston, PO Box 276, Grandin, ND 58038 by November 14.

--For our fall gathering, you are invited to a Women's Workshop on Servant Leadership at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Casselton on Saturday, Sept. 26, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Dr. Carrie Lauber will lead our time together. Registration cost is a free will offering.

RSVP before Sept. 16 by scanning the QR code on the flyer or using this link:

<https://tools.signupgenius.com/c/servant-leadership-for-women-44213>

About her first leadership workshop over a year ago, Lana Schultz commented, "It was the best workshop I have ever attended." Plan to attend to connect with other PW women as well as learn and relax for the day.

A full-page printable flyer follows on the next page.

Why Do We Need an Organization for Presbyterian Women?

Over the last two centuries, many women's groups formed because they were not allowed to participate in or lead civic and faith-based groups organized by men. Today it is common to see women in myriad leadership roles, from business, to government, to church. In this atmosphere, is Presbyterian Women still needed? Yes! Work on behalf of women is never complete. Policies created to uplift those in need can be rolled back and gains won for women can be lost. Women still need each other.

PW is organized so that we are aware of our siblings' struggles and can join forces to support one another and to gather resources that help improve lives. With more choices in how to live and serve in the world, PW provides a network where participants can come together for discussion, discernment, and for creating bonds of community, compassion and love. PW speaks to women's relationship with God, who for millennia has been imaged only as male. A women's religious organization has the unique gifts and abilities to speak to the special theological needs and concerns of women.

Excerpt from Presbyterian Women Essentials

You were
not called to
DO IT ALL.
You were called
to make a
difference.

LEAD WITH PURPOSE.  LOVE WITH COURAGE. SERVE WITH JOY.

Women's Workshop on Servant Leadership

Lead from your heart.
Don't lose yourself in the service.
Care for others. Care for you.
Lead with wholeness. 



BE INSPIRED
encouragement
for your journey



CONNECT
with women
like you



GROW
in faith, confidence
& calling



SERVE
with purpose
and balance



You
matter.
You are not
alone. You can
lead and still
be whole. 

Save the Date!
SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 26TH
2026

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Come as you are.
Leave refreshed,
encouraged,
and equipped. 

Together we will...

-  DISCOVER THE JOY OF SERVANT LEADERSHIP
-  SET HEALTHY BOUNDARIES
-  FIND BALANCE IN GIVING AND RECEIVING
-  LIVE FROM OVERFLOW, NOT OBLIGATION
-  BE REMINDED: GOD SEES, KNOWS & CALLS YOU

REGISTER TODAY!



Scan the QR code
or use the link
to save your spot!



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
in Casselton

WORSHIP. GROW. SERVE. TOGETHER. 

2026 Thank Offering

The Creative Ministries Offering Committee of Presbyterian Women read, prayed over and selected ten projects for funding this year. In keeping with the Thank Offering bylaws, more than forty percent of the selected projects are related to health ministries.

SYNOD OF THE COVENANT

Presbytery of Lake Michigan

Lakeshore Habitat for Humanity

Rural Home Repair for Allegan County

Holland, Michigan

lakeshorehabitat.org

\$40,000

Lakeshore Habitat for Humanity puts God's love into action through building homes, communities and hope. Through their Rural Home Repair program, people come together to improve houses so they are warm, safe and dry. By addressing critical repairs, lower-income families can focus on thriving instead of worrying about costly home issues. With the Thank Offering grant this vital program will expand across the entirety of Allegan County to help more families live in secure, decent homes.

SYNOD OF LAKES AND PRAIRIES

Presbyteries of Northern Plains, Northern Waters, Minnesota Valleys, Twin Cities Area

Clearwater Forest

Camp for ALL

Deerwood, Minnesota

clearwaterforest.org

\$50,000

Clearwater Forest is a Presbyterian camp dedicated to creating life changing, faith-centered experiences, but transportation barriers prevent many underserved populations from accessing these opportunities. The Thank Offering grant will purchase a bus to provide access across Minnesota, North Dakota and Wisconsin. This initiative will open the door for more inclusive participation, including new retreats for high-risk and low income groups, ensuring the camp's transformative impact for all.

SYNOD OF MID-AMERICA

Missouri Union Presbytery

Women of Faith PW at First Presbyterian Church

Baby Grace Ministries

Fulton, Missouri

fpcfulton.org

\$7,600

Baby Grace Ministries supports families with young children by providing essential items and opportunities for connection and growth. At monthly gatherings, families receive free diapers, wipes, clothing and hygiene supplies while accessing community resources and support. The program also creates a welcoming space for children to play and for parents to build meaningful relationships. With this grant, the ministry will continue supplying critical necessities to families in need.

SYNOD OF THE MID-ATLANTIC

Salem Presbytery

The Greater Mount Airy Ministry of Hospitality
Flat Rock Presbyterian Pantry Expansion Project
Mount Airy, North Carolina

helpinghandsofsurry.org

\$40,000

Flat Rock, a rural and underserved area in North Carolina, currently has no food pantries despite a growing need. In 2024, Flat Rock Presbyterian Church sold its property for just \$100 to support efforts addressing food insecurity. The Thank Offering grant will help transform this space into the community's first pantry and soup kitchen. The pantry will provide daily groceries, weekly produce distributions and mobile food services. Additionally, the soup kitchen will begin serving biweekly hot meals to ensure families facing hunger will have consistent access to nutritious food.

SYNOD OF THE NORTHEAST

Presbytery of The Highlands of New Jersey

Good News Home, Inc.
Mommy & Me Domestic Violence Shelter
Tewksbury, New Jersey

goodnewshome.org

\$23,080

This grant will fund renovations needed to launch Mommy & Me, a residential option for women and children escaping domestic violence. Building on success from Good News Home's residential recovery program, this program offers healing through trauma-informed care, parenting support, job training and housing stability. Mothers and children will recover and grow together and ultimately find a pathway away from crisis and towards independence, safety and hope for a brighter future.

SYNOD OF THE PACIFIC

Presbytery of Boise

Agency for New Americans: Self-Sufficiency for Refugees Literacy for Women
Project

Boise, Idaho

anaidaho.org

\$45,796

Agency for New Americans welcomes refugees who are settling in Idaho. With the Thank Offering grant, their Women's Program will expand and include literacy training to build foundational skills for navigating daily life. Refugees from Afghanistan, Congo, Eritrea, Iraq and Syria who may not have had the opportunity to become literate in their native language, let alone in English, will participate. With critical skills and a strong community, refugee women will discover opportunities, self-advocacy and long-term success.

SYNOD OF THE SOUTHWEST

Presbytery of Grand Canyon

Native American Fatherhood and Families Association (NAFFA) Transforming Tomorrow's
Youth

Mesa, Arizona

nativeamericanfathers.org

\$18,000

This program of the Native American Fatherhood and Families Association (NAFFA) focuses on preventing substance use and suicide among Native youth. The Thank Offering grant will support key initiatives, including a Gathering of Native Youth event with a companion video, a Spring College and Vocational Fair, and a youth-led mental wellness campaign. Combined, these efforts will strengthen mental health outcomes, elevate NAFFA's impact and empower Native youth through engaging and meaningful experiences.

SYNOD OF THE SUN

Presbytery of Arkansas

Food Bank of Northeast Arkansas

Nourish and Thrive: Backpack Program for Children Experiencing Food Insecurity

Jonesboro, Arkansas

foodbankofnea.org

\$5,100

In partnership with First Presbyterian Church of Jonesboro, this program addresses poverty and food insecurity by giving children reliable access to meals outside of school days. Each Friday, 40 students receive backpacks filled with easy-to-prepare, child-friendly food. This grant will address the gap when meals are unavailable, helping vulnerable children return to school nourished, healthy and ready to learn.

INTERNATIONAL

Kenya

Nyanza Area African Inland Church

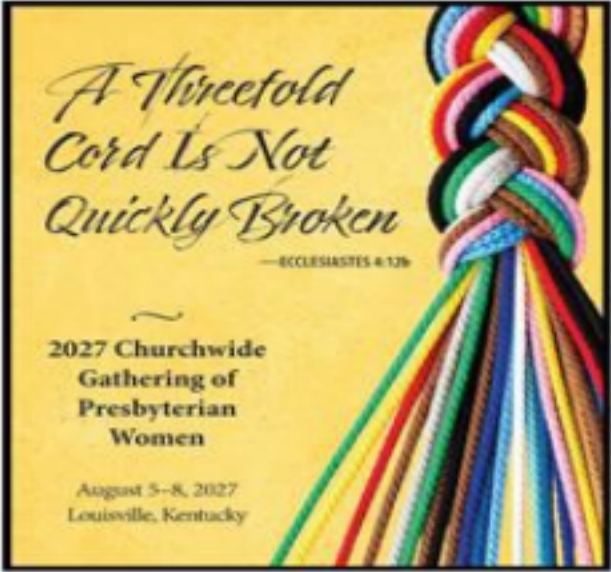
Basic Needs, Simple Solutions, U.S. fiscal sponsor

God's Green Resourceful Earth Ministry: Growing Gardens, Feeding Minds basicandsimple.org

\$40,000

Growing Gardens, Feeding Minds provides daily hot lunches to students in Kenya. With nutritious meals made from locally grown vegetables and staple foods, children are healthier, attend school consistently and perform better academically. Start-up costs are modest for each school to set up kitchens, gardens and water systems. The Thank Offering grant will allow for program expansion, reducing family burdens and supporting the well being of vulnerable children across the Nyanza region.

The Northern Lights Newsletter is a means to connect and inform. Your contribution is greatly appreciated. It is distributed by email and mail and is also available on the Northern Plains website. PW moderators are encouraged to share its contents with their congregation and local PW. Lynn McGauvran, Editor
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LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

2027 Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women

The 2027 Churchwide Gathering will be an exciting faith-filled time for Presbyterian women to gather for worship, education, community building, fun and renewal.

August 5–8, 2027
Save the date and stay tuned!
presbyterianwomen.org/gathering

“A threefold cord is not quickly broken,” based on Ecclesiastes 4:12b, is the theme for the 2027 Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women.

In 2027, Presbyterian Women’s Churchwide Gathering (CWG) will be held in Louisville, Kentucky, from August 5–8. Gathering attendees will receive a special conference rate for hotel rooms at the Galt House, which will host all Gathering programming and opportunities. Save these dates, share these dates and plan to joyfully join Presbyterian Women in an exciting, faith-filled time of renewal, connection and fun. Gathering registration opens in March 2027.

What happens at the 2027 Churchwide Gathering?

Lots! Join in worship—enjoying uplifting music and gifted preachers—with sisters in faith from around the country and the world. Find inspiration in the plenary sessions, which highlight everything from Bible study to mission projects. Learn about your areas of passion and key issues in the world today through educational opportunities (forums and workshops) led by inspiring speakers. Witness the installation of the newly elected leaders. Visit the many exhibits. Shop in the marketplace and bookstore. Take in some of the interesting and fun sites of the city.

Reflection

Rhoda Frasier Plenary Work Group Chair 2027 Churchwide Gathering

“A Threefold Cord Is Not Quickly Broken.” —Ecclesiastes 4:12b

When I think about this verse, I think about the game of tug of war. Remember when you played tug of war, trying to pull the flag and the person on the other end of the rope over the line? Since I had older brothers, if we were one on one, I would always lose. I always was excited when another brother would grab onto my end of the rope so we would easily pull the other brother over the line and win. This is how I see this scripture. If we try to do things alone, there is a good chance that we can't accomplish our goal. But if we team up with others, the load is lightened and accomplishing our goal is more obtainable. I have seen this proven over and over again in Presbyterian Women. It's much more likely that two or three will accomplish more together than just one person. Through the sharing of ideas, the playing to others' strengths, and everyone pulling together toward a common goal in getting the flag across the line, the efforts are strong. One cord of multiple strands and yet united in a common purpose (the PW Purpose!) strengthens us and creates a bond that is not easily broken.

Prayer, study, service—these are a few things that keep our Christian life vibrant. It takes work to stay connected to our faith but the reward is great. Yet sometimes it feels easy to slack off and walk away from God and his nudges in our heart. But the work in our heart pays off and our connection to God makes our life glow with His Spirit. We have a partnership that lasts a lifetime.

Dear Father, I am walking the road of faith together with you today. I call on Your strength to help me continue to grow. I look to You for the guidance to attend to all the tasks You have set for me to complete. I know You are with me. Amen.

From “Knit Purl Pray” a devotional by Lisa Bogart

ARVILLA/LARIMORE

In early August these ladies, along with Donna Preston, filled backpacks for Bdecan backpack giveaway.



Back row L-R: Beth Heider & Brenda Beck

Front Row L-R: Arlene Paulson & Judy Koesterman

Some of our hat models!



📷 L-R: Renae Beneda, Wendy Waslaski, Meloney Hertzell, Lynn McGauvran

LANGDON

A fun time of food, fellowship and entertainment was had by all as we hosted our annual salad luncheon in June. The table was loaded with lots delicious salads. About 75 women from the community were entertained by Cheri Johnson's narration about her hat collection and many of her hats were modeled by some of our PW members. We also held a silent auction, with proceeds going to our radio ministry in memory of Pastor Sue Mackey.

Below L-R: Val Cheatley, Linda Hope, Joyce Eskilsen



MANDAN

This group is having a busy summer! Moderator Deb Little shared their activities:

We continue to make Blessing Bags that we give to area agencies such as AID Inc, Dream Center, Police Departments, etc., to be handed out to the needy or homeless.

We are giving free popsicles along with a church flyer every Wednesday from 10:30 to noon at Popsicles in the Park.

Chip Chip Hooray! God Loves You! We baked and packaged chocolate chip cookies to give away (again with church brochure) at the Mandan Lions Cookout on August 4th.

A PW social is scheduled for August 26 at Little Pine Ranch (my house). Bring an appetizer to share and your own beverage and just relax!

Cupcake and Ice Cream Social after church on 8/30 to celebrate our 145th!

A University of Mary Community Fair where we will have a table set up to introduce college students to the BisMan community on Thursday 9/10.

Also, a baked potato bar after church on 9/20 for fellowship and lunch.

Possibly a fish fry (if my husband continues to catch lots!) or a church dinner sometime in October.

Presbyterian Women in the Congregation Mission Pledge Form

Mission Pledge, PW's Annual Fund
January 1, 2027—December 31, 2027

As Presbyterian Women, we make the following pledge to support the mission of Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery, Presbyterian Women in the Synod and Presbyterian Women at the churchwide level, as well as the mission of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

Please indicate below the amount pledged to PW at each level.

- To support the mission of Presbyterian Women churchwide \$ _____
- To support the work of Presbyterian Women in the Synod \$ _____
- To support the work of Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery \$ _____

Total Annual Mission Fund Pledge from PW in the Congregation \$ _____

Name of Congregation: _____

Signature of the moderator of Congregation's PW: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Deadlines:

This Mission Pledge form should be completed and sent to:

Donna Preston, Moderator of Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery,
no later than **November 14**.

Send all quarterly payments of this pledge to:

Sharon Johnson, PW Presbytery Treasurer
1280-133rd Avenue SE, Hope, ND 58046

by March 5, June 5, September 5, and December 5 along with a remittance form.

Instructions

1. Enter the pledge amount of support for Presbyterian Women at the churchwide level (including support for the mission of the church worldwide).
2. Enter the pledge amount of support for Presbyterian Women at each level, as requested by your PW in the Presbytery and PW in the Synod.
3. Keep a copy of this form for your records and send the original to Donna Preston, PWP Moderato, PO Box 276, Grandin, ND 58038.
Contact Donna if you have questions 701-238-7414 or preston@gra.midco.net

Presbyterian Women—Northern Plains Presbytery

Mission Grant Application due December 1, 2026

Deadline for Application: December 1, 2026 / Maximum Request per Application: \$2,000.00

Return this application to PWP Mission Coordinator Lana Schultz by mail at PO Box 891, Casselton, ND 58012 or by email lanaj0@casselton.net. Any questions should be directed to Lana Schultz at 701-238-4538.

As part of the Presbyterian Women Purpose “we commit ourselves to support the mission of the church worldwide.” Any church group and/or ministry team affiliated with the Northern Plains Presbytery is eligible to apply for a mission grant (max. \$2,000). Funds will be distributed at the discretion of Presbyterian Women of Northern Plains Presbytery. The project must be underway within 12 months of receiving the grant.

A project budget is required.

Group Name and Contact Person _____

Contact Person’s Address and Email _____

Total cost of mission project _____

Amount of funds requested _____

Purpose of the mission project _____

Describe how these funds will be used to achieve the purpose of the mission project

How many people will be served and describe the population served by this mission project

List other sources applied for or received to achieve your mission project goal

Would you be willing to present a report (written or oral) on your project to local Presbyterian women groups and to Presbyterian Women of the Northern Plains Presbytery Spring Gathering?

*“And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance
so you may share abundantly in every good work.” 2 Corinthians 9:8*

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN THE CONGREGATION (PWC) ANNUAL REPORT FORM

Date:

Name:

Church Location:

Please send completed form to:

Lana Schultz, PW Presbytery Mission
Coordinator, PO Box 891, Casselton, ND
58012

or email to: lanaj0@casselton.net.

Forms are due **January 31 each year, or as soon as possible**. You may complete this form with members of your circles/ coordinating team. [Keep a copy for your records.](#)

Contact Email: _____

Women in the congregation carry out the PW Purpose in many creative ways. This Annual Report Form is a way to celebrate what all Presbyterian women in congregations are doing. By filling out this report, the gifts of women will be shared with other PWs in the Synod. Together let's celebrate the good work of all Presbyterian Women. Please choose one of the following options and share your PW's good news. PW on all levels—Churchwide, Synod, Presbytery, Congregation-- studies your response to improve on and/or build up programs and communications:

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

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

Your input helps PW Presbytery and PW Synod grow their mission focus/events from your inspiring work. Has your **PWC** participated in any of the following **PW Synod/PW Churchwide Mission Opportunities/Fundraising** efforts: (Please circle all that apply and add any others)

Honorary Life Membership	Birthday Offering	Annual Mission Fund	Thank Offering
Presbyterian Disaster Assist (Check all that apply):	Pill bottle collection	USA Mission Experience	UN Commission on the Status of Women
Period Packs		Hunger Program	
Kids' Kits			
Clean-up buckets			
Hygiene Kits			
Monetary donations			

Has your **PWC** participated in **Ecumenical Mission Partnerships**: (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 Int'l	Centsibility
Black Thursdays	World Day of Prayer	May Friendship Day	

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	Climate Change	Poverty	Native American Concerns

Please list the **LOCAL MISSION OPPORTUNITIES** your PWC has been involved with during the past year. These may include: food pantries, homeless shelters, schools, prison ministries, non-profits, Bdecan ministry, Northland Rescue, or mission opportunities adopted by the PW in the Presbytery (PWP):

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)

Many PWs in the Congregation (PWC) have different forms of leadership, a moderator, a facilitator, a different convener for each meeting or Bible Study. Returning this page with the information below will help your PW Presbytery Moderator maintain up-to-date information of the Leadership of your PW group.

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 no one in your PWC has email access, can we use your church email address provided on page 1 of this form as a contact for PWC? Yes No

Number of women who attended the last Churchwide Gathering:	Number of women who attended the last Synod Gathering:
Number of women who attended the last PWP Gathering:	Number of women who attended the UN Commission on the Status of Women:
Number of women who attended the USA Mission Experience:	

PWs are encouraged to recite the PW Purpose together at every meeting/gathering to center ourselves on that which brings us together. Starting every meeting/gathering with reading a Land Acknowledgment shows respect to our Native Sisters and acknowledges the historical truth of the space where we meet. In looking for a Bible Study, PW publishes a bible study as part of its *Horizons* Magazine subscription. The *Horizons* Bible Study and magazine are available in print or digitally and can be subscribed to at www.presbyterianomen.org.

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