

MODERATOR'S REPORT



Greetings:
I hope that you have all had an enjoyable summer. It seems that with each passing year the summers are shorter and shorter.

This summer, nine (9) women from MRV joined 2,500 PWs at the Churchwide Gathering in Louisville, KY. The theme of the event was "God Will Do Wonders Among You". It was a fantastic and busy four days. We learned of the many things that PW HAS DONE and IS DOING!

Attendees were asked to bring \$20. gift cards from Lowes, Target, etc. to give to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and Bellewood Presbyterian Homes for Children. Over \$69,250 in gift cards was given, as well as \$55,073 in offering for the new PW Grant for Theological Education, plus, \$2,974.62 collected in small change as Cents-ability for the Presbyterian Hunger Program! Presbyterian Women continue to generously "support the mission of the church worldwide"!

I hope that you will join us in September for the Fall Meetings at either Carson Presbyterian or Church of the Cross. We have many Wonderful things to share with you including some first hand experiences from the Gathering. We are all filled with enthusiasm and energy at the Wonder of the possibilities that God can do through each and every one of us.

I look forward to seeing you at the Fall Meetings or visiting your churches.

Peace be with you,
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TREASURER'S REPORT

It was a privilege to be a Voting Representative on behalf of the Presbytery of Missouri River Valley at the Presbyterian Women Churchwide Gathering in July. Thank you for the opportunity. The two afternoons attending the Business Meeting were an education on the inner workings of Presbyterian Women. One of the items we approved was the incorporation of Presbyterian Women as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. We heard many reports about programs and finances. We also elected the members of the 2009-2012 Churchwide Coordinating Team. The plenary sessions presented opportunities to hear great speakers and programs and participate in wonderful, uplifting music. The workshops and forums provided a wide variety of information. The 2012 Churchwide Gathering will be held in Orlando, FL so start planning to attend it!

At the Fall Cluster Meetings, we will have a workshop for treasurers of the Presbyterian Women in the Congregations. Information and pledge packets will be available. Questions will be answered. Suggestions will be welcome. I am new as treasurer of the PW of PMRV so I don't yet know many of you. This will also give us time to meet each other. I look forward to seeing you at Presbyterian Church of the Cross or Carson Presbyterian Church!

Lois Feddersen, Treasurer

BIBLE STUDY BOOKS - This years Bible Study is "Joshua-A Journey of Faith". We have some study books available for sale at the Fall Meetings or you may order them by calling 866-802-3635.



E-mail Etiquette

from Leadership

Development Coordinator, Lois Hansen

1. Please respond in some way to every message (i.e. "thank you, unable to do this, OK, gotcha").
2. Please respond to all hard mail.
3. Do not use capital letters, which is similar to YELLING.

Thank You! ☺

Together in Service Guidebook Revisions



According to the April-July 2009 "Quarterly Mailing to PW Leadership" the Together in Service Guidebook will have revisions to pages 8, 9, and 10. These revisions

reportedly were to be available for download on the TIS website by the end of April (as of June 15th, they were not yet available). Keep checking for these updates at

www.pcusa.org/pw/missionmatters/tis/index/htm or go to www.pcusa.org and type Together in Service in the search box.

"The Wonder of God's Promises"

Synod of Lakes & Prairies

Gathering of Women

June 16-19, 2010 at Buena Vista University
Storm Lake, IA **SAVE THE DATE!**

Christmas Stockings Needed



HELP – Adult Services- a Presbyterian Community Outreach once again needs Christmas Stockings. Stockings may be brought to the September Meetings or dropped off at their office at: 8447 Lake Street, Omaha, 402-341-6559.

If you would like to make a monetary donation, please send all checks to Lois Feddersen, MRV PW Treasurer and she will send 1 check to HELP.

If you would like to donate "fillers" here are a few suggestions to bring to the Fall Meetings

Goldfish Cheddar Cheese Crackers (1.5 oz size) and/or Slim Jim meat stick (original, regular size). Rules as to what can be included in each stocking are very strict. Therefore, we must ask that the donated snacks be exactly as specified.

Events around the Presbytery

September 2, 3 – Rummage Sale, Bethany

September 3, 4, 5 – Rummage/Bake Sale
New Horizon

September 12 – Rummage Sale, Glendale

October 2-3 – Craft/Garage Sale, Mount View

October 2-3 – "Permission Giving"***
Women's Retreat - Calvin Crest

October 5 - "**Soul Spa**" Women's Retreat*
at Sunset Valley Country Club
- 9300 Arbor St - Omaha 9:00 a.m. to
2:00 p.m. - sponsored by Peace
Presbyterian Church

October 5 – MRV CT Meeting - 9:30 a.m.
New Horizon, Council Bluffs. Rotation
Churches** please attend. (**see page 4)

December 12 - Annual Cookie Walk,
candy, crafts sale. Westminster CB, PW
9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

December 12 - Celebration of *Life Choir* -
Westminster, CB at 6:30 p.m.

*These retreats are not PW events but we encourage any interested women to attend.

"**Permission Giving**" is sponsored by the Presbytery and is open to all women.

"**Soul Spa**" is sponsored by Peace, but is also open to all women.

There are fees for both events.

****Rotation Churches** this year include: Church of the Master. Carson, Westminster Clarinda, Peace, First Shenandoah, First Neola, First Walnut. Bethany, New Life, First Shelby and Murray. Moderators, please plan to attend the next MRV PW Coordinating Team meeting on October 5, 9:30 at New Horizon, Council Bluffs, IA.



Mission Experience travels to the Dakotas in 2010

The second [U.S.A. Mission Experience](#) of

Presbyterian Women will travel to the Dakotas in September 2010. Participants will meet Native American sisters and visit reservations, schools, churches and tribal colleges as well as historical sites. One to two days will be spent on food and farming issues. Since each synod may send one delegate, they are encouraged to begin thinking of women whom they would like to sponsor for the tour. Watch for further news in the next few months.

Women of Missouri River Valley Presbytery are invited to come away for 25 hours of "Permission Giving."

Women spend so much time taking care of others, these 25 hours will be a time for you to give yourself permission to rest, renew, worship and play. Kris Adler, Caryn Pedersen, Sally Carlson, and Nancy Ross-Hullinger have planned a relaxing opportunity for you!

When: Friday October 2 7:00 p.m. - Saturday October 3, 8:00 p.m.

Where: Calvin Crest Conference Center Fremont Nebraska

Why: Because you deserve it!

Cost: See brochure available to all churches in MRV Presbytery

What to bring: your tired self and go

home rested! What to leave at home: distractions, and all those questions like - can you do this for me? Join us!

Contact: Kris Adler, Central Presbyterian Church

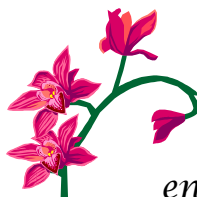
Registration deadline September 13, 2009.



God did wonders!

More than 2,500 Presbyterian women (and a few men) attended Presbyterian

Women's Churchwide Gathering in Louisville, July 11–15. Exploring the theme "God will do wonders among you," participants attended workshops, witnessed the commissioning of PC (USA) mission co-workers, celebrated worship, received inspiration from plenary speakers and enjoyed fellowship with sisters in faith from around the world. Voting delegates to the business meeting accomplished significant work, incorporating Presbyterian Women and electing a leadership team, which for the first time has a Hispanic Latin American woman serving as moderator.



Newly Retired Women

Recognize and enlist Newly Retired Women!

- Celebrate their retirement!
 - Send a card of congratulations!
 - Invite them to meet other recently retired women!
 - Declare a day to express appreciation for all retired women!
 - Assure Newly Retired Women they have God given gifts!
- Make a PW exciting by offering opportunities to grow spiritually and share life challenges many experience such as grief, health, finances and being the sandwich generation.