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Happy Thanksgiving!

This is a time to make a list of the things we are grateful for - and you are all on my list. Thank you for being there and responding to all of my e-mails.

Just an up-date for you. Our "core" team is planning a meeting in December to plan our future meetings and to evaluate our positions and to see how we can better serve.

Speaking of evaluating:

I have sent out a letter and a survey form regarding our Leadership Training that Loretta Teter and I attended in Orlando. We are "Taking it to the Congregations", this is the plan. This information is meant for the church and we know that the time has come to evaluate what we are doing, see how effective we are and make whatever changes we need to make. I know, in many cases, it most certainly is time to evaluate and Loretta and I would love to come to your church group meetings and help you and share what we learned in Orlando. It was really a wonderful meeting and I am excited about the program. If for some reason you have not received the information, let me know and I will see that you get it. I do encourage the PWP's to get these letters to their Cluster Leaders and on to the congregations.

I am not what you might call 'technology savvy' and I have had some problems with my equipment. I DO think that I have it under control now and am able to forward everything to you that you may need.

Let us work together and make these next years really memorable. I am anxious to come and talk with you about *anything that we need to talk about* and help in any way that I can.

I see from the churches in my Presbytery that many have dwindled to a small number and it is something that we need to put into our focus and make whatever corrections and changes that need to be made . I know that we cannot stop people from going home to heaven or moving about here on earth. We can, however, add to our numbers. There are options

and we may need to step into a new era. It is not frightening, it can be wonderful, fun and productive. We decided in Orlando that we will eliminate the word “but” and replace it with ‘and’. We can do it if we work together and I am anxious to get started.

We have sat and looked at the problem long enough! It is time to start looking at the solution and acting on it. It started a long time ago, and we have slowed down a little, however, we are coming back to the front line and starting to do battle to make PW even stronger than ever. (And that is going some - we have always been a strong organization.)

It is almost November and time for us to start churning up for next year and may it be a year to be remembered.

Until later - Blessings,
Jackie