

# NORTHERN LIGHTS NEWSLETTER

*PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF THE NORTHERN PLAINS – Fall 2022*

## Moderator's Musings

*Lana Schultz, PWP Moderator*

### *OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND*

*PW: Better Together* is a theme that resonated throughout the Synod Gathering last June. The PWP Coordinating Team chose to follow through with that theme by accepting the invitation from Dakota Presbytery to attend its fall meeting on Oct. 8 from Noon – 5 pm at Bdecan Presbyterian Church in Tokio, ND. After lunch, the Dakota Presbytery PW will lead everyone in devotions and reports will be shared telling of the challenges/issues that the Dakota Presbytery and its PW face. We are visitors only at this gathering. We are there to learn and listen in an effort to build Better Together. Rosie Helland at Bdecan is the person to **RSVP** your attendance and, if you will be there in time for lunch, your lunch reservation to by **Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>**. Her contact info is available on the flyer in this newsletter.

A question I have heard from some is “Why are we attending another Presbytery’s meeting?” The Dakota Presbytery, unlike Northern Plains Presbytery, is non-geographical. The Bdecan church is the only Dakota Presbyterian church in North Dakota. The invitation to attend a portion of the Dakota Presbytery meeting is a once-in-a-great-while opportunity for all of us to learn and listen and to find those ways we can build Better Together. More info on the children’s winter wear getaway can be found in this newsletter.

“A threefold cord is not quickly broken.” This scripture in Ecc. 4:12 was this year’s Synod Gathering scripture base, a message that all PW groups know to be true. Engaging in opportunities together are known to grow stronger relationships and are also a lot fun with many hands. This newsletter offers many opportunities for persons of all ages and abilities to participate in. The PW Partnership Opportunities list from the recent Synod Gathering can be found in this newsletter which highlights activities from knitting hats against bullying to cleaning prescription bottles for use in developing countries and others. Also, please share with your PW or a group in your church or community that your PW supports, the PW Mission Grant application found in this newsletter. Working together in completing the form and a budget is a great opportunity to submit a strong application, gather ideas from many, dream big and support others in a common goal.

Have a great PW start with the new Bible Study, *Celebrating Sabbath*, (another opportunity to build Better Together), along with traveling with Presbytery's Chogoria ministry team to Chogoria for its centennial celebration and looking for those fundraisers to support our youth in their travels to Kenya next year. So, make a point to engage yourself in Opportunities that Abound, especially the ones that call you to service if only we stop and listen.

*Lana Schultz, PWP Moderator*

#### CALENDAR DATES TO NOTE

- 09/5 Quarterly pledge to Treasurer Sharon Johnson
- 09/12 J&P Book Discussion Group online, 6:30–8:30 PM (Eastern) on Poverty in America: A Handbook (3rd ed) by John Iceland. [https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/what\\_we\\_do/work-for-justice/](https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/what_we_do/work-for-justice/) and click the blue banner! (Flyer in this newsletter)
- 10/1 RSVP to Rosie Helland re attendance at Bdecan for Dakota Presbytery Meeting
- 10/8 Noon-5 pm Dakota Presbytery meeting at Bdecan (flyer in this newsletter)
- 10/29 Northern Plains Presbytery meeting at First Presbyterian Church, Fargo. Zoom option, too. <https://www.northernplainspresbytery.com/presbytery-meeting>
- 11/15 2023 Annual Pledge form to Moderator Lana Schultz (form in this newsletter)
- 12/1 Mission Grant applications to Sharon Johnson (form in this newsletter)
- 12/5 Quarterly pledge to Treasurer Sharon Johnson
- 1/31/23 Annual Report Form to Moderator Lana Schultz (form in this newsletter)
- 2023 Chogoria Youth trip to Kenya

#### SYNOD NEWS from Lana Schultz

The PW Synod Gathering in June in Sioux City, Iowa brought together 100 women/men including 17 Native American sisters. The plenary time, workshops, field trip and worship were enhanced by our Native American sisters through music and knowledge in leading workshops and serving as a resource for questions at the John Niehardt Center and Honoring the Clans sculpture garden during the optional field trip to Nebraska. Rev. Clifford Canku, Native American Presbyterian pastor, walked us through the history of Dakota Presbytery in speech and video.

A workshop on the Flandreau, SD high school boarding school was presented by sisters Gina and Rogene (nee Crawford), who have been employed there. After COVID, enrollment dropped from 250 to 70 students, many of them orphans from COVID. The boarding school addressed a need for a solo parent house where moms and kids can stay while moms are enrolled in school at Flandreau. Competition for monies are great as boarding schools compete with tribal schools/colleges for limited funds.

Another workshop I attended discussed Matthew 25 ministries and was led by Rev. Dr. Carolyn Grice, North Omaha community organizer and temporary associate pastor at West Hills Church in Omaha. Her opening question to the group was "If your church was gone, would it be missing?" To say yes, oftentimes you only have to look a few blocks within your urban neighborhood or within your entire rural community. Is there a need for a food pantry or serving meals? Can this challenge be better met by branching out with other churches or partners? Is there an interest in letter writing possibly starting a prison ministry? Are teachers, current and retired, drawn to an after-school tutoring program, with assistance from others for snacks and recreational activities? Ask for your neighbors' input and assistance on what they would like to see offered in a community. Make a list and start on one item of the list, branching out from there.

That old saying, “Ask the question, don’t anticipate the answer” is true with “Promoting PW,” a workshop by Marilyn Stone, former PW Synod moderator, PDA trainer who spoke at our 2018 PW Spring Gathering in Gilby. Encourage PW members to bring a friend by personal invitation to a meeting, gathering, mission day workshop. Consider offering different activities on different dates of the month as we all have different interests. For example, at different times in the month meet for a book study, another time meet for Bible study, maybe twice a month meet for a mission activity and another time try meeting for a business meeting only. This offers a variety of activity to the women of the church and friends.

Donna Preston, Rev. Donna Monteith, Elizabeth Swee and I attended this year’s PW Synod Gathering. We each attended many workshops, some the same and some different. Please feel free to contact any of us about our experience and time together there.

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**2023 USA Mission Experience to Arizona and the Border Region**  
**“I am with you and will keep you wherever you go” (Gen. 28:15).**

During this faith-deepening and relationship-building trip, the group will visit partners in Phoenix, Tucson, and the Arizona–Mexico border, focusing on immigration and refugee issues, violence against women and children throughout the immigration process, and challenges facing indigenous people living in Arizona. Participants will experience learning, accompanying, and serving, with significant time set aside for reflection, conversation, and prayer as we encounter deep hurt as well as hope.

The trip will include stays at the Franciscan Renewal Center near Phoenix, the Redemptorist Renewal Center in Tucson, and a local hotel in Agua Prieta, Mexico. The group will worship with local congregations, join a weekly vigil at the Arizona–Mexico border, and visit with mission partners such as Frontera de Cristo (a Presbyterian border ministry and 2021 Thank Offering recipient), and Café Justo (a fair-trade coffee cooperative).

[Download the application](#) (due completed to your PW in the Synod moderator, Louise Van Poll, at [lcvanpoll@gmail.com](mailto:lcvanpoll@gmail.com), no later than November 1, 2022).

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2022 International and National Thank Offering Recipients:

**INTERNATIONAL**

Haiti  
Synod of the South Atlantic  
Presbytery of Tampa Bay \$47,887  
Village Partners International and Mombin Crochu Hospital  
Addressing Chronic and Recurrent Malnutrition  
Mombin Crochu, Haiti [villagepartnersinternational.org](http://villagepartnersinternational.org)

Lebanon

Evangelical Synod of Syria and Lebanon \$49,995

National Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Rabieh, Lebanon

Contact and Resource Center (CRC)

Enhancement of Women with Physical Challenges in Rural Areas

Tanourine, Lebanon [facebook.com/RabiehEvangelicalChurch](https://facebook.com/RabiehEvangelicalChurch)

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#### NATIONAL

Synod of the Covenant

Maumee Valley Presbytery \$30,000

Maumee Valley Habitat for Humanity Home Repair Ministry

Stabilizing Homeownership in Marginalized Communities

Maumee, OH [mvhabitat.org](http://mvhabitat.org)

Synod of the Covenant

Presbytery of Miami Valley \$13,000

Presbyterian Women of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Dayton, OH

Tornado Survivors' Pathway to Homeownership

Dayton, OH [westminsterdayton.org](http://westminsterdayton.org)

Synod of Living Waters

Presbytery of East Tennessee \$20,000

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Chattanooga Area

Orchard Knob Collaborative

Chattanooga, TN [habichatt.org](http://habichatt.org)

Synod of Living Waters

Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley \$50,000

Presbyterian Home for Children

Union Village Capital Campaign

Talladega, AL [phfc.org](http://phfc.org)

Synod of Mid-Atlantic

Presbytery of New Hope \$50,000

Interfaith Prison Ministry for Women

Women's Reentry Project (WRP)

Raleigh, NC [ipmforwomen.org](http://ipmforwomen.org)

Synod of South Atlantic

Cherokee Presbytery \$9,238

Cancer Navigators, Inc.

Day & Overnight Transformations Retreats for Cancer Patients

Rome, GA [cancernavigatorsga.org](http://cancernavigatorsga.org)

Synod of the Sun

Mission Presbytery \$12,370

C.A.M.P. University

Commercial Kitchen Safety Update

McAllen, TX [campuniversity.org](http://campuniversity.org)

Synod of the Trinity  
Presbytery of Philadelphia \$7,000  
Tree of Life Church PC(USA)  
Our Community Cup Coffeehouse  
Springfield, PA [ourcommunitycup.com](http://ourcommunitycup.com)

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**Welcome to the 2022–2023 Presbyterian Women/*Horizons* Bible study, Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God’s Gift of Rest and Delight. By Carol M. Bechtel**

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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. **NEW!** *Celebrating Sabbath* Slideshow Presentation: An optional supplement to the Workshop for Leaders • [FREE DOWNLOAD](#)

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## Climate Ambassador

*Marsha Odom, PW Secretary from First Presbyterian, Crookston,  
to become Climate Ambassador*



In February, 2022 I completed online training to become a Climate Ambassador. This opportunity came from a program named Blessed Tomorrow that I heard about from the PCUSA Office of Public Witness. Blessed Tomorrow is a comprehensive climate change program designed to help faith organizations strengthen the moral connections between climate and faith. Then it provides ways to integrate climate solutions into their organizations and communities. In addition to the PCUSA involvement, the United Methodists, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the Episcopal Church in America, US Catholics, and many others have committed to creating a path toward a positive future for our families, our communities, and our world.

As a Climate Ambassador I must be willing to talk with others about why climate issues matter to me as a Christian and to share research-based information about climate concerns. There are many known steps that can be taken to mitigate those concerns.

God has given me the gift of life and a beautiful planet to enjoy in countless ways. Blessed Tomorrow has provided me with a framework for sharing, educating, and advocating for climate solutions to help everyone. Lifting my voice to offer a way forward with a message of hope is a joy. There are slides, handouts, and talking points that guide me in presentations to interested groups. <https://blessedtomorrow.org/>

If you would like to know more, please email me at [modom.umn.edu](mailto:modom.umn.edu)

# Together in Service

*Donna Preston*

*Together in Service* is a new content area directed by Donna Preston in coordination with others who contribute information pertinent to their particular areas of interest. Please send your submissions to Donna at [preston@gra.midco.net](mailto:preston@gra.midco.net).

## Presbytery of Northern Plains

### Partnerships:

Bdecan Ministry Team: current needs are items for the winter wear giveaway in early Nov. and food pantry. We try to give out new or gently used coat, snow pants, boots, gloves, and hat to all children who come. In the past we have had an abundance of hats and gloves but this year we have nothing to start with so any donations will be greatly appreciated. They can either be brought to Bdecan during Dakota Presbytery Meeting in Oct (see info later in newsletter), to Presbytery of Northern Plains meeting in Fargo on Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> (Donna Preston will deliver to the church), or if you are nearby and can deliver to the church that would be great. Food pantry is in need of paper products which we haven't been able to purchase from Great Plains Food Bank or money to use to purchase items from Great Plains Food Bank. Cash donations can be sent to Presbytery of Northern Plains, 5555 South Washington Street, Grand Forks, North Dakota 58201.

## Bdecan Presbyterian Church

*Rosie Helland*

We here at the Bdecan Presbyterian Church have had a busy few months. The food pantry has been giving out about 60-80 food boxes each month with the cost of food going up at the grocery stores. We also are finding that the Great Plains Food Bank has had less to offer at a higher price. We certainly could use any donations. Our budget has had to increase about double and meat products are harder to get. We received a \$2,000 grant from Devils Lake Community Action for help with the food pantry which we bought meat and paper products with.

On July 3<sup>rd</sup> a memorial service was held for Hilda Garcia with about 50-60 present. A worship service was given and a potluck followed, with the family gift give away.

Rochester Presbyterian Church came on July 9<sup>th</sup> and did VBS for us with 6 volunteers, and we had 14 children that attended for 3 days. It was a big success and we hope to be able to do it again next year as it is well received here. The kids had lots of fun with new songs learned, and bible stories, and lots of craft time. They attended from 9:30-2:30 each day. Many more would have liked to come but with the covid pandemic we had to limit the number as Rochester could only send 6 workers.

At present we are trying to teach the younger kids in church new native American songs. Jesus Loves Me is the new priority with them singing it every Sunday with Louis leading and explaining the words to them. They seem to be catching on pretty fast. We plan to try to get our Sunday School going again in the September as we



have quite a few kids between ages 5 and 10 coming up now. Hopefully we can find a couple of ladies to trade off with the teaching or maybe do it every other Sunday.

*Front of Bdecan*

We are presently preparing the school backpack give away for the 18<sup>th</sup> of August to be in conjunction with the food pantry day give away so that only one trip has to be made. Since the cost of gas has gotten so high, we are trying to spare the friends of Bdecan so many trips here. We did it this way last year and it was a success with over 100 back packs given out. We are planning for 154 this year.

The Winter Wear drive is taking place now and all monetary donations can be sent to the Northern Plains Presbytery and clothing can be brought to the church. We spent about \$5,000 last year so you can see there is a big need once again for donations. We gave away about 100 outfits last year so I am sure there will be lots in attendance again for the giveaway this year. The Rec Center is gracious and lets us do it there so we have lots of room for displaying items.

The Dakota Presbytery will be meeting here at Bdecan Presbyterian in October. The Dakota Presbytery will also be having CRE training for members of the Dakota Presbytery that week. We have invited the Presbyterian Women of the Northern Plains to attend on Saturday October 8<sup>th</sup>. You can bring any winter wear you have collected at that time to the church here. We have been doing fund raising for this event since we provide all the food for the 3 days for the attendees. We have had a bake sale, Indian Taco sale and a raffle. We have also had donations from The First Presbyterian Church of Fargo and from Westminster Church of Devils Lake to help with the cost. We plan to hold one more Indian Taco Sale in September.

We are very appreciative of all the clothing and blanket donations we have received this past year. We have our clothing closet open on pantry day and put many of the items outside on tables so it has been well received. Lots of clothing goes every month. With the closing of the Dakota Boys Ranch in town we are also receiving many local donations. Thank you all for your generosity.

We have spruced up the front of the church with new flowers this year and also planted flowers around the front of the manse. Everyone coming here has really liked the new look. It keeps Bob busy watering and also mowing this year.

I am doing much better and have been going through immunotherapy for my cancer. I started in February and it will continue for one year. My treatments are monthly in Devils Lake and I have so far had only minor side effects from them. All in all, it has been a very good year here at Bdecan.



*VBS at Bdecan*



Presbyterian Women of Northern Plains Presbytery are invited to attend the Dakota Presbytery meeting at the Bdecan Presbyterian Church in Tokio, ND from Noon to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 8, 2022.

You can stay as long or as short as you wish. Lunch will be served at noon, devotions by Dakota Presbytery PW will follow and reports on issues/challenges of the Dakota Presbytery will be shared.

The PWP Expanded Coordinating Team voted to accept and extend this invitation to all Presbyterian Women of Northern Plains Presbytery and not plan a PWP fall gathering this year.

**RSVP: (1) your attendance and (2) whether you will be joining for lunch to Rosalie Helland, Youth and Outreach Coordinator, at Bdecan by email at [rosalieholland@gmail.com](mailto:rosalieholland@gmail.com) or by phone at 701-294-2283 by October 1st.**

Children's winter wear (winter coats, snow pants, boots, hats and gloves) is being collected for the November winter wear giveaway. All items can be brought and dropped off at Bdecan Presbyterian Church on October 8<sup>th</sup>.

Youth Connection: works to offer Presbytery wide events for grades 6-12. Current need is cash donations for the Chogoria Trip in August 2023. The hope is to fund raise to offer scholarships to all youth going on the trip. Consider helping our youth to have a trip of a lifetime. Sharon Secor touches briefly on it in her article. For more info, go to <https://www.northernplainspresbytery.com/youth-connection>. Plans are being made for a Fall Retreat and the yearly spring retreat at Crystal Springs, Jamestown, ND.

University of Jamestown and Clearwater Forest Camp are supported by our Presbytery. Both partners are Presbyterian and can always use donations.

Chogoria Partnership: cash donations for various projects, see Sharon Secor's article following.

## Greetings from the Chogoria Partnership Ministry Team

*Sharon Secor*

An update for you regarding our partnership with the Presbyteries of Chogoria. We continue to work together to serve Christ as we minister to the people of the 4 Chogoria Presbyteries.

On October 3, 2023, a group of eight will be traveling to Kenya to participate in the Centennial Celebration of the Chogoria Presbyteries. The group includes Kayla Bones and Sharon Secor from 1st Presbyterian Church in Fargo, Cathie Bishop and Carrie Leopold from Community Presbyterian Church in West Fargo, Jamie Norstog, from Gilby and pastor of Midway Parish, Molly Secor-Turner from Montana State University, Kaitlin Schmitz from NDSU, and her husband Jay Nelson.

One of the projects of the Centennial Celebration is the restoration of the old church building where the work of the Presbytery first began. It will house galleries for historical pictures, exhibitions of the history of the founding members and artifacts. To start raising money for this project the Chogoria Presbyteries held a 100 Km bike-a-thon and sought pledges from well-wishers. Friends in and of the PNP raised \$810 to support this fundraiser. The

pictures of the bike-a-thon day that were sent to us along with their thanks for our sponsorship were very festive and included the Salvation Army Band at the finish line!

While we are in Kenya we will attend four days of celebration festivities. We hope to have a banner or weaving designed to take as a gift as a representation of the PNP and our partnership. We will keep you posted on the progress of this.

We also hope to hold another seminar like the one held when we were there in February; Sexuality Education: Building Skills for Adults and Young People from a Faith Perspective. The leaders will be Molly and Kayla again.

We will spend two days visiting the Mpangua Primary School. We will meet with the teachers to understand ways in which we might help boost teacher moral and academic success. Also, the parents had asked that Molly return and share with them what she presents to their children regarding sexual health and reproduction. She and Kaitlin will offer sessions with the parents and also with the students.

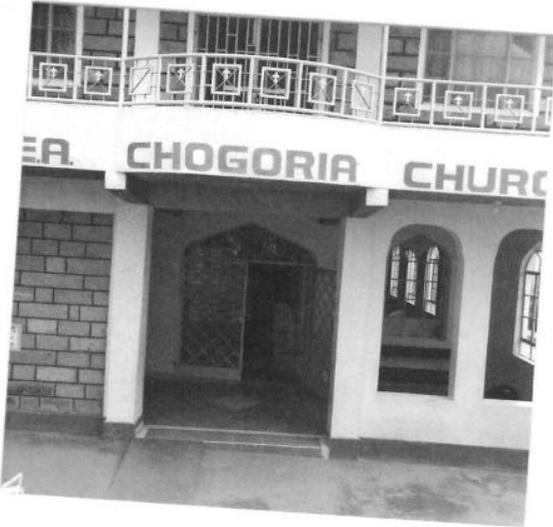
We are also eager to find out about the progress of water development at the school. The money for the water pipes which will stretch from the river to the school has been raised and sent. The money for the water tower has been raised by the youth of PNP.

Kayla, Jamie and I will meet with members of the Partnership Board to plan for the 2023 Youth trip to Kenya. There has been a lot of interest in this trip! Please find the information on the Presbytery website and share it with the youth in your congregations.

And finally, we will meet with our Partnership Board. It is a blessing to be working side by side and a joy to meet together to discern what it is God is leading us to do.

Please keep us in your prayers as we continue to plan for this trip and while we are there, October 3 - 17.

In Christ,  
Sharon Secor and the Chogoria Partnership  
Ministry Team  
August 3, 2022



*Chogoria Partnership Trip*

# **Chogoria Centennial Celebration**

Tentative Travel Dates:

**October 3-13, 2022**

For more details, please contact  
Sharon Secor at [sjssecor@aol.com](mailto:sjssecor@aol.com)  
or 701-388-4699



# Synod of Lakes & Prairies Together in Service

## 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

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### **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

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### **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**

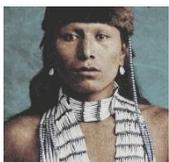
Financial contributions are being received by PW Synod of Lakes and Prairies to create a sustaining Native American student scholarship fund. These funds will make it possible to grant a scholarship each semester to a Native student attending

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. 84<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln, NE 68517  
Note on memo line: "Native American Scholarship Fund".

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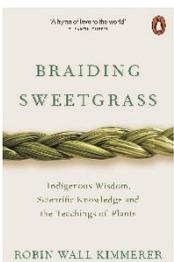
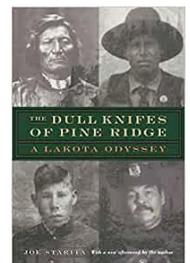
## Synod of Lakes and Prairies Native American Concerns Book Studies



The next book study will be reading *Black Elk Speaks* by John Neihardt. The study will take place on Mondays – Sept 26<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> and will be held at either 1:30 pm or 6:30 pm. This is held over zoom so don't need to leave your house.



2<sup>nd</sup> book study will be reading *Dull Knives of Pine Ridge* by Joe Starita. Studies will take place on Mondays –Nov. 21 & 28 and Dec. 5 &12 and either at 1:30 pm or 6:30 pm.



The New Year will start with reading *Braiding Sweetgrass* and will be held over 5 sessions.

In addition to book studies, Marilyn Stone will lead a discussion of the Pine Ridge Reservation over zoom on **Monday, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.**

If you are interested in any of these, you can register by contacting Marilyn Stone by emailing her at [mmstone52@att.net](mailto:mmstone52@att.net).

## PW PARTNER OPPORTUNITIES - TOGETHER IN SERVICE

**"Gift of the Heart" Kits (PDA/CWS)** <https://pda.pcusa.org/page/kits/>

Hygiene and school kits, as well as clean-up buckets are always in high demand following natural disasters. Be sure to follow specific directions on the website, using only the supplies requested. These kits assist persons impacted by disasters across the U.S. and around the world.

**Sew school bags for "Gift of the Heart" School Kit (Presbyterian Disaster Assistance "PDA")** Pattern can be found at this link:

[https://www.pcusa.org/site\\_media/media/uploads/pda/pdfs/goh-schoolkitbagpattern.pdf](https://www.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/pda/pdfs/goh-schoolkitbagpattern.pdf)

**Welcome Backpacks (Church World Service "CWS")**

<https://cwsglobal.org/donate/welcome-backpacks/>

These backpacks provide the basic items that will assist asylum seekers and refugees as they transition to meet families and communities in the U.S. These kits must go to CWS at its address in Elkhart, Indiana in above link.

**Clean Prescription Bottles** <https://m25m.org/pillbottles/>

Remove labels and adhesive on prescription bottles, then wash and dry bottles and caps. Package them in plastic zip bags according to size and color. Mail them to: Matthew 25 Ministries, 11060 Kenwood Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45242. Prescription bottles are included in shipments of medical supplies for hospital and clinics overseas where medications are wrapped in tree leaves.

**Crocheted Plastic Mats and Pillows** Use this link to locate the pattern: <https://oasc.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/plarn-mats-how-to.pdf> Using plarn (plastic yarn made from plastic bags), crocheted sleeping mats and pillows are stitched. Matthew 25 Ministries accepts these to be shipped to areas of need. Mail them to: Matthew 25 Ministries, 11060 Kenwood Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45242.

**Knit4Peace** <https://www.knitting4peace.org> Knit4Peace engages volunteers to knit and crochet requested hand-crafted items that offer hope, healing, comfort, and support. These items include hats, mittens, small dolls (Peace Pals), baby blankets, bibs and booties, quilted mats, etc. The recipients are marginalized or vulnerable people in U.S. neighborhoods, as well as individuals in global areas of conflict or suffering. Volunteers who are traveling to a specific area deliver requested items ensuring items get into the hands of those in need.

**Little Dresses for Africa and/or Pine Ridge** Patterns for little dresses can be found at: <http://www.ldfaconnect.com/patterns> The mission of Little Dresses is to plant in the hearts of little girls that they are worthy. Through their distributions we impress the need to honor each person as a unique child of God. Little dresses for Africa can be sent to the Michigan address in the link above. Little dresses for Pine Ridge can be sent to Gather Our Children Home, House #32, Porcupine School Road, Porcupine, SD 57772.

**Ongoing Donations of Fabric and 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 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 Ireland P.O. Box 1491 Poplar MT 59255

**Vacation Bible School at Bdecan Presbyterian Church, Tokio, ND**

Your team is welcome to lead VBS for a week in the summer at Bdecan. The 20-30 children in the community love VBS and never tire of it! This is one positive activity for them when few other activities exist for the children. Won't you consider putting together a VBS team and bringing some Good News to others. Contact Rosie Helland at 701-294-2283 or by email at [bdecanpresbyterianchurch@gmail.com](mailto:bdecanpresbyterianchurch@gmail.com) for more information and to reserve your week of fun and inspiration filled with God's love.

*Always seek to do good to one another and to all.  
Rejoice always, pray without ceasing,  
give thanks in all circumstances,  
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*

*- 1 Thessalonians 5:15b-18*

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance enables congregations and mission partners of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) to witness to the healing love of Christ through caring for communities adversely affected by crisis and catastrophic event.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is the emergency and refugee program of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. The core budget, including staff and administrative costs, is funded through the One Great Hour of Sharing, and its program work is additionally funded through designated gifts.

#### Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

- ▶ Focuses on the long term recovery of disaster impacted communities.
- ▶ Provides training and disaster preparedness for presbyteries and synods.
- ▶ **Works collaboratively with church partners** and members of the ACT Alliance (Action by Churches Together) internationally, and nationally with other faith based responders.
- ▶ Connects partners locally and internationally with key organizations active in the response — United Nations, NVOAD (National Voluntary Agencies Active in Disaster), World Food Program, Red Cross, FEMA and others.



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**GIVE:** Address checks to: Presbyterian Church (USA)

#### By mail

Presbyterian Church (USA)  
P.O. Box 643700  
Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700

#### By telephone

Call (800) 728-7228  
to give by credit card.

**ACT:** As Christ's followers, we are called to action.

- Stay informed
- Volunteer
- Assemble kits

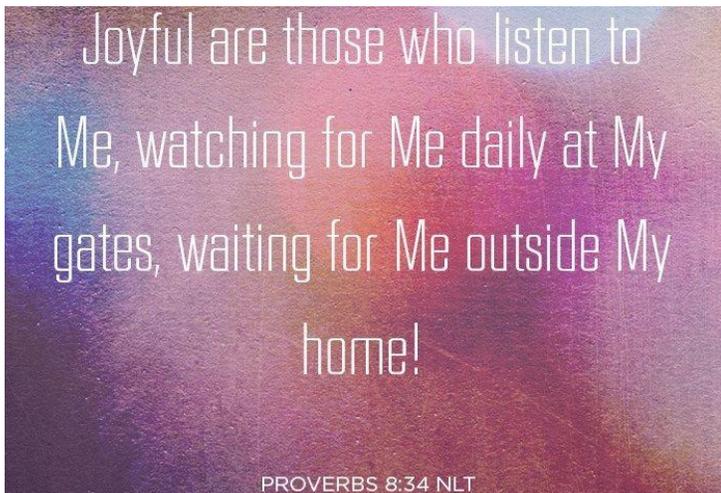
**PRAY:** 1 Thessalonians 5:17 calls for us to pray without ceasing. Remember disasters and times of trouble. Pray for refugees and for rebuilding. Offer a prayer following violence.

# News from Churchwide PW – Louisville

## Celebrating a Century of the PW Birthday Offering—\$100 for 100

In 1922, Hallie Paxton Winsborough challenged each member of the Women’s Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church in the United States to give a penny for each year of her life as a “birthday gift” and the offering benefitted Miss Dowd’s School for Girls in Japan and construction of the Montreat Gate in North Carolina. A century later, Presbyterian women have contributed more than \$37 million to the Birthday Offering and helped improve lives at home and around the world. While the world looks different now than it did when Hallie extended her call to give, deep needs and faithful responses remain. And thankfully, so do Presbyterian Women and Presbyterian Women’s Birthday Offering. In celebration of God’s gifts for our lives—the gift of community, the gift of care, the gift of Presbyterian Women—let’s celebrate 100 years of Presbyterian Women’s Birthday Offering! Consider responding with a modern twist to Hallie Paxton Winsborough’s challenge by giving \$100 for 100 years\* to the Birthday Offering! Make your gift at [presbyterianwomen.org/give](http://presbyterianwomen.org/give).

\*\$100 for 100 is an easy slogan to celebrate all that the Birthday Offering has made possible and will continue to make possible. The giving guidelines for PW offerings continue to be “give as you are able.” Using 100 as a benchmark, consider giving a quarter for every year or even a dime or perhaps even \$50. All gifts, no matter the amount, are gratefully received and lovingly shared. Every level of support for PW’s many ministries matters to PW, your church and your world community.



## Thank Offering

The Thank Offering is one of Presbyterian Women’s two offerings. Received in the fall each year, it gives women a tangible way to express their gratitude for the special blessings in their lives. Thank Offering grants range from \$5,000 to \$50,000. At least 40 percent of the offering funds health ministries.

To apply for Birthday Offering or Thank Offering, go to

<https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/giving-funding/grants/birthday-thank-offering-criteria/>

## Bible Study Helps

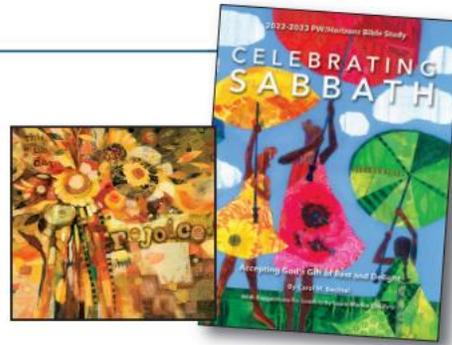
*Donna Preston*

The following are the lesson helps for Lessons 1 and 2 from the *Horizon’s* Bible Study, “Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God’s Gift of Rest and Delight.” These are available in *Horizons* magazine every other month.

# Our Common Ground

BY DANELLE CRAWFORD MCKINNEY

For use with Lesson One of the 2022–2023 PW/Horizons Bible study, *Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight*, by Carol M. Bechtel



**Scripture: Matthew 11:28–12:13**

Generations of Christians have found strength and joy in their relationship with God and in learning about how God was active in the lives of our ancestors. Before we had a written Bible, we had stories about God passed through the oral tradition. Similarly, sharing history and beliefs by word of mouth has always been of particular importance to the Indigenous people of North America and the connection we feel with the Great Spirit.

This oral tradition has been attacked by the Doctrine of Discovery, a document utilized as a tool to stake claim over the lands of the Indigenous peoples. It is important to recognize that the very land on which we each live at one time belonged to an Indigenous community. Some people believe that Indigenous people are long gone, but that could not be further from the truth.

It is not my intention or the intention of Indigenous communities to make everyone feel guilty about the history of the founding of the United States of America. We cannot change those actions. We can, however, do our best to try to understand the teachings that sustained the Indigenous peoples, and consider how that relationship with God the Creator brings us closer to the one who made us.

As we embark on understanding more about the Sabbath, let us be mindful of those teachings, because there can be found a deep connection to the place we call home. Learning about and respecting one another's perspectives and backgrounds can help us all become a better community, even if it means going through uncomfortable discussions to help guide us to a better way that suits everyone. Let's take a moment to focus on unity in our lives.

**What are some common ground beliefs and perspectives that we all share as followers of God?**

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Re-read Matthew 11:28–12:13, which gives us Jesus inviting “Come to me, all you who are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest” followed by two stories that feature burdens being lifted on the Sabbath, much to the chagrin of the Pharisees.

**What are some of the value systems that the Pharisees hold close to their hearts?**

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**What are some of the value systems that the disciples hold close to their hearts?**

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**What are the areas of common ground that all the characters in the passage share?**

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**What similarities do you find between the common ground shared by the characters in the Matthew passage and the common ground we share as followers of God today?**

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As believers in the Word of God, it is very easy to focus on the “How” of keeping the Sabbath rather than the “Why.” If we are going to follow God’s command, we

want to do it the “right” way, and that tends to shift our attention away from Sabbath being a time to connect with God and with God’s people and creation.

Criticizing others has been going on since long before the time of Jesus. We still see it today, and see how quickly and easily it spreads on the web and on social media. We see the toll it can take on people, especially young children who are tormented by bullies. Most of the time, conflicts arise when one or both sides of an issue want to feel validated in their beliefs and value systems. Sometimes, the worst bullies we face are the ones inside ourselves.

How would you describe “validation”?

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When was a time you felt validated by someone during a time of criticism?

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What does it feel like when someone tells you, “I see you” or “I get you”?

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What words, body language or responses do you give to validate others? Which do you feel most validated by?

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What are some talents you possess that can make others feel validated?

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Imagine you are the sheep in the pit or the man in need of healing from Matthew 12. When so many others pass by in their righteous observation of Sabbath, Jesus stops. Jesus recognizes you. Jesus eases your burden.

What do the words “completely restored” mean to you?

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What sort of restoration do you feel you need in your life right now?

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In what ways do you feel connected with God?

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**Prayer:** Creator God, we thank you for your teachings. We thank you for helping us to see the value of your love expressed in our lives. Thank you for teaching us that, no matter what side of the story we are on, we belong to you. Help us in our times of trouble to reach out to you with our burdens. Help us to understand that we need you to lift us up in those times we feel trapped and alone. Help us to be a light to those who are where we have once been, and help us to validate their lives, deserving of your grace and mercy.

We know you give us opportunities to strengthen our bond with you. Help us to recognize the gift of connecting with you and the beauty that you surround us with every day. Most of all, help us to teach others about the importance of staying connected with you. Help us to silence those voices that burden us and wear us down, and to lift up the voices that praise your creation and your holy name.

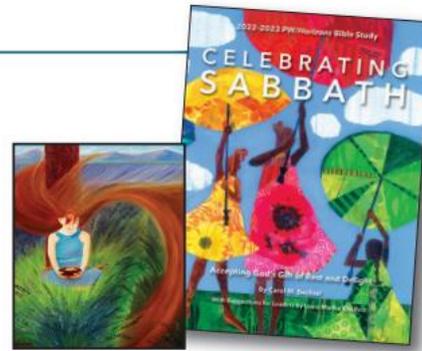
With praise and adoration, we thank you for your grace, for seeing us when we ourselves cannot see who we are in times of need. Help us to see you, in your full attire of grace and mercy. In your guidance, help us to find unity with all people and places and plants and animals as we live together in your wondrous world. In your amazing grace we pray. Amen.

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# All We Need

BY DANELLE CRAWFORD MCKINNEY

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### Scripture: Genesis 1:1–2:3

Plants, animals, nature. When do we ever stop to enjoy it?

A year ago, at the university where I work, I received the amazing privilege of learning how to put up a tipi. It certainly was a learning experience! I imagined being led through the process by someone who had a gentle, guiding voice like an elementary school teacher. What I got instead was an instructor who told us that we would have to follow his instructions . . . and that we should be prepared to be yelled at. Before he began his career working at the university, the instructor served in the army. He was a typical Indigenous community leader. His tone was not too mean, but also not too nice.

Surprisingly to all of us who helped build the tipi, we responded better to his harsh words than we would have if he had been the kind, gentle guider. His expectations were high and we loved that we could build it the way that he needed us to. He pushed us to be our very best, and we felt proud that we were able to rise to the challenge of building a structure that met his idea of a good, sound tipi.

This year, we put up a tipi again. We didn't need to be yelled at as much, *and* we were still able to build it according to his expectations. A couple of days after the tipi was built, a thunderstorm with very strong winds hit campus. Amazingly, the tipi stayed up during that tempest.

Today, most buildings require steel, concrete, lumber—all fabricated or mixed according to standards and codes. Everything that we used to build the tipi came right from the resources that our planet provides. Being out there putting the structure up, I was struck by the reality that I was building using materials that came directly from Mother Earth. Once it was up, I was amazed at how big it actually was. A ladder could not

reach the top, and yet we were able to construct the tipi as a majestic dwelling without using one.

What are those images that come to mind when thinking about the resources of plants, animals, nature?

Revisit a time when you felt truly moved by the majesty of God's creation. Express that time and how you felt using words, images, dance, music or other creative means.

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Think about a time when you were able to accomplish a feat you didn't think you could do. Share your experience of feeling proud of your accomplishment using words, images, dance, music or other creative means.

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The main idea in Lesson Two of *Celebrating Sabbath* is that all of creation is a gift from God. God provides and we have everything we need right where we are. To be able to stop, cease from our labors, and take time to witness the majesty of God's grace is intentional. How can we remember and be thankful for those resources and gifts that are given to us freely?

When was a time you received a memorable gift from a friend or group of friends?

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Think about your best friend. What draws you to that person?

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In what ways does this relationship help you in your life?

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In what ways does your relationship with God compare to your friend(s)?

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**Prayer:** Great Spirit God, we thank you for the resources you give us. We thank you for the love and care you put into creation. Help us to recognize the relationship you long to have with us and the relationship you long for us to have with one another—even when we feel unworthy.

We know you want what's best for us. Help us to live into your will for us, rather than our own desires. Help us to share our resources with others—not because we want to help the needy, but to honor you and all the people you created in your majesty. Help us to look closer at the spirits of those who long for you and don't even know that you are the master of building towers of strength within us.

With our own inner song, we lift up your holy name to those who need to hear your voice and know your love for all of us. Help us to keep building relationships so that others can experience the value of your creation, of the relationship that carries us through the toughest times we face. Give us hope when we feel there is nothing left to look forward to. In your wondrous regalia of grass and leaves and the creatures of your dance, we pray to you our almighty teacher. Amen.

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**Now Available!**

Leader (and reader!) helps are available in many places! Visit [presbyterianwomen.org/bible-study](http://presbyterianwomen.org/bible-study) for a list of the items available to purchase, download for free or to view online.

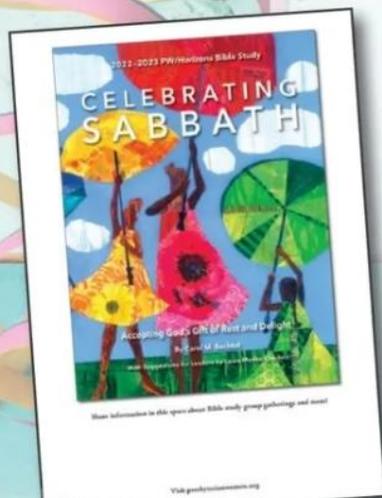
Consider inviting the author to your study meeting! For just \$20 (plus shipping), the *Celebrating Sabbath* Companion DVD, as a DVD disc set or as a download, virtually brings Carol M. Bechtel to your setting as she introduces the study and each lesson (each segment is about 15 minutes in length).

To purchase the *Celebrating Sabbath* Companion DVD disk set (item #HZN22103) or download (item #HZN22104), visit [presbyterianwomen.org/shop](http://presbyterianwomen.org/shop).

# Ideas for Bible Study Kickoff

From Horizons, Summer 2022

## READY, SET, CELEBRATE



Tucked into this issue of *Horizons* you'll find a poster for the 2022–2023 PW/*Horizons* Bible study, *Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight*, by Carol M. Bechtel.

As a new Bible study “season” begins, you can use this poster in lots of ways. The poster features Ekuia Holmes’s vibrant, joyful, celebratory art that graces the cover of the study. All that you need to add is an open heart, imagination, and perhaps a few crafting supplies!

A few ideas—

- ★ Place the poster on a bulletin board or table and write in details about your group’s next meeting or contact information for your PW leaders at the bottom.
- ★ Cut up the poster and create invitations to send out to PW friends and siblings.
- ★ Planning a summer gathering or a kickoff lunch? Incorporate the art in a centerpiece for the registration table.
- ★ Cut out and paste the art into a journal page to deepen your engagement with the study.
- ★ On the second side of the poster, you will find art from each lesson in perfect squares, ideal for cutting out and laminating for a handcrafted bookmark, mobile, shadowbox, or adding to a floral arrangement. Cupcake picks too!



Have more ideas for creatively using the poster? Then share with PW staff (photos welcome!) so staff can share with PW! Send an email to [carissa.herold@pcusa.org](mailto:carissa.herold@pcusa.org) or mail to Carissa Herold, in care of Presbyterian Women, 100 Witherspoon St., Louisville KY 40202–1396.

Feeling inspired? This poster is also included in the Bible study and you can order or download additional copies from [presbyterianwomen.org](http://presbyterianwomen.org); search for item HZN22410 or “Sabbath poster.”

## *Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight*

By Carol M. Bechtel

Suggestions for Leaders by Laura Mariko Cheifetz

Welcome to the 2022–2023 Presbyterian Women/*Horizons* Bible study, **Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight.**

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.

**NEW!** *Celebrating Sabbath* Slideshow Presentation: An optional supplement to the Workshop for Leaders • [FREE DOWNLOAD](#)

Bulletin Cover • [FREE DOWNLOAD](#)

Promotional poster, [HZN22410 • FREE](#)

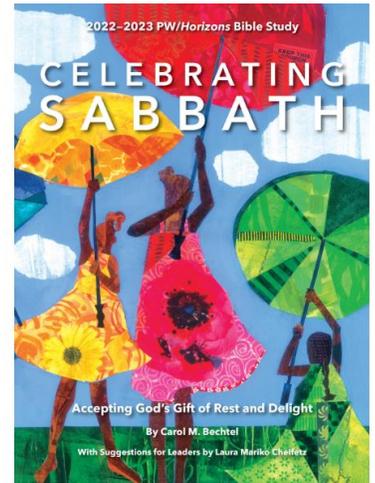
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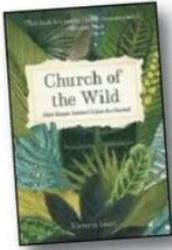
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Additional Resources via [PW Blog](#)

Additional helps included in the *Horizons* magazine beginning with the Summer 2021 issue. Subscribe (or renew) subscriptions — Call toll-free 866/802-3635 or [subscribe online](#).

**NOTE:** The above links are actually embedded in a pdf, meaning that they will not actually link. They are instead intended as informational. To access the above “links”, go to <https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/bible-study/celebrating-sabbath/>





**Church of the Wild:  
How Nature Invites  
Us into the Sacred**  
By Victoria Loorz  
Minneapolis, MN:  
Broadleaf, 2021

“The very real, concrete changes our world desperately needs, but desperately resists, will not happen without a compassionate and intimate reconnection with nature. What we need can’t be legislated or explained or resolved through a great social media campaign. What is needed is something that is deeply seeded at the core of every religion: love” (19), says Victoria Loorz. As founding pastor of Church of the Wild, Victoria has always felt connected to nature and wilderness. What she has cultivated through study and practice is an expression of Christianity that is strengthened by the connection one feels to the divine in natural settings, rather than at odds or dismissive of what happens outside church walls. Victoria examines Christian scriptures that reference nature or wilderness, and the passages where our biblical ancestors found spiritual growth in nature. She adds her personal experiences and insights from theologians, ecologists, writers and leaders, weaving a path back to God through natural settings. The final section of the book includes resources for spiritual practices rooted in creation—perfect for interfaith or ecumenical groups with an interest in caring for or reconnecting with nature.



### **PW Gives Day**

“PW Gives” Day is a day to celebrate and support all that Presbyterian Women makes possible. July 31 commemorates the July 1988 formation of today’s Presbyterian Women from the merger of its two predecessor organizations. More than 30 years later (and innumerable ministries supported), Presbyterian Women continues to address the world’s needs and build loving community. Your gift to Presbyterian Women makes possible a wide variety of PW ministries at all levels of the church.

Whether you celebrated on July 31 or will celebrate later this year, here’s what you can do to keep PW ministries vibrant.

### **How to Give**

- Make a gift online at [presbyterianwomen.org/give](https://presbyterianwomen.org/give). Then select PW Gives Day and your gift amount. Select a gift of \$10 or more (and add a bit extra for a transaction fee). Please scroll and type “PWGDay22” in the comments box as well as your church and presbytery (or synod) information. Or mail your gift to Presbyterian Women Inc., PO Box 643652, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3652. Please indicate annual fund and PWGDay22 in the memo line of your check.
- Send your #PWGives story and photos to [carissa.herold@pcusa.org](mailto:carissa.herold@pcusa.org).
- If you are not already on PW’s email list, contact Patricia Longfellow, [patricia.longfellow@pcusa.org](mailto:patricia.longfellow@pcusa.org), to be added to the list and receive information about this day (and other PW programs)!
- Pray for PW as we bring the light of God’s love to a world in need of care and hope.
- Download and share with your PW a PW Gives Day flier from [presbyterianwomen.org](https://presbyterianwomen.org) with this giving and promotion information.



## **Save the date for the 2024 Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women!**

Presbyterian women from near and far will gather August 8–11, 2024 at the Marriott St. Louis Grand in St. Louis, Missouri.

Watch [presbyterianwomen.org/gathering](https://presbyterianwomen.org/gathering) for updates!

# Justice & Peace Calendar

*From Horizons, Summer 2022*

AUGUST 6 Hiroshima Day; [pda.pcusa.org/pda/resource/hiroshima-day-prayer/](http://pda.pcusa.org/pda/resource/hiroshima-day-prayer/)  
9 International Day of the World's Indigenous People; [un.org/en/observances/indigenous-day](http://un.org/en/observances/indigenous-day)  
14 Day of Prayer for the Peaceful Reunification of the Korean Peninsula; [pcusa.org/resource/sunday-prayer-worship-for-peaceful-reunifica-78123/](http://pcusa.org/resource/sunday-prayer-worship-for-peaceful-reunifica-78123/)  
19 World Humanitarian Day; [worldhumanitarianaday.org/](http://worldhumanitarianaday.org/) and [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World\\_Humanitarian\\_Day](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Humanitarian_Day)  
21 Public Education Sunday; [presbyterianmission.org/ministries/compassion-peace-justice/child/](http://presbyterianmission.org/ministries/compassion-peace-justice/child/)

SEPTEMBER • Thank Offering of Presbyterian Women; [presbyterianwomen.org/thank](http://presbyterianwomen.org/thank)  
1 World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation; [creationjustice.org/world-day-of-prayer-for-the-care-of-creation.html](http://creationjustice.org/world-day-of-prayer-for-the-care-of-creation.html)  
5 Season of Peace begins; [presbyterianmission.org/ministries/peacemaking/season-peace/](http://presbyterianmission.org/ministries/peacemaking/season-peace/)  
5 Labor Day; [iwj.org/resources/plan-labor-day-service](http://iwj.org/resources/plan-labor-day-service)  
8 International Literacy Day; [en.unesco.org/commemorations/literacyday](http://en.unesco.org/commemorations/literacyday)  
12 J&P Book Discussion Group online, 6:30–8:30 PM (Eastern) on Poverty in America: A Handbook (3rd ed) by John Iceland (University of California Press, 2013). Register at [presbyterianwomen.org/justice](http://presbyterianwomen.org/justice)  
18 Global Week of Action Against Gun Violence begins  
21 International Day of Peace; [presbyterian.typepad.com/peacemaking/2010/08/celebrate-the-international-day-of-peace.html](http://presbyterian.typepad.com/peacemaking/2010/08/celebrate-the-international-day-of-peace.html)  
23 Native American Day; [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Native\\_American\\_Day](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Native_American_Day)

OCTOBER • Domestic Violence Awareness Month; [ncadv.org/take-action](http://ncadv.org/take-action); [nomore.org/](http://nomore.org/)  
• Fair Trade Month; [fairtradefederation.org/celebrate-fair-trade-month/](http://fairtradefederation.org/celebrate-fair-trade-month/)  
2 World Communion Sunday; [presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/world-communion-sunday](http://presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/world-communion-sunday)  
9 Domestic Violence Awareness Sunday; [presbyterianwomen.org/justice](http://presbyterianwomen.org/justice); [presbyterianmission.org/ministries/phewa/](http://presbyterianmission.org/ministries/phewa/)  
11 International Day of the Girl Child; [unwomen.org/en/news/in-focus/girl-child](http://unwomen.org/en/news/in-focus/girl-child)  
11 National Coming Out Day; [hrc.org/resources/national-coming-out-day](http://hrc.org/resources/national-coming-out-day)  
11 National Indigenous Peoples' Day; [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indigenous\\_People's\\_Day](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indigenous_People's_Day)  
16 World Food Day; [fao.org/world-food-day/home/en](http://fao.org/world-food-day/home/en)  
16 Children's Sabbath: Educate a Child, Transform the World; [pcusa.org/news/2015/8/14/educate-child-transform-world/](http://pcusa.org/news/2015/8/14/educate-child-transform-world/)  
24 United Nations Day; [un.org/en/observances/un-day](http://un.org/en/observances/un-day)

NOVEMBER • Native American Heritage Month; [archives.gov/news/topics/native-american-heritage-month](http://archives.gov/news/topics/native-american-heritage-month) also see [nativeamericanheritagemonth.gov](http://nativeamericanheritagemonth.gov)  
6 Caregiver Sunday; [presbyterianmission.org/story/november-12-2017/](http://presbyterianmission.org/story/november-12-2017/)  
13 World Kindness Day; [randomactsofkindness.org/world-kindness-day](http://randomactsofkindness.org/world-kindness-day)  
13 Hunger and Homelessness Sunday; [presbyterianmission.org/ministries/compassion-peace-justice/hunger/](http://presbyterianmission.org/ministries/compassion-peace-justice/hunger/)  
14 J&P Book Discussion Group online, 6:30–8:30 PM (Eastern) on This Land Is Our Land: An Immigrant's Manifesto by Suketu Mehta (FSG Books, 2019). Register at [presbyterianwomen.org/justice](http://presbyterianwomen.org/justice)  
20 Universal Children's Day; [un.org/en/observances/world-childrens-day](http://un.org/en/observances/world-childrens-day)  
24 Thanksgiving—[americanindian.si.edu/sites/1/files/pdf/education/thanksgiving\\_poster.pdf](http://americanindian.si.edu/sites/1/files/pdf/education/thanksgiving_poster.pdf)  
25 International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women; [un.org/en/events/endviolenceday](http://un.org/en/events/endviolenceday) also see [unwomen.org/en/what-we-do/ending-violence-against-women/take-action](http://unwomen.org/en/what-we-do/ending-violence-against-women/take-action)  
25–D10 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence; [unwomen.org/en/what-we-do/ending-violence-against-women/take-action/16-days-of-activism](http://unwomen.org/en/what-we-do/ending-violence-against-women/take-action/16-days-of-activism)

**Justice & Peace Book Discussion Group** will talk about the book by John Iceland, *Poverty in America: A Handbook* on September 12, 2022. This Churchwide study invites women throughout the U.S. Simply click the QR code on the flyer or go to: [https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/what\\_we\\_do/work-for-justice/](https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/what_we_do/work-for-justice/) and click the blue banner!

Here is what Google Books has to say about *Poverty in America: A Handbook*:

The United States is among the most affluent nations in the world and has its largest economy; nevertheless, it has more poverty than most countries with similar standards of living. Growing income inequality and the Great Recession have made the problem worse. In this thoroughly revised edition of *Poverty in America*, Iceland takes a new look at this issue by examining why poverty remains pervasive, what it means to be poor in America today, which groups are most likely to be poor, the root causes of poverty, and the effects of policy on poverty. This new edition also includes completely updated data and extended discussions of poverty in the context of the Tea Party and Occupy Wall Street movements as well as new chapters on the Great Recession and global poverty. In doing so this book provides the most recent information available on patterns and trends in poverty and engages in an open and accessible manner in current critical debates.

**Book Discussion Group**

# JUSTICE AND PEACE

**2022 Reading Selections**  
(6:30 PM – 8:30 PM Eastern Time)

**JANUARY 10**  
*Decolonizing Wealth*  
Indigenous wisdom to heal, divide and restore justice

**JULY 11**  
*Just Mercy*  
A Journey of Hope and Redemption  
Bryan Stevenson

**MARCH 14**  
*Caste*  
The Origins of Our Discontents  
Isabel Wilkerson

**SEPTEMBER 12**  
**JOHN ICELAND**  
**POVERTY IN AMERICA**  
A HANDBOOK  
THIRD EDITION

**MAY 9**  
*Trust Women*  
PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIAN ARGUMENT FOR REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE  
Rebecca Todd Peters

**NOVEMBER 14**  
**THIS LAND IS OUR LAND**  
AN IMMIGRANT'S MANIFESTO  
**SUKETU MEHTA**

To register, scan the QR code with your smart phone or go to [www.presbyterianwomen.org/justice/](https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/justice/)

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

## Bottineau / Karol Patterson

These are some of our PW Circle and church activities since last spring:

March: PW purchased Bingo prizes for St. Andrews and also donated personal care products (shampoo, lotion, hair gel, hairspray, etc.).

April: We gave a monetary donation to Meals on Wheels and the Bottineau Public School for milk cards.

May: Backpacks for our elementary school were given to our members to fill by August. The circle birthday offering was taken.

There were no meetings in June and July.

August: We delivered a filled backpack with all needed school supplies for pre-school through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Our church delivered Meals on Wheels for July and August.

September: Circle Thank offering. We will be using the Horizons Bible study.

October: Sweatpants, socks and underwear were donated to the Bottineau Pre-school.

November: Our church provides a community Thanksgiving dinner. Other churches are good at helping us out!!

December: Our church has a mitten, scarf, cap and sock tree. Items are given to the Cheer Boxes for Christmas. A gift for each teen is also included in the Cheer Boxes. Our Circle gives a donation to the Cheer Box and to Jamestown College.

Our church gives a monthly stipend to help support the Food Pantry. We also work there 2 months. Some members work monthly.

On a fun note: Quite a few ladies wore hats for Easter. Most were "self" decorated. It was fun and we hope to make it a yearly tradition. The picture is some of our "Easter" ladies.

Wishing you all a year filled with blessings!

Bottineau United Parish Presbyterian Women



### *BOTTINEAU UNITED PARISH EASTER LADIES 2022*

*L-R – Gloria Olson, Pastor Kelsey, Karol Patterson, Marlys Kippen, Marylou Reamer, Pat Kippen (back), Helen Patterson, Peggy Nelson  
Norma Amsbaugh (back), Dorothy Beyer, Marsha Martin (back), Julie Russel, Anna Sand, Wanda Jostad (back), Nora Bangs  
Dawn Pattersen (back), Sara Knudson, Amy Sand, Marie Sand, Dixie Heil, Evon Gravseth*

## Fargo PW News / Nancy Lium

Our church has finally come out of "quarantine ". On July 10th our new head of staff gave her first sermon. Our new leader is Reverend Sarah Bigwood. Sarah came to us from a church in NY. She has 2 children and a husband. They found a home in West Fargo and we are so happy to welcome her to our congregation. Reverend Mary Holtey is taking a well-deserved one-month break.

Our PW group is reformed. We have a new leader, Jan Kenien. We have decided to not meet monthly, as so few are willing/able to participate. We will continue our Horizons Bible study with Reverend Holtey leading our group with the lessons by Zoom or in person at her office. We will still have 3 Circles to meet as they chose.

In May we presented our Jamestown University scholarship to Paige Erbstoesser, who is a sophomore attending there majoring in nursing.

Our Town Hall group has moved to the 3rd Tuesday at a new location in September, October, April and May. Tickets are \$100 for all 4 lectures or \$35 for each lecture.

## Grandin / Donna Preston

Grandin PW is small but continues to be active. We hold Bible Study the third Tuesday of each month in the afternoon Sept through June. Starting first Tuesday in January and running through sometime in April, many of the members as well as other women within the community and from Fargo join together to sew quilts for charities. As the quilts are finished, they are displayed on the pews of the church for members to enjoy their beauty until they are given away in May or June each year. This year over 60 quilts were made and given to Churches United for the Homeless, Hillsboro Care Center, VA Hospital in Fargo, New Life Center in Fargo, and Grandin 1st Responders. Several were purchased by individuals as well.



In July, we held a bake sale the day of Cruise to Grandin to raise money for Giving Hearts Day in February. Each year we choose different ones to donate to. In the past we have donated to YWCA, Churches United, Community of Care (organization in Cass County that helps keep Seniors in the homes), Hospice of the Red River Valley, University of Jamestown, New Life Center, Hillsboro Sanford Foundation, and Northern Cass Food Pantry. We also have supported Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and Bdecan with these monies too.

## Jamestown / Char Enger

Our Jamestown PW is looking differently for the fall. We have 2 members that are in assisted living. Diane Weisphenning went to her Eternal Home. Some don't come because of their age or they are taking care of a 98-year-old husband!

Our PW has 2 circles, Faith and Hope. Hope doesn't have a chair at this time.

We always participate in the Birthday and Thank Offerings. Monthly we give to Hunger, Mission, and Least Coin offering. We look forward to gathering for fellowship this fall.

We haven't resumed our visits to nursing homes since Covid.

## Langdon / Lynn McGauvran

Our women's group has been meeting monthly since March this year. We recently completed the study book, "Islam and Christianity" and will begin a new book, "Pew Sisters" in September. We've had anywhere from 5-14 members in attendance at our meetings in 2022 and are blessed to have our pastor, Sue Mackey, lead the study lessons.

Everyone in our group, as well as community attendees, was happy to have our summer salad luncheon in June back to "normal", which means all church ladies bring a large salad (or two!), providing many delicious choices. A silent auction was also held with a great variety of donated items up for grabs. We were entertained by violinist Lisa Crandall, accompanied by Amy Jo Paukert on piano. This is typically our only fundraiser and we were thrilled to have 87 ladies from the area join us for a fun time.

Over the next few months, we plan to provide cakes for a local nursing home's September birthday party, dedicate the Thank Offering in October, and enjoy a Christmas pot luck meal in December, as well as begin collecting medicine bottles as a mission project.

# Spring Gathering 2022

*Elizabeth Swee*

2022 Spring Gathering April 30

Some two dozen Presbyterian women of the Presbytery met at Colgate, ND with the theme “Celebrating Sabbath.” After worship and communion, we gathered for chair yoga with Deb Anderson, followed by lunch.

Donna Preston introduced the mission partners from Bdecan, and Dakota Presbytery, and Rosie Helland explained about the programs for youth and outreach at Bdecan.

Donna Preston gave a report on the Synod PW book study featuring *The Girl in the Photograph* by Byron Dorgan and encouraged participation in the ongoing program.

During the business portion of the meeting, Paula Christensen was recognized as outgoing vice moderator. Other business conducted: Donna Preston was elected as vice moderator and installed by Lana Schultz. Search committee changes to the bylaws were passed to change the Moderator of Search to be the person serving the third year of her term. The committee is still searching for a third woman to serve. The group voted to receive an offering for the Chogoria Youth Mission trip in 2023.

Thank you, Char Enger, for sending these photos from the PW Spring Gathering. It is so good to “see” what is happening in PW even if we are unable to attend.





Presbyterian Women of the Northern Plains  
June 30, 2022

Beginning Balance		\$ 1,118.89
Income:		
Spring Gathering Offering	\$ 661.00	
Spring Gathering registration	230.00	
Pledge	\$ 3,239.00	
Birthday Offering	685.70	
Least Coin	<u>30.00</u>	
Total		<u>4,845.70</u>
		\$ 5,964.59
Expenses:		
Colgate PW – Spring Gathering (Lunch)	\$ 220.00	
Deb Anderson – mileage-Yoga session Spring Gathering	55.60	
Sylvia Pringle – mileage Spring Gathering	25.20	
Kayla Bones – mileage Spring Gathering	21.60	
Presbytery of Northern Plains – Bdecan ½ of Spring Gathering Offering	330.50	
Presbytery of Northern Plains – Chorgoria ½ of Spring Gathering Offering	330.50	
Scholarships for Synod Gathering Elizabeth Swee, Donna Monteith, Donna Preston	300.00	
PWPCUSA – Pledge Pledge, Birthday, Thank, and Least Coin offerings	2,220.28	
PWSLAP Pledge, increase in Global and USAME Global increase of \$50.00 USAME increase of \$25.00	398.90	
Lana Schultz Synod Gathering Expense	<u>756.72</u>	
Total		\$ 4,659.30
Balance June 30, 2022		\$ 1,305.29

# Presbyterian Women—Northern Plains Presbytery

## Mission Grant Application

Deadline for Application: **December 1, 2022** / Maximum Request per Application: \$2,000.00  
Return Application to PWP Treasurer: Sharon Johnson by mail 1280-133<sup>rd</sup> Avenue SE, Hope, ND 58046 or by email johnsonsharon1946@gmail.com. Any questions, please call Sharon at 701-799-7428.

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. 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

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

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\_\_\_\_\_

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

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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?

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“It is more blessed to give than to receive.” Acts 20:35

“So we are ambassadors for Christ, . . . be reconciled to God.” 2 Corinthians 5:20

Presbyterian Women in the Congregation  
PW’s Annual Fund Pledge Form  
January 1, 2023—December 31, 2023

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

Amount of PW’s Annual Fund Pledge:

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

- To support the work 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 Fund Pledge from PW in the Congregation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Congregation \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of the moderator of Presbyterian Women in the Congregation

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Address

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City State Zip

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Phone Email

Deadlines

**This Annual Fund Pledge form should be completed and sent** to Lana Schultz, PO Box 891, Casselton, ND 58012, moderator of Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery, **no later than November 15, 2022.** Send all quarterly payments of this pledge to Sharon Johnson, 1280-133<sup>rd</sup> Avenue SE, Hope, ND 58046, PWP treasurer, by March 5, June 5, September 5, and December 5, 2023 along with a remittance form.

Instructions

1. Enter the pledge amount of support for Presbyterian Women at the churchwide level (including support for the work 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 the person indicated below:

Lana Schultz, PWP Moderator  
PO Box 891, Casselton, ND 58012

If you have questions, contact Lana Schultz at 701-238-4538 or [lanaj0@casselton.net](mailto:lanaj0@casselton.net)

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, 2023**  
 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:
	61-70:	70 & above:	51-60:
<b>DO YOU:</b>			
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			

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, 2023.**

**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
<b>Global Exchange</b>	<b>USA Mission Experience</b>		
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!

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

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