

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN  
PRESBYTERY OF THE MID-SOUTH  
2008-2009 Annual Report to the PW Synod of Living Waters**

**September 16, 2009**

**This was a very exciting year for PW in the Presbytery of the Mid-South.**

**Our 2008 Fall Workshop Gathering was held on October 4, 2008 at Evergreen Presbyterian Church, Memphis, TN and we were fortunate to have Anna McIlwain, our 2008 Synod's Global Exchange Representative to Eastern Europe as our Keynote Speaker. There were several interesting workshops for participants to attend with terrific presenters.**

**As usual, our Annual Spring Gathering is always an outstanding time for us to connect with women throughout the Presbytery. On April 2, 2009 over 123 women met at Advent Presbyterian Church in Memphis, TN to witness the events of the day. The Reverend Carol Tate delivered an inspiring message entitled "Evangelism by Food." The recipients of the 2009 Mission Grants were announced as follows: Woodland United PC (\$100), Cordova PC (\$100), Parkway Gardens United PC (\$100), Germantown PC (\$100), Grace PC/ Bartlett (\$100), First Presbyterian PC/Memphis (\$500). The new officers for 2009-2010 were elected and installed. The offering was received to benefit the Columbia Friendship Circle and Johnson Auxiliary. Moderator Kathrine Getske ended the meeting by passing the gavels to incoming Moderator Vashti E. Crowder.**

**The highlight of the year was when 13 women from our Presbytery had the opportunity to attend the 2009 Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women in Louisville along with over 2500 women from all over the world on July 11-15, 2009. We carried 50 (\$20) gift cards to benefit the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program and the Bellwood Presbyterian Home for Children. Six Mission Project posters from our Presbytery among hundreds that lined the long "Wall of Wonder Mission Projects" display. We all had a wonderful time.**

**The 2009 Bible Study Gathering was a huge success. It was held at the same place as usual, the beautiful Pinecrest Conference and Retreat Center in LaGrange, TN on August 29. We were fortunate enough to have The Reverend Dr. Kendra Hotz, Assistant Professor of Religious Studies at Rhodes College, to review the Bible Study, *Joshua: A Journey of Faith*. We were also fortunate to have the respected and accomplished vocal artist, Jennifer Bynum as our song leader. The attendance was great. We had 122 present representing 22 churches.**

**Now we are looking forward to our Fall Workshop Gathering on October 3, 2009 at Germantown Presbyterian Church, Germantown, TN.**

**Vashti E. Crowder, Moderator**