

2009 FALL GATHERING REPORT

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN of the



Women from across the St. Andrew Presbytery came together and met to begin a new year's agenda for PW. All areas were represented at this gathering. It is a goal of the Moderator and Moderator-Elect to reach out to more church PW organizations in the coming months.

Registration and refreshments were enjoyed by all at 9 am on Saturday, August 29, 2009. The event was hosted by the Coordinating Team, and was held in the Cornerstone Lodge at Camp Hopewell near Oxford. The total number in attendance was 45. It was an honor to have Rev. Bill Connolly introduce the Horizon's Bible Study: "Joshua: A Journey of Faith". He gave an excellent visual of how to remember the geography of the promise land by using one's hand!

The following were key points to the Gathering:

I.	Welcome	Debbie Connolly, Moderator
II.	Lighting of Christ Candle	Janice Kinard, Moderator Elect
III.	Call to Gathering	Debbie Connolly, Moderator
IV.	Announcements	
V.	Important Dates	
VI.	Break	
VII.	Review of the Bible Study	Rev. Bill Connolly, Ripley Presbyterian Church
VIII.	Panel Discussion & Duties of PW Leaders	Nancy Bryson, Moderator of the Panel
	Final Prayer/ Traveling Mercies	Debbie Connolly, Moderator

Debbie Connolly, Moderator welcomed everyone to the meeting. She expressed her appreciation to the members of the St. Andrew PWCT for the refreshments provided for everyone's enjoyment.

She stated that she will provide a Moderator's Message for the Pipeline Newsletter which will be published in October, 2009. She encouraged each local church PW organization to prepare articles for the Pipeline. Anything that your group has done in the past year in the way of special gatherings, mission work, fundraisers, etc. will be welcome.

Incorporation of Presbyterian Women (PCUSA) – See Martha Knichel’s report concerning the Churchwide Coordinating Team Meeting Summary report located on the Presbyterian Women Synod of Living Waters website: www.pwslivingwaters.org/ - then select from the options on the left – Messages from PWSCT – then select Martha Knichel Report from the Synod Rep to the CCT.

2009 – IMPORTANT DATES

September 25, 2009 – Pipeline Articles deadline – email or mail your local PW’s activities to Janice.Kinard@MS.usda.gov – use PIPELINE in the subject line. If you want to mail it to Janice, please send it to Janice Kinard c/o FPC, 307 Univ Drive, Starkville, MS 39759. Pictures are a welcome addition to the article.

October 15, 2009 – Columbia Friendship Circle Executive Council Meeting, Decatur, Georgia. A volunteer is needed to participate on this council. Your trip will be paid for by the Friendship Circle. Please notify Debbie as soon as possible.

October 16 and 17, 2009 – Synod of Living Waters Coordinating Team meeting in Birmingham, Alabama.

IMPORTANT – VOLUNTEER NEEDED: We are in need of a Mississippi At-Large member to serve with Moderator-Elect, Janice Kinard, on the AL/MS Women’s Conference Planning Team. The Planning Team will be meeting in Mobile on October 19-20, so the volunteer will need to be available to travel with Janice to this meeting. Please contact Janice or Debbie Connolly if you are interested.

November 15, 2009 – Mission Pledge Form Deadline - the PW Mission Pledge: (Blessings without Boundaries) provides for mission of PW and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). See www.pcusa.org/pw/giving for more information on the Mission Pledge. St. Andrew’s PW groups are encouraged to include this financial support in their annual budgets. Please send your Pledge form to Vicki Schramm, Treasurer or Debbie Connolly, Moderator by the due date so we can submit our Presbytery’s pledge by its due date. Vicki’s e-mail address is vschramm@bellsouth.net if you have any questions on the Budget or Mission programs.

2009 Thank Offering – Information is available for free for your PW’s use at Horizons, 100 Witherspoon Street, Louisville, KY 40202 1396 or call 888-728-7228 or online: www.pcusa.org/horizons.

NOTE: Nashville, TN – Village Community Development Corp – Youth at the Family Room - \$50,000 award received from 2008 Thank Offering.. This is in the Synod of Living Waters.

12/31/2009 – ALL PW OFFERINGS ARE DUE TO VICKI SCHRAMM, Treasurer on or before 12/31/2009. She will prepare the 2009 Financial Report for the PWCT meeting on 1/30/2010. She has a new address: Vicki Schramm, St. Andrew Treasurer, 110 Kingston Ct, Starkville, MS 39759; her email is vschramm@bellsouth.net; her phone number is 662 323 2519 (you may leave a message, if she is not available).

2010 – IMPORTANT DATES

January 1 through 10 – 2010 – PW CHURCH HISTORY REPORTS DUE

The history of your church is important to St. Andrew, as well as your own church. Please write your local PW actions for 2009. For example: how many members are in your church, how is your PW organization serving – church, community, each other? How many women serve as officers in your church? Who has passed away for calendar year 2009? Who got married? Who's had children? ANYTHING of interest to you is of interest to us. Send your information to: Andrea Marshall, P. O. Box 122, Van Vleet, MS 38877-0122, or email her at : openfieldam@aol.com.

Saturday, January 30, 2010 – St. Andrew PWCT will meet at the First Presbyterian Church of Greenwood, Mississippi. This will be our primary meeting for the year where we approve the budget, receive Committee reports, receive annual reports of leaders, etc. We will also be coordinating with Greenwood's CT to finalize plans for the Spring Gathering..

Saturday, March 6, 2010 – SPRING GATHERING at First Presbyterian Church, Greenwood, MS. PW Moderator: Memrie Kimmel ,(662)453-2361 or email her at mbkimmel@hotmail.com *More detailed information on this event will be available on the St. Andrew Presbytery's website closer to the event.

June 3, 4, 5 2010 – Presbyterian Women Synod of Living Waters Triennial Gathering, First Presbyterian Church, Huntsville, AL (Corner of Gates and Lincoln in Historic Downtown Huntsville) 307 Gates Avenue - Huntsville, AL 35801

July 21-23, 2010 - Alabama/Mississippi Women's Conference, Spring Hill Presbyterian Church, 10 Westminster Way, Mobile, AL 36608

St. Andrew Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team Members

Debbie Connolly,	Moderator
Janice Kinard,	Moderator-Elect
Sandra Hart Darby,	Secretary
Vicki Schramm,	Treasurer
Historian,	Andrea Marshall

St. Andrew has areas divided into clusters and each cluster has a leader and a search committee member. These include:

<u>Leader</u>		<u>Search Committee Member</u>	
Cluster A:	Gail Bartlett, Hernando	Vacant	
Cluster B:	Sandra Webb, Oxford	Lisa Howell,	Grenada
Cluster C:	Nancy Bryson, Leland	Leigh Macy,	N. Carrollton
Cluster D:	Vacant	Sara Bramlett,	Pontotoc
Cluster E:	Naomi Kilgore, West Point	Ginny Pounders,	Aberdeen
Cluster F:	Janice Kinard, Starkville	Ruth Robbins,	Louisville

Additional Leadership Members-at-Large

Education/Resources	Roxene Atkinson
Giving	Bradley Lipsey
Lighthouse Lodge Communicator	Lottie Mae Dawkins
Peacemaking	Deloris Cole
Pipeline Editor	Janice Kinard & Patti Drapala
Racial Ethnic	Dorothy Gaston
Together In Service (Mission)	Martha Knichel

LEADERSHIP PANEL DISCUSSION

The women in attendance had the opportunity to learn all about the CT positions listed at the local and Presbytery levels. Each leader came forward to describe her position on the coordinating team, and how she can provide support to the congregational PW groups. If you were not in attendance, and you still need to be guided on your particular leadership role, please feel free to contact us.

Each church was provided the 2009-2010 Directory. This booklet gives valuable information on each church in St. Andrew Presbytery. If you were not in attendance, your Cluster Leader took your booklet and she is to send this to you, ASAP.

If any church would like to have last year's Bible Study, JUBILEE, please contact Janice Kinard. The women of her church would love to give this resource to anyone interested – and it will be shipped to you at no expense to you. This is a ministry of FPC, Starkville.

Thank you for your support. Please pray for God's purpose to come through each of us. Enjoy your life through Christ Jesus, our Lord. Be strong and courageous for the Lord, for He is with you always! JOSHUA 1 vs 9.

THANK OFFERING APPLICATION DEADLINE 9/15/2009

DO YOU HAVE A PROJECT TO BE CONSIDERED? Thank Offering Grant Process DUE DATE SEPTEMBER 15, 2009!

Thank Offering grants range from \$5,000 to \$50,000. Grant requests come from a variety of sources, such as PC(USA) governing bodies, health agencies, overseas churches, ecumenical councils, community groups, educational institutions and church related groups. [Projects must meet the criteria](#) established by Presbyterian Women.

[Download a Thank Offering grant application.](#) 

[Download a Thank Offering grant application in Microsoft Word format.](#) 

Applications for grants must be postmarked by September 15. The [Creative Ministries Offering Committee of Presbyterian Women](#) meets in the spring to review applications and make selections. Projects will be notified in April and will receive 70 percent of the funds in May; upon receipt of the Interim Report by September 1, the remaining 30 percent will be released by December 1.



As God directed Joshua at Jericho – be ready to sound the trumpet when you are called.....

/s/ Debbie Connolly, Moderator and Janice Kinard, Moderator-Elect
09/2009

