The Lighthouse

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

Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Northeast
From the Desk of the Moderator

Greetings to my Presbyterian Women sisters in the Synod of the Northeast. 2023 is upon us and my term ends in July of this year. It has been a joy to serve as your moderator during the dark days of COVID 19. It is regrettable that I didn't have the opportunity to visit all the PWPs and many other churches who don't have active PWPs. Now with things getting better, I might take a trip or two.

The Gathering for this year will be held on July 14th -15th 2023 where I would hand over, gladly, the moderatorial responsibilities to the new Moderator. We are called to serve for a term to do God's work and hand of the reins to someone else called into the position. Look for the schedule in the newsletter.

I believe that God places people in certain positions at such a time as this, which is the right time to do the necessary work. I assumed the position of Moderator on July 30, 2020 at the height of the COVID when everything was closed. We had no choice but to go virtual; fortunately, I had the technical skills to pivot to online and with the help of five people, I was able to hold our first ever Fall Gathering, virtually, in October 2020 with 60 registrants (the registration was online only, which I did) and attendees at various times appearing on the screen. I was able to get the entire program to work without a hitch. My entire term in office was virtual. Every program was virtual and registration was virtual with the exception of 2022, which was done by the registrar.

There was a call for masks for a region of the country of Liberia, so I put a call out throughout the Synod PW. Rita Hooper and her team of women sewed masks for adults and children to the tune of four hundred and eight masks that my church took the responsibility of shipping to Liberia. Thank you Rita and her sewing team. This is how we support PW with our talents, time and money through donations to the many offerings of PW. Remember PW is the largest financial contributor to PCUSA with all our offerings. We have clout, let's exercise our clout in support of mission in and around our communities.

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email articles with **PW Lighthouse** in subject line to august13sss@gmail.com

Susan Silliman Smith, Editor

Moderator's message continued

When New Jersey transitioned from seven presbyteries to four; I called a meeting of the seven PWPs in New Jersey on February 2021to organize and strategize how to be ready. We met every month and by September 2021 they were organized ahead of the presbyteries themselves, with Moderators and Co-Moderators, Treasurers and a few members of the CT in place ahead of the presbyteries. Kudos to PW; we are living the legacy of our foremothers who took things in hand when they were denied forming PW. We live into the spirit of mission for which Presbyterian Women have stood firmly on as the call given us by God. Mission in our communities and around the world. Let us continue to live and breathe mission in whatever way we can succeed.

We have churches who don't have functioning PWPs but have women who would like to be involved with PWP. I sat down with the secretary/historian to see what can be done. The PWP PALS was to organize the churches that don't have PWPs to partner with churches with PWPs so members in the former churches can attend events in the latter, It is called PWP PALS for the reason that they support each other in fellowship. The organization of the PWP PALS was delegated to the secretary/historian to set up. The pairing is complete; but waiting for responses from the paired presbyteries.

As the COVID wore on and people were feeling down, I organized an online spiritual retreat via Zoom. The purpose was to lift people's spirits so everyone can feel the presence of God; knowing that God is still with despite the situation.

The planning sub-committee of the CT is working on revising the Coordinating Team since there are members who have not be present all. The revision is on progress and will be presented at the Gathering in July.

I have enjoyed my term as the Moderator of PW for the Synod of the Northeast and have served faithfully and gladly. It is time for me to move on to other services in the name of God. Let's keep the light shining bright on the achievements of Presbyterian Women and future success.

As the song says: "We are called to be light for the Kingdom, we are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly,we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God" Let us not forget that we serve a great God of love who cares tenderly for the whole world and God has entrusted us with healing the world. I say go forth and serve God with joy and gladness.

Be blessed this day and always. God be beside you, in front of you, behind you and surround you with God's love. Amen

Blessings & Peace

Adebisi A. Shofu

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Moderator

Message From the Vice Moderator

Donna Raham

Grace and peace I bring to you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ:

As my husband and I were cleaning up the Christmas decorations at Fairmount Presbyterian Church's Sanctuary, we removed the sconces and the tall wooden frames attached to the ends of the pews. This entailed unscrewing the wooden fixtures, cleaning the glass globes, digging out any dried wax in the fixtures from the candle wax that dripped into the crevices while burning, packing everything up and carrying all of it into the 'attic'. (This is really where the bats hang out, otherwise known as the 'belfry', and yes, Fairmount has had its share of bats!)

While Skeet was drilling the screws into the wooden holders back into place in the closet, I was digging through a large plastic container filled with wreaths for every season, to place new wreaths in the front of the Sanctuary. All of a sudden, my hand was pricked by a thorn on a wreath made of grapevine.

And I reflected, how must this have felt on Christ's forehead!

As we exited the season of Advent, of expectations, of gifts, the gift of our savior, we now enter into a new season, one of the Baptism of the Lord, of Epiphany, of His transfiguration, of the season of Lent, and His crucifixion and His resurrection. Hallelujah for the resurrection, for where would we be without His suffering and resurrection.

He came to release us from suffering. He suffered for our sins. How much pain did he endure, not just with that crown of thorns on his head, but the beatings and hanging on that cross.

Who am I to complain of a little prick on my hand from a grapevine wreath when He, and so many others suffer atrocities in this world.

Let us pray, as it is said in the Beatitudes, in the Gospel of Matthew 5:3-12
3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
5 "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.
8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
11 "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.

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12 Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you. (NIV)

Yes, rejoice! Rejoice that we live in a land of freedom, free from war as our brothers and sisters endure the atrocities of war in the Ukraine. Rejoice that we have gifts and talents to share as Presbyterian Women.

As we look ahead to our Triennial Gathering, scheduled for July 14 and 15, 2023 at the Stony Point Center, what gifts do you have to share. We seek volunteers to provide the goods for the ice cream social for Friday night for which you will be reimbursed the cost of, and someone, or two, to provide for our music ministry. Can you play the piano!

If you have these gifts to share, please contact Donna Rahmann at donnarahmann@comcast.net.

Peace to you, the blessed,
Donna Rahmann
Vice Moderator
PWSNE

Your Lighthouse Photos

Did you know that there is a Lighthouse in every State in our Synod? This is why our PWSNE logo and newsletter is "Lighthouse."

For our upcoming Synod PW Triennial Gathering, we are asking you to submit a 5x7 photo of the Lighthouse in your area. If you have more than one Lighthouse, we will accept those as well. The more Lighthouses from the Synod the better.

We are asking to have these all printed and brought to the Gathering by 3 PM on Friday of the Gathering or you may mail your printed copy to Virginia Champlin (4381 Wabash Road, Geneva, NY 14456) by July 1st. Please do not send electronically.

Please do NOT identify the Lighthouse or its location on the front of the photo, but please do so on the back side. It would be nice to have these 5x7 photos in color, but we will accept back and white ones. Only the printed copy, no frames. We do not want any person in the photo with the Lighthouse.

If no one is coming from your area, please help out by sending the Lighthouse photo from your State.

Photo by Nick Hunter "Crystal Sugar Maples"

Mid-Winter Moment

Sometimes in mid-winter
the dreary frozen world is transformed into
a world of sparkling diamonds.
Lacy frost and ice crystals cover field and forest.
Condensation rising from a slow moving brook
coats the surrounding landscape in a glittery
glow.
It is a dazzling moment filled with wonder.
A moment in mid-winter when we can all say,
"Thank you God for this beautiful
winter day."

~Maxine Hunter~

Photo by Nick Hunter "Callahan Brook"

Geneva PWP

We "sisters" up here in western New York gathered on a Friday in October for a Fall Gathering. "Give Thanks in All Circumstances" was hosted by the women of Ovid Federated Church. Their gracious hospitality and delicious soups offered at lunch time were enjoyed by some forty women gathered from eleven of our churches.

Rev. Susan Frost from Park Presbyterian Church led us in morning worship and a thank offering dedication. Next we were treated to a wonderful tour of Ovid's thrift store. And several women returned later to make their own purchases!

Our program speaker was Deborah Keuhner, Executive Director of the Potter's Hand Foundation in Corning, NY. This organization offers a safe and secure residential environment and is making a difference in lives of women trapped by the oppression of human trafficking. Deborah certainly opened our hearts and minds and made an impression on all of us. We left with thankful hearts knowing that this program of "embracing women - restoring hope" was an opportunity for women here in our region.

We all enjoyed a lunch of hearty soups prepared by Ovid's women and breads brought by many to be shared with all. Following lunch it was time for "Hope in A Purse," our hands on mission activity. We had gathered purses and the list of needful items prior to the Gathering. All were brought to Ovid and arranged/piled high in the center of several tables. We set to work...fun actually... filling purses as we all took turns selecting a purse and then filling it with the several items. By the end we had filled at least 75 purses which then went to The Potter's Hands, Survivor Advocacy Center of the Finger Lakes and other agencies supporting women in crisis situations or as they leave incarceration or graduate from substance abuse programs.

All in all it was a wonderful day and we are looking forward to a Spring Gathering sometime in May.

Joyfully submitted,
Linda Werts - Moderator

PW of Albany Mission Giving

Presbyterian Women (PW) in the Presbytery of Albany are proud of the generosity of the women in our Presbytery who stepped up to enable us to make large contributions to special charitable requests in 2022. At our Spring Gathering $1426 was donated to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Fund for Ukraine. Our Fall Gathering freewill offering brought in $379 to support the Rural Women's Assembly, an event sponsored by the Rural Migrant Ministry that brings rural women together with resources that can assist them. The special fundraiser for the MoonCatcher Project yielded $3265.

In September the sewing collective building in Chituka, Malawi, sponsored by the MoonCatchers Project was broken into and sewing machines, fabrics, and completed menstrual kits were stolen. One of our women quickly offered a matching grant up to $2000 to raise money to replace those items. She ended up donating the full amount despite the $2,000 goal not having been reached.
A native of Chituka Village is a member of Hamilton Union Presbyterian Church which has a mission partnership with the village. This connection prompted large monetary donations from their mission fund and their PW group which donated the proceeds from their freewill offering at its Christmas Potluck Luncheon. Smaller donations were made by the PW in First Presbyterian Church of Valatie and an individual from Westminster PC. We are glad for all the support for mission both locally and around the world.

Rosalie Hemingway, Treasurer PW in Albany Presbytery

PWP Albany Given Seat at Albany Presbytery

Charlotte Hassellbarth, Moderator PWP Albany

PW in the Albany Presbytery has worked hard to increase our exposure in the Presbytery. We have been very fortunate in that we have had "Voice and Vote" at Presbytery meetings for many years. A PW report is on the agenda at every Presbytery meeting. We don't always have something to report but always have something for the document list. We frequently have had display tables at meetings. The new General Presbyter, Rob Trawick spoke at our Fall Gathering and credited us with the effective way we have developed a sense of community with women from churches throughout the Presbytery.

Albany Presbytery has a leadership group, which consists of presbytery officers, executive staff, and presbytery committee chairs. The PW Moderator now has a spot on the Presbytery Coordination Committee. This will give us greater exposure in the Presbytery, and we will be able to receive helpful information earlier than we have in the past. This will be mutually beneficial. We know that we have a lot to offer the Albany Presbytery.

We deeply appreciate the support the Albany Presbytery has given us and know that isn't always the case, We're very fortunate

Celebration Giving

Report to Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Northeast

www.presbyterianwomen.org/what_we_do/support-mission
BIRTHDAY OFFERING -collected and dedicated in the spring
The Birthday Offering and the Thank Offering were continued in 1988 when the northern United Presbyterian Women and the southern Women of the Church united to form Presbyterian Women.

The Birthday Offering dates back to 1922 and was formed as women sought an appropriate way to celebrate what the Women's Auxiliary meant to them. The members of Women of the Church gave a penny for each year of their lives. Up to five projects (in amounts from $75,000 to $150,000) are chosen each year for funding to meet major mission needs.

THANK OFFERING – collected and dedicated in the fall
The Thank Offering began in 1888 when women were urged to give over and above their usual contribution to the Women's General Missionary Society of the UPCNA, thus coming from the northern Presbyterian church. Projects are awarded grants ($5,000-$50,000) to help hospitals, schools, health programs, domestic violence shelters, child and youth development programs, hunger programs, homeless shelters and more. At least 40% supports health ministries each year.

To order free copies of the brochure "Celebration Giving" which briefly explains not only the Thank and Birthday Offerings, but also the Mission Pledge, Honorary Life Memberships, Memorial Gifts, the Leadership Endowment Fund, and Widening the Circle, go to www.presbyterianwomen.org/shop and order PWR18031.

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www.fellowshipoftheleastcoin.org
LEAST COIN OFFERING – collected year-round, dedicated in the fall
This is a global, ecumenical women's prayer movement. Prayers are offered for peace, justice and reconciliation in families, communities and worldwide. Women set aside the least coin of their local currency as a symbol of the prayer. This allows women of all backgrounds and means to be equal partners in justice and peacemaking. Every year, the FLC Fund is disbursed as grants for post-secondary education and training for women, for projects that empower women and girls, advocates for their rights, works to end gender-based violence and poverty, and provides relief in times of disasters.

Circle of Prayer

A booklet of prayer "Circle of Prayer" is used as prayer is offered and the least coin is set aside. 20-24 meditations and prayers are written by women around the world and published by the FLC every two years.
To order free copies use www.presbyterianwomen.org/?s=circle+of+prayer

New Look for PWSNE Coordinating Team

The PWSNE CT (Coordinating Team) may soon be sporting a new look.
A team of four women – Virginia Champlin (Moderator-Elect), Jane Kim (Search Committee Moderator), Joanne Schnaudt (Chair, By Laws Committee), and Adebisi Shofu (Moderator) – authorized by the CT and Business Meeting Voting Delegates in October 2022 – has been reviewing how to streamline and organize a better functioning CT while not losing our purpose to include and serve the women in our Synod. Each step of the process is being approved by the CT.

This has become necessary as in recent years some women elected to the CT have not attended CT meetings, reported on their activities, or responded to correspondence from CT leaders. Also, we "lost" 3 PWPs when the 7 New Jersey PWPs merged into 4 new PWPs, and we "lost" 6 PWPs who have disbanded, leaving only 13 active PWPs to provide candidates for the CT and help finance PWSNE.

No one who is currently serving will be "fired." However, some positions will remain as active CT members and others will serve as part of a team under a CT leader. Some terms may change until we can establish a 3 year rotating schedule to ensure that the same number of women rotate off the CT each year.

The CT met on Wednesday, January 25th and approved the draft of a proposed CT. There is still work being done to finish the structure of the CT. In the meantime we are working on updating job descriptions and organizing the election rotation schedule. When they are approved, we will work on updating the By Laws.

Your PWP Moderators will be kept up to date via email until the Business Meeting at the Triennial Gathering July 14-15, when the final proposal will come before the Voting Delegates.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Joanne Schnaudt at jwschnaudt@comcast.net

Lenten Bible Study Opportunity

If you're looking for a way to deepen your Lenten Journey with other women using a book study

Meeting Jesus at the Table by Cynthia Campbell & Christine Fohr here's how. It will begin the Thursday after Ash Wednesday, Feb 22 at noon. It is an hour meeting on Zoom. This groups was formed originally from women who attended the PW Bible study Workshop held at Stony Point Center. It has spread out to any interested women.

Please email or text Lisa_A_Gray@outlook.com 973-476-4720 to be send the zoom invite.

How Does Jesus Save Us?

An Ash Wednesday Retreat + Service for Women

Wednesday, February 22nd, 10am-1pm
Hitchcock Presbyterian Church

A light breakfast and a lunch will be provided to in-person participants.
We ask that you **bring 17 oz boxes of cereal** to donate to a local food pantry.

To register, email Diana Behan.
Please indicate whether you are attending via Zoom or in-person.
diana.pwhrp@gmail.com

Sponsored by Presbyterian Women of HRP and Presbyterian Women of Hitchcock.

WOVEN THROUGH OUR LIVES

With loving memories of Ginnie Mller

Joanne Schnaudt

Many of you may already know that Virginia (Ginnie) Miller passed away in October 2022. A Memorial Service was held at her church in Pennsylvania, where Ginnie has lived with her daughter for several years.

In passing the sad news around, it was clear that Ginnie would be greatly missed. Her warm personality and contagious laugh will be remembered by all who spent any time with her.

Ginnie served as Moderator of Elizabeth PWP and served in many capacities on the PWSNE Coordinating Team over the years.

I met Ginnie in the 1980's…I can't remember where and when…but I do remember her willingness to help, her attention to detail and doing the job correctly, and the joy she carried with her as she did her work. That joy was spread around to all. I also remember the "pranks" she played on me when I was Synod PW Moderator in the 1990's. Two of these still stand out vividly in my mind. The night before I was to be installed as Moderator, we had a rehearsal to be sure we all knew where to stand and what to say. Ginnie had invited me to a "party" in someone's room, which was occurring while I was at the rehearsal. When I finished, I made my way to the party, and upon entering the room, Ginnie addressed me as "Your Highness." I jokingly held out my hand and told her to kiss my ring (there was no ring on my hand). The next day Ginnie handed me a small box all wrapped up, and upon opening it, I found a "ring" made from a red Jolly Rancher candy and tightly wound paper. I put it on my finger and she announced that I was now the "Popina." That nickname lasted throughout our years together.

The second prank also occurred at the Desmond during a November CT meeting. The cost of food at the Desmond was quite high, so I arranged with a restaurant across the street (read 8 lane highway) to reserve tables for us for dinner. Now picture twenty plus women crossing an 8-lane highway, in the rain, before the traffic signal changed. We enjoyed our meal and for dessert the restaurant served donuts. However, they were leftover Halloween decorated donuts and a bit stale. Move forward to the next year when we decided to pay the extra $ for dinner and not risk life and limb crossing the highway. We enjoyed a wonderful dinner at the Desmond, and at dessert

Cont. Ginnie Miller

time the staff brought out yummy looking eclairs and put one in front of everyone except me. They brought me a plate with a stale donut on it. My friend Ginnie brought one donut to the meeting, left it out on her dresser overnight so it would be good and dried out, and got the staff to serve it to me.

In the past few years, we enjoyed long phone conversations about once a month while we were quarantined. Ginnie was a special woman who loved her family, her church and singing in the choir, and our PW gatherings. We miss you Ginnie but know you are with Bob and probably playing pranks on the other angels.

One of the projects Ginnie worked on was a Tapestry woven with various colored threads representing leaders of PWSNE over the years. So now, we weave Ginnie's color…red…the color of the "stone" in my ring… to represent Ginnie… into the Tapestry.

In grateful appreciation for her friendship,
The Popina

Gathering at Stony Point

Start "Spreading the News" to <u>every PW group</u>, <u>every church</u>, <u>ALL women</u> in your presbytery about our Triennial Gathering.

"I O U: INWARD, OUTWARD, UPWARD"
FRIDAY, JULY 14 - SATURDAY, JULY 15, 2023 - 3 PM TO 3 PM
(The Coordinating Team will meet at 1 PM on Friday, July 14, 2023)

Stony Point Conference Center, NY
INWARD: Bible Study
OUTWARD: Mission
UPWARD: Worship

Featuring:

The Rev. Dr. SanDawna Gaulman Ashley, Transitional Northeast Synod Leader, as Keynote Speaker
The Rev. Kathy Reeves, Moderator of Churchwide PW, as Leader of Worship and Installation of new CT
Horizons Bible Study for 2023-2024
Mission Speaker and Mission Opportunities
Skit on "Women of the Bible"
Ice Cream Social

Registration Information will be coming soon.

Further Info and final posting. See later pages of this issue of Lighthouse.

*In the meantime, look at the PW Symbol and see I O U.

Detailed Save the Date

Presbyterian Women in the Albany Presbytery
Spring Gathering
Tuesday, April 18 – 11:30 am to 2:30 pm
at
Roessleville Presbyterian Church
1 N Elmhurst Avenue, Colonie, NY 12205

ONA HOTLINE 1-800-566-7636

Program
Michelle F. Lee, Esq. and Amanda Paladino, Esq., both Staff Attorneys at the Legal Project will speak on immigration issues that affect women.

Installation of Coordinating Team members by Diana Behan, member of the Coordinating Team of Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Northeast

Communion Service officiated by, Andrea Ralph, Ruling Elder at Roessleville Presbyterian Church, and Moderator-Elect of Presbyterian Women in the Albany Presbytery

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Charlotte Hasselbarth at 518-356-0637 or chasselbarth@hotmail.com

Office for Victims of Crime OVC

The Legal Project
Capital District Women's Bar Association

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ONA HOTLINE 1-800-566-7636

Justice and Peace Calendar

FEBRUARY

Black History Month; blackhistorymonth.gov
National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month, teendvmonth.org
1 N ational Freedom Day, state.gov/national-freedom-day-deepening-our-resolve-to-fight-human-

trafficking

1–7 World Interfaith Harmony Week, worldinterfaithharmonyweek.com

12 International Day against the Use of Child Soldiers, redhandday.org

Souper Bowl of Caring, tacklehunger.org

12–18 National Random Acts of Kindness Week, randomactsofkindness.org

One Billion Rising for Justice, onebillionrising.org

13 J&P Book Discussion Group online, 6:30–8:30 PM (Eastern) Special author presentation on *Kind of Christianity: A History of Slavery and Anti-Black Racism in the Presbyterian Church* by William Yoo (Westminster John Knox Press, 2022). Register at presbyterianwomen.org/justice

22 Ash Wednesday; presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/christianyear/ash-wednesday

MARCH

- **Women's History Month, womenshistorymonth.gov**

3 World Day of Prayer, wdp-usa.org or worlddayofprayer.net

5 Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday, pcusa.org/women

5–11 PW Together in Action for Women's Empowerment, presbyterianwomen.org/justice

6–17 UN Commission on the Status of Women, unwomen.org/en/csw/csw67-2023

8 International Women's Day, internationalwomensday.com or un.org/en/observances/womens-day

Self-Development of People Sunday, presbyterianmission.org/sdop-sunday

J &P Book Discussion Group online, 6:30–8:30 PM (Eastern) *Climate Justice: Hope, Resilience and the Fight for a Sustainable Future* by Mary Robinson (New York: Bloomsbury, 2018). Register at presbyterianwomen.org/justice

20 M r. Rogers Day, presbyterianmission.org/ministries/theology-formation-and-evangelism/office-of-christian-formation/mr-rogers-day-resources

20 International Day of Happiness; daysoftheyear.com/days/international-day-of-happiness

22 World Water Day, worldwaterday.org

25–31 National Farmworker Awareness Week, safunite.org/national-farmworker-awareness-week

31 National Farm Workers Day, nationaltoday.com/national-farm-workers-day

APRIL

- **Sexual Assault Awareness Month; en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sexual_Assault_Awareness_Month**

Ecumenical Advocacy Days; advocacydays.org

7 Good Friday; presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/christianyear/good-friday

World Health Day; who.int/campaigns/world-health-day

International Romani Day; en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Romani_Day

Easter; presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/christianyear/resurrection-lord-easter

18 Holocaust Remembrance Day; ushmm.org/remember/days-of-remembrance/resources/calendar
21-27 National Agriculture Week; iatp.org
Earth Day; presbyterianmission.org/ministries/environment/earth-day-sunday

Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day; presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/churchcalendar/armenian-genocide

26 Denim Day; denimdayinfo.org

MAY

- **Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month; asianpacificheritage.gov**

May Day; en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Workers%27_Day
National Teacher Day; nea.org

1–7 PW Together in Action Days for Children's Literacy; presbyterianwomen.org/justice

4 National Day of Prayer; nationaldayofprayer.org

8 J &P Book Discussion Group online, 6:30–8:30 PM (Eastern) on *The Cry of Tamar: Violence Against Women and the Church's Response* by Pamela Cooper-White (Minneapolis, MN: Fortress, 2012). Register at presbyterianwomen.org/justice

13 World Fair Trade Day; wfto.com

Stamp Out Hunger drive; about.usps.com/corporate-social-responsibility/nalc-food-drive.htm

Mother's Day; presbyterianmission.org/story/a-prayer-for-mothers-day

Intercultural Church Sunday; pcusa.org/resource/intercultural-ministries-19226

International Day for Biological Diversity; cbd.int/idb

Pentecost; presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/christianyear/pentecost

Memorial Day; presbyterianmission.org/story/may-30-2022

JUNE

- **L esbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ+) Pride Month; archives.gov/news/topics/lgbt-pride-month**

2 National Gun Violence Awareness Day; wearorange.org or nasponline.org/research-and-policy/policy-matters-blog/national-gun-violence-awareness-day 18 Father's Day; Men of the Church Sunday; presbyterianmission.org/ministries/men

Juneteenth; presbyphl.org/what-is-juneteenth-resources-for-formation-education-and-gospel-witness

World Refugee Day; un.org/en/observances/refugee-day

JULY

2 Immigration Sunday; http://oga.pcusa.org/section/mid-council-ministries/immigration

4 Independence Day; presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/independence-day

10 J&P Book Discussion Group online, 6:30–8:30 PM (Eastern) on *Beautiful Country: A Memoir of an Undocumented Childhood* by Qian Julie Wang (New York: Random House, 2021). Register at presbyterianwomen.org/justice

The calendar will continue in the August issue of the *Lighthouse.*

Helping PW Grow

Be certain to sign up for any and all information from the National PW. You can request poster, resources, etc.

Contact Patricia Longfellow at Patricia.Longfellow@PCUSA.org to request being on mail lists or for resources. She will also redirect you to the proper staff member for further questions.

Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Northeast
2023 Triennial Gathering

"IOU – Inward, Outward, Upward"

Romans 8:28-30

Friday-Saturday, July 14-15

Stony Point Conference Center, Stony Point, New York

NUTS & BLOTS of the Gathering

Program Registration Fee $100 Non-Refundable

Helps PWSNE pay for our worship and workshop leaders' transportation, honorariums, room and board
Any materials needed

Early Bird Program Registration Fee $75 Non-Refundable

All Registration Fees paid by July 1, will receive this reduction

Room and Board Fee

Helps pay for the participants' room, 3 meals (Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast, Saturday lunch), workshops meeting rooms
Lodge: Single Occupancy $247 / Double $184
Gilmore Slone (limited available): Single Occupancy $299 / Double $237
All CT members/Voting Delegates will receive a $92 reduction/allowance
When naming a roommate, be sure it is a mutual agreement

Scholarships

Go to PWSNE Web Site for guidelines and applications
Preference will be given to first time attenders

Address and Directions to Stony Point

17 Cricketown Road, Stony Point 19879, New York. (845)786-5674
info@stonypointcenter.org
Please check Map Quest, Google Maps, Waze or your GPS

Commuters Fee

All Commuters are to pay the Program Registration Fee plus any meals that they would like:

Friday Lunch - $20
Friday Dinner - $30
Saturday Lunch - $20
Commuters may choose not to eat in at Stony Point or brown bag it

Business Meeting

There will be a Business Meeting on Saturday morning at 9:50

To hear a report from the Search Committee and vote on the slate of officers
Vote on our new Officers and Coordinating Team structure
Revised By-Laws based on the new structure
Any other business properly brought forward
All Delegates should attend to vote. All others are welcome to attend.

Voting Delegates

The currently serving Coordinating Team Members
Each PWP Moderator (or a Designated or Contact Person)

Coordinating Team Meeting

Friday 1:00 PM, may arrive at noon where lunch is served for CT Members.

Lighthouse Photos

At least one per Presbytery (more are welcome)
Printed 5 x 7
Identification ONLY on the back
Please bring to Gathering by 3 PM Friday or mailed printed copy to Virginia Champlin by July 1

Gathering Offering

The Gathering Offering will be collected during the Worship Service on Saturday
The recipient(s) of the Gathering Offering half will go to PDA and the other half to organization of our guest speaker

Please see following page for the Registration Form for the Gathering.

Your Design Team has worked very hard in planning this in Person event and doing negotiations with Stony Point.

A great time is promised and great time to see everyone again.

Hope to see you at Stony Point in July.

Presbyterian Women Synod of the Northeast
2023 Triennial Business Meeting and Gathering
Registration Form
Please! Register on or before: July 1, 2023

Name _____Presbytery _____

Address_____

Phone _____Email_____

Emergency Contact_____

Special needs (dietary, mobility, etc.) _____

(Check one) PWP Moderator or voting rep. _____ CT member _____ Guest_____

All Participants must pay the Non-Refundable Program Fee = $100 *OR*
Registrations received by July 1, Non-Refundable Registration Fee = $75

Commuter Plan is per person and is priced by component. Commuter may choose not to eat at Stony Point. Circle which meals are desired, and move amount to the right column	
Program Fee – All pay, non-refundable $100/$75	
Friday Lunch $20.00	
Friday Dinner $30.00	
Saturday Lunch $20.00	
Total for Commuter	

Over-Night Package Plan is per person and includes non-refundable program fee, 3 meals (Fri. Dinner, Sat. Breakfast, Sat. Lunch), 1 overnight (Friday)
Circle appropriate Program Fee, choose room program desired and insert correct Information in the right-hand column and calculate your total
And insert desired Roommate name – make sure it is a mutual agreement

Program Fee – All pay, non-refundable	$100/$75	
Lodge: Double Room Occupancy	$184	
Lodge: Single Room	$247	
Gilmore Sloane: Double Room Occupancy	$237	
Gilmore Sloane: Single Room	$299	
CT & Voting Delegates Reduction/Allowance	-$92	
Total for Package Plan		
Roommate name		

PWSNE pays room (based on double occupancy) & board for PWP Moderator or voting representative and PWSNE CT members currently serving & 2023 nominees. The allowance is $92.

Return this form with check payable to PW Synod of the Northeast and mail to Virginia Champlin, 4381 Wabash Road, Geneva, NY 14456. Any questions regarding registration please contact Virginia Champlin via email danvirginiac@aol.com or 585-526-5841. All Registrations will be honored when accompanied by payments.