PW in the Synod of the Covenant Gathering 2026



Bound Together in Unity & Love

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

Psalms 133:1 NKJV

Greetings!

We hope you make it a point to join us for our Synod of the Covenant Gathering, **July 24-25, 2026,** being held at **Southminster Presbyterian Church,** 7001 Far Hills Ave., Dayton, Ohio, 45459. Here's their web site: https://sminster.com.

The registration **fee** of $75 (full 2-day experience) or $50 (1- day only) **includes:** all programing for both days, Friday's dinner, and lunch on Saturday! Use the registration form below to help us plan a joy filled event from start to finish! Please make checks payable to PWSOC and **mail your response to our registrar**: *Audra Carr* – 4731 Holt Rd., Holt, MI 48842 by June 29, 2026.

Questions or Concerns? Contact Anita Betts – P W Gathering Coordinator @ busybeemom50@yahoo.com or call (517) 993 7000.

Please Provide the Following Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: ____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Presbytery: _____ Church: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone # _____

Join Us in Support of

Artemis House!

Gift cards from the following retailers are needed!

Kroger Meijer Target Speedway

Participation Options and Choices! (Please fill in missing information and/or check the boxes)

Your name tag will say, My Name is… _____

Meals needed: Friday Dinner ☐ Saturday Lunch ☐

Dietary Restrictions/Requests: Vegetarian: ☐ Gluten Free: ☐ Other: ☐

Special diet or unique limitations: _____

Sat. AM **Workshop Selection** (See Sat description): A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐

A Schedule that Values Your Presence!

FRIDAY 7-24 Activities and Events

3PM Check-in
3:30 Lighting of the Christ Candle, Greeting and Land Acknowledgement
3:40 Opening Devotions with Chris Wolfe
4:00 Welcome – Chip Hardwick
Executive for the Synod
4:25 Horizon Skit
4:35 Business Meeting – Part 1
✱ Break
5:30 Blessing and Dinner
6:45 Energizers & Music
7:00 **Keynote: Dr. Sarah Leer**
7:50 **Closing** for the evening
8:00 **Let's PLAY Bingo!**



Sarah Leer PhD

Sarah - Arkansan native & lifelong Presbyterian. She has served non-profits for 10+ years, including the Presbyterian Church (USA), owner of Sarah Leer Consulting, LLC.

Planning to spend Friday night in Dayton? Audra Carr – our registrar, will provide Internet links for the following 2 hotels when she receives your reservation information.
*Both locations provide Continental Breakfasts!

Home 2 Suites by Hilton: 5161 Cornerstone N. Blvd. Centerville, OH 45440

Holiday Inn Express by IHG: 5655 Wilmington Pike Centerville, OH 45440

SATURDAY AM Activities & Events

8:00 Morning Check-in
8:30 Welcome Devotions by Jane Mytenko
9:00 **News from Louisville**
P W Exec. Dir.- Susan Jackson Dowd
Pam Synder: Gathering Moderator

* **Susan Jackson Dowd** has served on the PC(USA) national Louisville staff since 1988. The first six years with the Presbyterian Publishing Corporation and the remaining years with the *PW Horizons*.

9:50 **Keynote: Dr. Lisa Hess**
✱ Break
10:40 **Workshops**
A. Dr. Leer: 26-27 Bible Study Questions
B. Dr. Hess: Writing as a spiritual practice
C. Sue Ochs & Rhonda Martin:
The Role and Duties of a P W Treasurer
D. Susan J. Dowd & Pam Snyder
P W Essentials



Lisa M. Hess, PhD

Lisa is a professor-scholar, poet, teaching-elder (PCUSA), Circle-Way facilitator, and an avid Peloton & Cross Fitter enthusiast. Ohio is home for Lisa and her family.

SATURDAY PM Activities & Events

NOON Blessings and Lunch
1:00 PW Business Meeting – Part 2
1:30 **Presentation by the Artemis Center –** Dayton's Domestic Violence Resource Agency
✱ Break
2:30 Closing Worship
3:30 Extinguishing Christ Candle and optional walk to the Sojourner Truth Statue

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ARE YOU a FIRST TIME PW Synod Gathering Attendee OR did YOU BRING a first-time attendee?

If the answer is YES let us know when you check in and get your DRAWING TICKET!