The Lighthouse

August 2023 **Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the North Northeast**

Moderator's Message

Dear Sisters in Christ,

It is with great humility that I have accepted the Call to be your Synod Presbyterian Women's Moderator for the next three years. It is with great pride and bragging rights that I represent this wonderful Synod of Presbyterian Women at Synod events and at Churchwide next summer.

I ask all of you to keep each other in your prayers and thoughts as many churches and presbyteries struggle to keep PW going. PW is a wonderful way of working together in the name of Christ and toward the mission of the church. We also enjoy nurturing ourselves through many ways: Bible Study, mission projects, justice & peace endeavors, food, field trips, fellowship, visits, calls, zoom, and/or correspondence. I know that each church and presbytery is not cut from the same "cookie cutter." But, each cookie in the selection makes a beautiful tray of cookies: each with a different color, shape, and size.
I would welcome the invitation to come to your presbytery or church and hear about your group and in turn, share with you. Most of all I want to have the fellowship with all of you. I know that our Coordinating Team members are also available to visit with you, too. Please give us a call.

In Christ's Service
Virginia Champlin, Moderator

For Sue Liu's Photos of the Triennial go to pwsne.org On the right side of the page, under Recent Posts, click on IOU PWSNE TRIENNIAL – JULY 2023 – SCRAPBOOK.

Some photos in this issue are also mine (SSS)

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Please Note:
New Lighthouse Deadlines:

March 1 and September 1
This will help to better promote Spring and Fall news better.

From Your Vice Moderator

Presbyterian Women Synod of the Northeast (PWSNE) 2023
TRIENNIAL GATHERING

Grace and peace I bring to you in the name of Jesus Christ!

Well, the much anticipated dates of July 14, 2023 and July 15, 2023 have come and gone. And not without obstacles. Mother Nature created much flooding, ruination of roads, homes, etc., and created roadblocks and detours for the women of our Presbyteries attempting to travel to Stony Point, New York for the Gathering.

However, these roadblocks did not deter the women who did attend, including our amazing keynote speaker, the Rev. Dr. SanDawna Gaulman Ashley of the Synod of the Northeast, to deliver an inspiring message, how women are doing the 'first' of everything. Let's continue this trend.

We advertised the 2023 PWSNE Triennial Gathering with the scripture from Romans 8:28-30, that, ***"GOD IS WORKING ON THE INSIDE, SO THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO BUILD COMMUNITY ON THE OUTSIDE".***

The IOU reflected on 'inward', 'outward' and 'upward'. How do we nurture ourselves inwardly- with Bible study? How do we build community on the outside-through missions? And upward reflects on how we worship God. It also brings to the fore the PW symbol.

JoAnn Estella played a DVD of the author's recap of this year's Bible study, 'Sacred Encounters' and spoke of her own sacred encounters. Wow! Very moving.

Mother Nature did, however, detour Hour Children's representatives so badly that they were not able to join us and speak about their ministry. Have no fear, our own Lillian Sanderlin spoke of this ministry and invited others to speak about some of the mission work 'building community on the outside'. Click on the link to see Hour Children's recent newsletter and the good works they are doing for prison families. We forwarded 50% of our offering to the ministry of Hour Children. Directions to get the link: click on Hour Children's with the control button the left click.
The Rev. Kathy Reeves, our current moderator of PW Churchwide, officiated over the worship service with a message of hope, and administering the sacrament of Commun-

ion with the assistance of the Rev. Kathi Jones. And then, the new Coordinating Team was installed, with a farewell message from our outgoing Moderator of PWSNE, Adebesi (Bisi) Shofu, who draped the PWSNE Moderator's stole on incoming Moderator, Virginia Champlin, and 'pounded' the gavel for one last time.

Bisi was honored with a Life Membership pin and certificate. She spoke of how her tenure was filled with hours of zoom meetings and gatherings and was pleased that we were able to host this Triennial Gathering in person. Congrats to Bisi!
Everything we do as an organization and as a community is guided by our PW Purpose, and that includes ministry, resources and relationships.
Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves

- to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study,
- to support the mission of the church worldwide,
- to work for justice and peace, and

to build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom.
It was wonderful to connect with women we haven't seen in person due to Covid, and to meet new sisters. May you all hold dear to you the messages shared at the Gathering, and share them with your sisters in your own Presbyteries.

As I said at the Gathering, and it can't be said enough, thank you to each and every member of the Design Team, and all who made this Gathering happen.

Peace be with you and looking forward to seeing you at the Churchwide Gathering in 2024.

Donna Rahmann, Vice Moderator
PWSNE

From Our Transitional Synod Leader:

What Is Our Impact? Our strengths, connections, and areas of transformation

In 2013, the Synod approved its current New Way Forward vision. As a result, the Synod's governing structure and mission focus changed to emphasize developing net-

works, empowering young leaders, and ministry innovation. Today we are asking the question about the Synod's impact in three areas strengths, connections, and areas of transformation.

On September 7 from 11:00 a.m. to Noon., Presbyterian Women are invited to a listening session led by the Synod's Discernment Team. As the Synod plans for the future, hearing from you is essential. Please consider participating in discerning the future vision of the Synod. Registration is required to participate in the listening session. Use the below link to register:
https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0oceCqrTsiH9Qw5kNr1AdrNc8DAOxyh36m (ctrl+left)

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Research Services is conducting this survey on behalf of the Synod. The survey will take 10-15 minutes, and responses are due by midnight, August 20. Answers to this survey are confidential; no identifying information will be shared with the Synod. If you have any questions about the survey or technical difficulties, please contact Sean Payne in Research Services at sean.payne@pcusa.org.

Thank you in advance for providing your feedback.
Click here to the survey:
https://surveys.pcusa.org/s3/Synod-of-the-Northeast-New-Way-Forward-Survey

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In Memoriam
Lois Lundberg Carter
1938-2023

We received notice from Churchwide of Lois Carter's death. Lois was a faithful PW sister. Lois served as PWSNE Vice Moderator, and chaired one of our triennial gatherings at the Desmond in Albany. She was our representative to Churchwide from 1999-2002. Was on the Global Exchange committee. She chaired the Churchwide Gathering in 2009.

Member of Geneva PWP, member of Hector Presbyterian Church.

She is survived by her husband, James, daughter, Jennifer, son, Jefferey and grandson, Sean Simmons and wife, Joy Ng.

Funeral services were July 28, 2023. Her obituary can be seen here (Ctrl+left click)

(cards can be sent to 3979Chase Road, Burdett, NY 14818)

Lisa Gray sent notice that Lilly Kwong, the mother of Rev Larissa Kwong-Abbasia of Highlands PWP (NJ) died. There is a memorial Service at Kitchell Memorial Presbyterian Church 469 RIDGEDALE AVE EAST HANOVER, NJ 07936 on August 18 at 10:30 AM

Lighthouses in the Synod of Northeast

I originally was going to make a collage of the lighthouses of the Synod of the Northeast, however it turns out that all but 4 were not taken by the person who submitted it. Most were downloaded which was fine for our purpose of the triennial. We cannot print them due to copyright laws. Hence, I will save the collages for another issue. Here is your assignment: Go out to the nearest lighthouse in your area or travels and take a picture and submit it to me with your name or the name of person who took it and the name of the Lighthouse. However, I am going to print one on the next page as it was submitted by Rosalie Hemmingway who took it. It is of the Hudson Athens Lighthouse as the Preservation Society is trying to raise funds to shore up the rocks at the base of the Lighthouse. This way perhaps publicity would help. If you share just this photo please credit Rosalie when you do.

Hudson Athens Lighthouse

Submitted by Rosalie Hemingway

Help Wanted—Needed !!!

Two positions are opening on the PWSNE Coordinating Team.

TREASURER: 1/1/2024 to 12/31/2025 – eligible for re-election.
Volunteer now and work with current Treasurer, Nancy Lack, to the end of this year.

WEBSERVANT: 6/2024 to 6/2027
Volunteer now and work with current Webservant, Sue Liu, to beginning of your term.

Opportunity to work with a dedicated group of women from all over the Synod seeking to fulfill the PW Purpose.

Salary: 0 Rewards: Many Opportunities: Limitless

Work from Home. Meet via Zoom with entire CT bi-monthly throughout the year.

If you are interested or know of someone who would be interested contact:
Jane Kim, Search Committee Moderator, at Love219@gmail.com or
Virginia Champlin, Moderator, at danvirginiac@aol.com (copy and paste email addresses into your email)

Photo by Nick Hunter "Old Farm Lane"

The Well-Worn Trail

It's a beautiful August day. Summer is winding down. Hints of autumn are in the air. It is the type of day made for a slow ambling walk on a well-worn trail. The old farm lane up through the woods is a perfect choice. It is a trail I know. Being a known pathway does not make it boring. Each twist and turn holds the anticipation of discovery of a small wildflower blooming in a sunny opening or a deer standing in the path ahead. But the greatest benefit is when knowing where each step is leading, it allows for peaceful contemplation, wandering thoughts, and creative ideas to develop. It is a walk that brings rest to the soul. Nothing much better than this.

May you discover your own well-worn trail or pathway. Then take a walk.

~Enjoy
Maxine Hunter

Kuki Meitei

Submitted by Judy Wason

There is currently another case of genocide which has barely been reported in the US, in the far northeastern state of Manipur, India. The villagers in the mountainous areas are predominantly Christian members of the Zou tribe of the Kuki people. As a minority group, they have been previously protected by the Indian government. In the valleys, most people are members of an ethnic group called the Meitei, who are primarily Hindu. Even though they are in the majority, they are demanding to share in the benefits and expand into land reserved for the minority. Since early May, violence has resulted in the deaths of approximately 200 tribal members, over 200 churches burned, and 65,000 tribals in refugee camps, plus others displaced staying with family. Rather than attempting to restore peace, government troops and police have aided the Meitei. The national government has done little to stop the violence. A video of the assault of two naked Kuki women and the murders of their brother and father by a mob of 800 men shown on Indian TV was considered too horrific to be shown on US television.

Among the victims of the violence is Rev. Mangmuanthang; one of his churches was burned, he can't get to the second, and he and his wife and two children barely escaped when their home was burned. Currently they are living at the Mount. The village of Singngat has been fortified, and a militia has been formed. Pictures are available on the PWSNE Facebook page.

(PWHRP's involvement in Manipur and the development of the Gary Prayer Mount dates to early 2016. We were joined by PW in the Synod of the Northeast, who contributed offering money from the 2017 triennial gathering to construct a set of modern toilets, in an area where open defecation was the dangerous norm.)

Prayers for peace are crucial, and eventually better plans and funding will be needed.

2023 Triennial Overview

Bu Joanne Schnaudt, Secretary

It was a hot Friday morning on July 14th when the Design Team began arriving to set up the meeting room for our 2023Triennial Gathering. After a quick lunch, members of the Coordinating Team arrived for their 1 PM meeting (CT minutes were sent to CT members). By 3 PM, 50 women and 1 man had managed to find their way through all the detours to Stony Point Center, NY. Our keynote speaker called to say she was on the way but detained due to the detours from the flooding. So… as good Presbyterian Women do, we improvised.

Our Chaplain, The Rev. Kathi Jones, officially opened the Gathering with prayer. Our Seminarian, Rebeka Fergusson-Lutz, with Ardelle Stewart back in a familiar spot to us – at the piano – led us in singing some familiar hymns. The Rev. Kathy Reeves, Churchwide Moderator, spoke to us about PW training and how PW is recovering after the Covid pandemic and working to stay connected. She asked for donations to the Thank and the Birthday Offerings. PW is celebrating its 35th year anniversary and donations of $35 for 35 were requested.

The Rev. SanDawna Gaulman Ashley, Transitional Leader for the Synod of the Northeast, arrived and was well-worth waiting for with her dynamic message about IOU. She told us that women do what is necessary, expected, and needed, and then they do more.

After dinner, Moderator Adebisi Shofu commissioned Marianne Montero, our PW Synod Rep. on the upcoming USA Mission Experience journey to the Southwest US.
Women of the Bible, a skit featuring many women at the Gathering who were recruited by Virginia Champlin, and costumed with imagination, followed. Former PWSNE Moderator Charlotte Hasselbarth narrated. The Rev. Kathi Jones closed the day's gathering with prayer. An Ice Cream Social followed.

Saturday, we opened with music and singing led by Rebeka and Ardelle, followed by the opening prayer led by The Rev. Kathi. JoAnn Estella gave us an overview of the upcoming *Horizons* Bible Study: Sacred Encounters. Magdalene Lewis presented information on the UN Commission on the Status of Women. The Business Meeting followed (Minutes were sent to the CT and to PWP Moderators/Voting Reps). Highlights were the approval of a new structure for the CT and election of leaders.
Lillian Sanderlin presented ideas for Mission Projects. The Rev. Jyungin Lee, Past Moderator of Churchwide PW, told us about "Korea Peace" and asked for support to help end the war In Korea (an armistice was declared 70 years ago, but a peace treaty never was signed).

Lunch came next, then the closing Worship, Communion, and Installation Service led by The Rev. Kathy Reeves and assisted by The Rev. Kathi Jones. Virginia Champlin was installed as the new Moderator, and outgoing Moderator Adebisi Shofu presented her with the Moderator's stole and gavel. In turn, Bisi was honored with a Presbyterian Women Honorary Life Membership pin and certificate.

Moderator Virginia Champlin charged us with closing remarks and The Rev. Kathi Jones gave the benediction.
Now, when you look at the PW logo of the three women – think of IOU – Inward: Bible Study, Outward: Mission, Upward: Worship and Prayer.

What Is A Lighthouse?
(new pins)
submitted by Rhonda Sanchez edited by Donna Rahamnn

Why does it have a beacon?

Who thought it was a good idea to build and maintain?

It is amazing how far we have come. Often travel is by road, or even by air. Few people discuss traveling great distances by boat. When going on vacation, even less people discuss a cruise. Yet at one time that was the primary method of travel for great distances. The many ships that have crossed the oceans in the need of trade, or even the immigration that occurred to our country in the 1700s and 1800s was accomplished in this manner.

So, the lighthouse enables safe travel to shores that were rocky, to get past outposts in a storm where the ship steward just can see in the storm or the moonlit night. The beacon of light that would be shone from the lighthouse would be an almost welcome sign that travel was over and rest would soon begin.

PWSNE have long adopted the lighthouse as an emblem of purpose. We offer women a space to discuss growth, to feel welcome, to take a break, to learn skills before re-engaging in the church at large. Our Lighthouse Newsletter offers a glimpse of what is happening around the Synod of the Northeast as well as being a space of artistic freedom where our editor and publisher attempts to fit our thoughts and experiences in an interesting and flowing pattern.

As for the best news, we have a new pin. A new lighthouse pin, which can be yours for $5.00, plus shipping. Please consider purchasing a few for your PW group, or to give as a gift to a woman who has inspired you and been a beacon in your life. The proceeds from the sale of the pins go the PWSNE Scholarship Fund.

It has a grainy texture on the face of the pin and now has a double clasp making it more secure.

The new pin looks similar but have new features as described in Donna"s article above.

To purchase the pins, contact Nancy Lack, Treasurer at nwlack@verizon.net.

Mysteries to Solve—Any Clues???

Two mysteries have us stumped! The first is the banner pictured. It shows a white star with colored rays streaming from it. Placed on a blue background, it is approximately 3 feet wide by 7 feet long. Who made it? When was it made? Why was it made?This banner was discovered in the Historian's Box and displayed at our Triennial in July. No one attending had any idea of its story. No explanation was included with or on the banner. If you remember anything about the making of this banner, please contact the PWSNE Historian, Joanne Schnaudt, at jwschnaudt@comcast.net

The second mystery goes back about 30-35 years. Identical chalices and plates were made for a Churchwide Gathering, possibly one at Iowa State, for every PWP and Synod PW in the US. After using them for the Communion service, the Moderator of each PWP and Synod PW took one set home with the directions they were to be kept at their respective Presbytery or Synod's office. We haven't seen them since. Are they still at the Presbytery and Synod offices or have they been discarded? They were off white pottery with the new PW logo on them. It is believed that a small piece of the Berlin Wall was molded into each chalice. It would be meaningful to find them and use them at our Gatherings as we celebrate the 35th Birthday of Presbyterian Women this year. If anyone can trace what happened to their presbytery's chalice and plate (especially the 7 NJ presbyteries now merged into 4), please contact PWSNE Historian, Joanne Schnaudt, at jwschnaudt@comcast.net

Thank you for any help you can give, as we honor our past while planning for the future.

2023 Horizon's Bible Study Workshop

Presbyterian Women Synod of the Northeast held a bible study workshop, using the new "Sacred Encounters" PW Bible Study. It was a two overnight time together where us "faithful oldies" joined with some new women to share how they had a sacred encounter with Jesus. We missed meeting in person and it was great to be able to and to see familiar women (and one retired pastor, loving husband and gallant chauffeur) face to face. There were some first time women there also! We met at the PCUSA conference center at Stony Point.

Rev Linda Gaden was invited to lead the workshop. Linda is a long time Presbyterian Woman and second career pastor. She was invited to save the transportation fees we'd have to pay to have the author (who usually is invited) fly in from Georgia to New York. What we got was a fabulous knowledgeable engaging leader with a great sense of humor and aurora of compassion and concern. We plan to get the DVD from the PW store to hear the author and her perspective on those encounters. If only we were more tech savvy (or had our own easier to use PC or iPads with us) we could have watched the introduction from the author on the PW you-tube video.

I remember meeting Linda at a Newton (now Highlands NJ) PWP meeting (now Gathering) where she did an announcement dressed as a news boy waving an Horizons Magazine high over her head saying (ok I'm paraphrasing - who can remember exactly that long ago?) "get your red hot news". She went on to become PW Presbytery moderator, she moved to the role of a Commissioned Lay Pastor (now CRE) and then was called to ministry and attended seminary. As much as some things change the essence stays the same! Doesn't PW help create leaders? During the presentation she told a story of how she "met Jesus" at a food kitchen one Thanksgiving. She volunteered to serve and one latecomer invited her to sit with him. Long story short when he left without his "goodie bag" she ran out to give it to him he was nowhere to be found. She looked everywhere. Her conclusion was she spent Thanksgiving dining with Jesus.

She brought a retreat like flavor there with prayers (prayer board to post intercessions), morning worship, evening vespers and a final communion service. There was time for silent reflection, fellowship, strolling the grounds, nap taking, and of course food and snacks. Did I mention wine and sparking cider?

I loved this study! I'm thinking my "little group of faithful" women at my home church who attend a monthly study, will love it too. This workshop gave me a few extra helps to put in my leadership "bag of tricks" to bring back to them. The scriptures that were chosen by the author as examples of encounters were perfect and easily related to. They also relate to how Presbyterian Women are called to not only share sacred encounters with each other but with the world. The study highlighted "the others", for example those marginalized by handicaps in one chapter. We discussed action items about dealing with handicapped people. We not only talked but had opportunities to do some crafts for those of us who learn by doing. Bookmarks, prayer bead chains, stained glass like hangings were fun!

This was one of the times it was wonderful to get away from the every day routine and take some time for ourselves and enhance our relationship with and knowledge of God. Presbyterian Women are like that, making opportunities for prayer and bible study, figuring out how they can support the mission of PW and each other, looking for practical ways to participate in church missions, truly seeking justice and peace and having times like this one as opportunities for true community building.

Lisa Gray
(Recent PWC Board member retiree as PWSNE Representative, current PWP Peace & Justice Some pictures Below

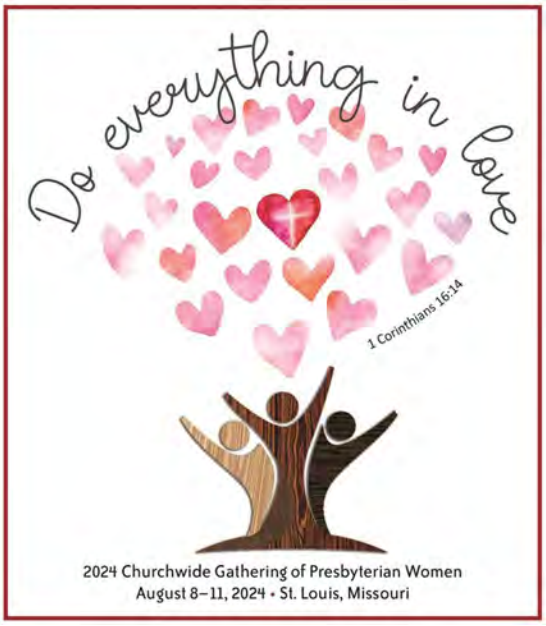
Thank Offering

"Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful." (Col. 3:14-15)

This Fall we receive our Thank offering where we give Thanks to God for His Love that we have received.

You can receive more information by clicking Here (ctrl+click)

Save The Date—Churchwide Gathering



Welcome to the Gathering Quest, a Joyful Journey to PW Community and Celebration

"Do everything in love," based on 1 Cor. 16:13–14 (NIV), is the theme for the 2024 Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women. ("Do everything in love" could be considered the foundation of our PW Purpose!) For the next 13 months, you will receive, in your inbox, a Gathering newsletter like this one! Each newsletter will provide content that matters—updates, a devotional reflection, promotional materials, answers to questions, and lots of fun—all about the CWG!
Presbyterian Women's Churchwide Gathering (CWG) is celebrated every three years! In 2024, the CWG will be held in St. Louis, Missouri, August 8–11. Plenary and large-group sessions will be held at the America's Center Convention Complex. Gathering attendees will receive a special conference rate for hotel rooms at the Marriott St. Louis Grand (across the street from the America's Center), which will house other Gathering programming and opportunities (i.e., shopping and dining!). Save these dates, share these dates, and plan to joyfully join Presbyterian Women in an exciting, faith-filled time of renewal, connection, and fun. An online option will be available, as well, with a select menu of options. Gathering registration opens March 2024. **FAQs are a click away!** (ctrl+click)

Commissioning of USAME Participant

Presbyterian Women have afforded women the opportunity to learn of Missions in other parts of the country or even the world (Global Exchange). They have come back energized and full of new information of what God is doing. This year the USAME program takes participants to Arizona. Our representative is Marianne Montero seen pictured here with Bisi Shofu, outgoing Moderator. Marianne goes in October and will be available to talk to your PWP or Presbytery after she returns.

Former Participants are pictured here with Marianne and Bisi: Virginia Champlin (Global Exchange to Indonesian) Bisi, Marianne, JoAnn Burrell, Rita Hooper, Lisa Gray.

Former Moderators of PWSNE

We were pleased to see several of our former Moderators present with us. They are pictured here:

From Left to Right: Jane MacDonald (01-04). Sandy Grillo (07-11), Joanne Schnaudt (95-99), Adebisi Shofu (20-23) Virginia Chaplin (current-23- , Charlotte Hasselbarth (11-14), Maxine Hunter (14-17) and Lisa Gray (17-20)

Absent: Hazel Fuhrmeiser (85-89), The Rev. Helenmarie Sunkenberg (98-01, Ann Reynolds (04-07).

How's that for a piece of our history!

Build a Bouquet

PW's Build a Bouquet campaign invites us to celebrate all the individuals and programs that help Presbyterian Women bloom in so many spectacular ways and places. Funds received through this campaign will build PW's Annual Fund, which supports all PW ministries and programs, at all levels of the organization. Please click here for more on it as I cannot copy in into **Lighthouse.**

PWSNE Women of the Bible

Virginia Champlin organized this fun and sometimes funny skit that was found in one of the issues of Horizon Magazine. Everyone enjoyed this refreshing "skit"

The participants are pictured here

All Who Came

We were very happy to see each other in person. Some of us had detours along the way but all in all we had a delightful time. See our group pictured.

Presbyterian Women Resources

For each of these resources you can get them by simple use your control button the click on it.

For resources for Presbyterian Women or *Horizons* Magazine go to presbyterianwomen.org

Many PW brochures are no longer printed but are available as downloads:

PW Essentials – This is the new PW Manual – www.presbyterianwomen.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/PWR23120-PW-Essentials.pdf

The New *Circle of Prayer* is a multi-page devotional – www.presbyterianwomen.org/product/circle-prayer-volume-26-download/

The flier for *Sacred Encounters* – Horizons Bible Study for 2023-24 – www.presbyterianwomen.org/product/sacred-encounters-promotional-flier/

PW's Justice and Peace Reading Group flier – www.presbyterianwomen.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/2023-JP-Book-Discussion-Group-Flier-plus-one-10-17-22.pdf

Build-a-Bouquet flier from PW Stewardship Committee -www.presbyterianwomen.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Build-a-Bouquet-flier.pdf

PW Gives Day 2023 flier – www.presbyterianwomen.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/PW-Gives-flier-2023FA-1.pdf

Horizons magazine subscription flier – www.presbyterianwomen.org/downloads/horizons-subscription-flier/

Resources for PW Catalog – www.presbyterianwomen.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/2023-Spring-Summer-Catalog-5-17-23.pdf

2024 Churchwide Gathering Save the Date Card – www.presbyterianwomen.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/2024-CWG-Save-the-Date-.pdf

Sign up for PW emails and quarterly news. Contact Patricia.Longfellow@pcusa.org or visit presbyterianwomen.org and sign up in the box at the bottom right-hand side of the screen "News and Updates."

Our Coordinating Team

Joanne Schnaudt

If you know of a mission project/idea/concern – please contact our **Together In Service Coordinator** (aka Mission)

If you have a justice and peace thoughts/ideas/concerns – please contact our **Justice & Peace Coordinator**

If you have a great book or Bible study or a Zoom group or need to find a Zoom Bible/ Books study – please contact our **Bible /Horizons Coordinator** (she is a great resource)

If you have a prayer request or concern or need counseling – contact our **Clergywoman or Seminarian**

If you are a racial ethnic caucus or group or individual – keep our **Diversity Coordinator** informed

If you have financial questions or concerns – contact our **Finance/Treasurer**

If you have a name of a lady that would be great to fill any of the positions that will be coming up or in the future – do not hesitate to contact any member of the **Search Team** – they cannot do it alone – YOU can be the greatest help and resource

If you want to share a story or news from your Presbytery or church – send to **Communication Coordinators** (Lighthouse Editor and/or Web lady)

Each member of the Coordinating Team is eager to hear from you and share with you while you share with her. Keep them informed and in your prayers. They are open to coming to visit.

Together we are Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Northeast!!

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Installation of Officers

upper left of officers present being installed

upper right: Bisi giving stole to Virginia

lower both sides: Bisi was given Honorary Life Membership in Presbyterian Women.

photos by Sue Liu

Planning Calendar

Virginia Champlin. Moderator

I have developed a three-year planning calendar so that you, too can plan ahead.

First you will notice, we are trying a new concept moving forward. We are holding bi-monthly “Caring and Sharing” Zoom get togethers. Each member of the Coordinating Team is taking a turn leading and sharing. I promise this will only last 1 hour. This is replacing the day long Leadership Day. Everyone is welcome to come to share and care. This could also be a “brag and boast” time. My goal with this idea is to stay connected with one another while learning from one another. This is our Synod PW.

Second, you will see our annual meetings both this year 2023 and 2024 will be only three hours or less, via Zoom. The 2025 annual meeting will be hybrid in Central New York. I’ve waited 20 years to hear of the location - Central NY. Rita Hooper and company are going to Chair this Design Team and work with Rhonda on the location. This time the ladies from WNY won’t have to drive 7 hours.

See Planning (Brag) Dates on next page.

Caring and Sharing Schedule

Virginia Champlin, Moderator

This is the proposed meeting schedule via zoom. You will be notified of any changes. Note Live events. Note topic featured.

2023

September	24	Sunday	8-9 PM	Triennial Re-Cap, What's happening in Synod
October	14	Saturday	9AM-Noon	Annual Meeting
October 21-22			live	Synod Come to the Table @ Silver Bay

2024

January	7	Sunday	8-9 PM	Together in Service
March	10	Sunday	8-9 PM	Justice/Peace
May	19	Sunday	8-9 PM	Bible / Book Study
August		8-11	live/hybrid	Churchwide Gathering
September	28	Saturday	9AM-Noon	Annual Meeting / Churchwide Re-Cap
October	25-26		live	Synod Assembly (not yet confirmed)
November	17	Sunday	8-9 PM	Diversity

2025

January	5	Sunday	8-9 PM	Together in Service
Mar	9	Sunday	8-9 PM	Justice/Peace
May	4	Sunday	8-9 PM	Bible / Book Study
September	14	Saturday	9 AM-Noon	Annual Meeting – Hybrid in Central NY
November	2	Sunday	8-9 PM	Diversity

2026

January	4	Sunday	8-9 PM	Together in Service
March	8	Sunday	8-9 PM	Justice/Peace
May	3	Sunday	8-9 PM	Bible / Book Study and Diversity
????	??		live	PWSNE Triennial

PWSNE Zoom Information for Meetings

This will be my very first attempt at initiating a Zoom meeting. I have mastered attending many Zoom meetings, but this will be my first doing the inviting. So together let's give it a try for our first "Caring and Sharing" meeting on Sunday, September 24th from 8-9 PM. Promise an hour is the limit. So here goes the information ……

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