

Moderator's Message

October 2, 2008

Last Spring as I was making my rounds of seven Spring Gatherings I spoke to two groups on the topic, "We are the Hands of Christ." I challenged each person present to find new ways to serve others with your hands. We generated large lists of things that we could do:

- cook for homebound
- serve food at a shelter
- hold a book while reading to children/bed patients
- drive someone to medical appointments
- write a check for one of our PW projects

The list went on. I think you get the idea.

I personally promised (in public!) that I would use my hands to notify those in charge that I support or am against certain policies. Our Peace and Justice gals in both the Synod and my Presbytery have been informing me about issues for a long time. It was only today that I finally took action. I wrote to my Senator about my concern about the cost and length of political campaigns. And I wrote to the White House expressing my concern that the United States has not fully supported the Kyoto Protocol, a treaty some countries have signed to stop global warming.

I am not suggesting you support any given project; I AM encouraging everyone to DO something. My Moderator's Challenge is ongoing, and I am encouraged by the number of churches that have started new mission projects. Details about the Challenge are on our Website: www.pwslivingwaters.org

Summer has now become fall, and I know that many PW projects are underway. In fact, I have visited some of you, and I have plans for other visits. May we all feel God's support as we continue to live out our wonderful purpose in Prayer, Bible Study, Mission, Justice and Peace.

Blessings,

Your Moderator,
Mary Weber