



Churchwide Coordinating Team

Meeting Summary

March 9–14, 2010 • Louisville, Kentucky

General News

- The CCT met March 9–14, 2010, in Louisville, Kentucky. Along with the usual business there were educational modules on trafficking (Noelle Damico), the Sudan (Debbie Braaksma), Haiti (K.T. Ockels and Lionel Derenoncourt) and a sample of the upcoming Leadership Training provided by consultants Sara Moore-Nokes and Verstan Choy.
- Kirsten Bullock, PW funds development consultant, provided a report on the Funds Development Audit.
- An offering was received during closing worship for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to aid relief efforts in Haiti.
- PW logo water bottles were provided to the CCT to support efforts to eliminate use of plastic water bottles and to raise awareness about the injustice of turning water into a commodity. To order additional PW stainless steel water bottles, call PDS 800/524-2612, item PWR-09-404, \$10 each, plus shipping.
- Several CCT members had just returned from the UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) event in New York City. The Mission and the Justice and Peace committees endorse PW holding a side event at the 2011 CSW event. A press release by Louise Davidson is attached.
- Material for the April 20 Quarterly Mailing is due to Susan Jackson-Dowd (susan.jackson-dowd@pcusa.org) by Monday, March 22.

Save the Date!
PW Churchwide
Gathering
July 18–22, 2012
Gaylord Palms

Committee Information

Note: Task Groups and Committees written in italic report to the CCT through the CCT committee under which they are listed. Only committees and groups with information for the current summary are listed.

Administrative Committee

Marta Rodriguez, chair

The revised covenant between PW and the General Assembly Mission Council

(GAMC) was approved by the CCT. It will now go to the 2012 General Assembly for approval.

Funds Development Committee

Catrelia Hunter, chair

- The training for Celebration Giving Representatives is continuing through webinars. Webinar 1 was held in February, and Webinars 2 and 3 will be held in March.
 - Webinar 2: March 15, 7 pm and March 17, 3 pm
 - Webinar 3: March 22, 7 pm and March 25, 3 pm
- A new Training Module for Celebration Giving Representatives has been developed. Copies will be available on the PW website by April 1.
- Celebration Giving displays for spring, summer and fall Gatherings: We are encouraging Celebration Giving Representatives (CGRs), CCT members, cluster representatives, and others to provide Celebration Giving displays at PW gatherings at the congregation, presbytery, and synod levels. Displays for spring and summer gatherings should focus on the Birthday Offering and the

Mission Pledge with plenty of Mission Pledge envelopes available. Fall and winter displays should emphasize the Thank Offering and Mission Pledge. A copy of the display suggestions information prepared by Carissa Herold will be available on the website.

- Racial Ethnic and New Immigrant PW Groups: Mission Pledge, Birthday Offering and Thank Offering packets will be given to moderators of PW racial ethnic groups. We will be encouraging them to have Celebration Giving Representatives and displays on Celebration Giving at their Gatherings.
- The two year-end giving letters sent out in Fall 2009 resulted in approximately \$30,000 in additional contributions. This included \$17,000+ for the Mission Pledge and \$12,000+ for the Publishing Mission of Presbyterian Women.

Communications Committee

Mary Jorgenson, chair

- The Religion Communicators Council has presented PW with the following awards: Best in Class, *Horizons* magazine March/April 2009 issue (Global Exchange); Award of Excellence, *Joshua: A Journey of Faith* CD; Award of Merit, Birthday Offering 2009 packet.

Website

- The website is currently being migrated to a new PC(USA) website. The website will premier at GA in July. Until then, only time-sensitive material will be added.
- PW is one of the largest areas on the PC(USA) site. Out-of-date materials should be removed (this will ease migration) and updated materials will be added immediately after GA. Please let Sharon Dunne Gillies know out of date materials and submit updates to be added after July.

PW Branding

- CCT committees (especially MRC, J&P, LEC, History, Nurture, CMOC and Anti-racism) are asked to begin to think about

how they would like to present themselves at the 2012 Gathering. The “destination” Gathering will offer us a different way to present the PW Purpose and programming in a larger, different setting as the “Great Room” will be taken in a different direction.

Bible Study Committee

Ann Barnwell, chair

- The Bible Study Committee met March 9, 2010, in Louisville, Kentucky, preceding the CCT meeting. The committee chose Janice Catron as author for the 2013–2014 Bible study on migration as understood through *Exodus* and *Deuteronomy* and *2 Corinthians* as the topic for the 2014–2015 study.
- Communications staff is producing a companion DVD for the *Revelation* Bible study (available April 2010) with introductions/synopsis of each lesson by Barbara Rossing.
- Bible study supplements will include *Eyewitness News: Revelation Edition: Live Interviews with John of Patmos* by Dale Lindsay Morgan and *Revelation in Context* by Karen Russell. Dale interviews John of Patmos (voiced by Scott Dowd) in nine seven-minute radio spots that correspond to the nine lessons of the study. Supplement includes printed transcripts and a recorded CD. Karen Russell provides four short exercises on some of the more challenging theological concepts raised in the book of *Revelation*.
- *Horizons* magazine will provide the following helps: July/August, lesson 1; September/October, lessons 2 and 3; November/December, lessons 4 and 5; January/February 2011, lessons 6 and 7; March/April 2011, lessons 8 and 9.

Horizons Editorial Committee (HEC)

Virginia Champlin, chair

- The *Horizons* Editorial Committee met September 24–25, 2009, in Louisville, Kentucky. The committee will meet by

conference call April 22, 2010, at 2 pm. An agenda is forthcoming.

- As of January 2010, an annual subscription to *Horizons* is \$24.95; two years \$44 and three years, \$63.
- Beginning with *Journeys Through Revelation*, the 2010–2011 Bible study, the study will cost \$8 per copy. A discount will be provided for 10 or more copies. Prices of ancillary products will be determined based on production costs.
- Complimentary copies of the magazine will no longer be sent to CCT members. CCT members are asked to subscribe to the magazine.

Creative Ministries Offering Committee (CMOC)

Mary Lou Williams, chair

- CMOC met February 26–March 1, 2010, in Louisville, Kentucky
- 84 Thank Offering projects were funded, totaling \$898,458. Fifteen international projects in 14 different countries received \$487,971. Seventeen national projects received \$410,487. Health related projects were 42% of the total amount of \$375,808.
- The July/August 2010 issue of *Horizons* will spotlight the recipients and include a Thank Offering envelope that will allow women to contribute to the offering.

Finance Committee

Joyce Smith, chair

- The committee met with PC(USA) Shared Services staff Tim Stepp and Dottie Smith about the budget and investments, and forming a CCT investment committee.
- The committee also met with Brett Feger, a representative of Crowe and Horwath,

LLP, to discuss auditing procedures and forming a CCT audit committee.

Gathering Planning Team, Churchwide Gathering (GPT)

Kathy Randall, chair

- Team leaders for the Churchwide Gathering met with staff in Orlando at the Gaylord Palms February 4–6, 2010, to

begin planning for the 2012 Churchwide Gathering.

- The Churchwide Gathering will be held July 18–22 at the Gaylord Palms Hotel in Orlando (Kissimee location).
- Marlene Knight returns to serve as Gathering consultant in this triennium.
- Patricia Longfellow is serving as support for the GPT, 888/728-7228, ext. 8015,

patricialongfellow@pcusa.org

- The CCT decided the theme for the 2012 Churchwide Gathering will focus on hope and faith. Cheri Harper facilitated the theme direction process.
- For information about the Gathering and Gathering planning, contact **Kathy Randall, 170 Walnut St., Unit 3F, New Orleans, LA 70118, 504/866-7435 or kathyrandall@bellsouth.net**

History Committee

Joan Berglund, chair

How to Write Church History will be revised to address Presbyterian Women histories, however it is a good resource for congregation histories. Rather than recycle them, the History Committee will arrange for the booklets to be distributed to congregations.

Justice and Peace Committee (J&P)

Bobbie Rubin, chair

Look for Upcoming Churchwide Gathering Promotions!

- **Watch the Gathering web site for updates, www.pcusa.org/pwgathering**
- **Postcard, summer 2010**
- **Promotional DVD, summer 2010**
- **Call to the Gathering, September/October 2010 *Horizons***
- **Promotional packet, December 2010**

- CCT is invited to sign the letter to Ms. Hermann, member of the board of Coca Cola™, requesting that they reveal the source of their Dasani™ bottled water on their labels.
<http://www.thinkoutsidethebottle.org/>
- ECPAT-USA is asking our support in passing Senate bill 2925 that would provide crucial funding to develop and enhance comprehensive, collaborative efforts to combat the commercial sexual exploitation of children in the U.S. Sample letters and mailing address available at www.ecpatusa.org/EcpatUSA_PDF/NewLaw.doc
- The committee encourages the purchase of the Soft Hands-Kind Heart Hand Cream. The tube costs \$10, and the Body Shop donates \$6 of each purchase to ECPAT-USA. May be purchased in store or online at www.thebodyshop.com/stop
- The committee is looking at PW support of Project Peanut Butter. This project provides a home-based therapeutic feeding that has been declared by the World Health Organization to be the most effective method by which to restore malnourished children to health. www.projectpeanutbutter.org. We are looking to have it included in Together in Service.
- We are trying to update the Justice and Peace Network. Please report the **current** and soon-to-be-elected J&P representatives in your synod to the chair of the Justice and Peace Committee.

Leadership Enhancement Committee (LEC)

Ann Barnwell, chair

Leadership Training

- LEC sampled the Leadership Training that will be held in Orlando on September 24–26, 2010, for three women from each synod. Feedback was used to update the training's final

design. Funding was approved by CCT for the training.

- Leadership Development Grant forms C and D are updated and will be available online.

Ministries

- Sisters Stand & Walk Together progress reports were received and reviewed from the Synods of the Mid-Atlantic, South Atlantic and Pacific.
- LEC received three-year strategic plan from the Newly Retired Women Task Group and are implementing some of the recommendations (article for CCT quarterly mailing and suggestions for *Horizons* articles).

Online Technology

- An online calendar will be submitted to be added to the PW page on the PC(USA) website.

Connection

- Congregation PWs are urged to send contact information for the database.
- LEC members reported contact as liaisons to two synod PWs each and will continue this relationship.

Mission Relationships Committee (MRC)

Martha Knickel, chair

- The Healthy Women, Healthy Families project (Mothers' Day Card), which supports work in Ethiopia, Sudan, Malawi, and Congo, has been expanded to include 10 different medical procedures, including cervical cancer testing, fistula surgery, prenatal care, immunizations and nutritional rehabilitation. A new bulletin insert, information sheet, and card are available. The 2010 card goal represents a 20 percent increase over 2009. There are no specific donation suggestions or deadlines for submission of funds. Some of new services/procedures cost as little as \$1, but the committee suggests women donate according to what it would cost an American woman for the procedure. Costs for specific procedures

are at www.pcusa.org/health/international/mothersday.htm. A copy of the new Mother's Day Card will be provided in next Quarterly Mailing.

- The USAME participant selection has been completed; the process is now closed. There will be 15 synod participants and six staff. The group plans to visit churches, schools, and historical sites.
- The committee has arranged a one-year trial of the Roma Development Project: Weaving a Future, which will feature a basket-making microenterprise in Ukraine. There will be 250 baskets that will sell for \$10 each. A promotional flier with more information will be available soon.
- Elizabeth de Sanchez, moderator of the women's program in Guatemala, will attend the World Alliance of Reformed Churches United General Assembly meeting in Michigan in June. This will help support leadership development for Central American women and nurture mission relationships.
- PW continues to partner with RECONCILE, a project promoted by the PC(USA) Sudan Mission Network that received a 2009 Thank Offering grant. RECONCILE promotes civic education and trauma healing to help resolve conflicts between communities and tribes in Sudan. A brochure from the network will be available soon.
- TRIP (Transformation in Partnership) program update (information available on website):
 - The Russia trip is cancelled.
 - The Women of Reformation tour is on schedule with seven registrations received.
 - There are currently no registrations for the Eastern Europe trip; must have minimum of 10 by June 1.
 - Promote destinations for 2011: Egypt and Congo, and USAME El Paso/Juarez repeat.

Reminders

- ♣ Quarterly Mailing Deadline: March 22, 2010
- ♣ The Churchwide Gathering is July 18–22, 2012
- ♣ Remind your CTs to arrange for Carissa Herold to provide materials for upcoming events
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