

Update to
Moderator's Challenge
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Some exciting things are happening in PW! In August we started a website for PW of the Synod of Living Waters. Shortly after that I issued a challenge to all churches in our four-state area—namely for each group of Presbyterian women to start **one** new project that would be of benefit to women or children.

One woman told me that her church was small, and not to count on them to be able to do anything. The next thing I knew, they had started a knitting and crocheting group and were making baby caps for our mission projects in Africa!

Another person told me that she was the only knitter in her church. I encouraged her to think of other ways that non-knitters could participate. Last I heard, they were planning to have a “baby shower” at a circle meeting and send the items to the service center in Maryland where interest from a previous Birthday Offering Grant provides money for shipping them on to Africa.

In my own church, someone found two black garbage bags of sheets that were probably collected when we were rolling bandages. I said, “I know what to do with them!” After a short discussion, we agreed to put a crib in the back of the sanctuary and invite the congregation to fill it with baby items and sheets. It is getting full!

As you can see, the new projects don't have to be complicated or time consuming. Some churches are starting new circles; some are developing interest groups to attract younger women; some are considering being prayer partners with women in churches that don't have a PW group going. One group is meeting with folks from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary to decide ways for PW to work with future pastors.

What is happening in your church? In your Presbytery?

Our PWS website is a perfect vehicle for getting inspiration and ideas for new projects and for Telling Your Story when you have responded to the challenge.

Our website is www.pwslivingwaters.org

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We look forward to hearing from you!