

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
NORTH ALABAMA PRESBYTERY
2008-2009 Annual Report to the PW Synod of Living Waters

October 2009

Our 2008 Fall Gathering was held September 9, 2008 at Faith Presbyterian Church in Huntsville, AL. Reverends Jania Anderson and Houston Hodges presented a video program produced by the youth group of Athens First Presbyterian Church. Stella Wilson displayed numerous prayer shawls and presented information on starting prayer shawl ministries with PW groups. An offering of \$843.23 was received and sent to the Presbyterian Children's Home in Talladega, AL.

On April 14, 2009, our Spring Gathering was held at Fellowship Presbyterian Church in Huntsville, AL. In addition to being inspired by the Huntsville Gospel Choir, Anna McIlwain presented a slide show on her recent PW Global Exchange trip to Eastern Europe. Mary Weber installed our new officers and gave an update on Mission Haven. An offering of \$1489.00 was received and sent to Mission Haven to help in refurbishing living quarters for missionaries home on furlough. We were glad to have Rev. John Herndon preside at our communion service. John has since retired after a long successful career at Fellowship. Hopefully he will remain in North Alabama and continue to be the strong supporter of PW he has always been.

Two from North AL Presbytery attended the Columbia Friendship Circle Board Meeting in Decatur, GA, on Oct 22, 2008, and several others attended Come See Columbia Day on April 16, 2009, where we were able to hear outgoing Columbia Seminary President Laura Mendenhal preach.

As a member of the Alabama/ Mississippi Women's Conference Planning Team, I attended and helped plan the very successful conference that was held July 22-24, 2009 in Starkville, MS. Only two from NAP were able to attend, as seven of us had just returned from the Churchwide Triennial Women's Conference in Louisville, KY July 11-15, 2009. Both conferences were outstanding and we were blessed to have the Joshua Bible Study author, Mary Mikhael, at both conferences. By the end of AL/MS, we felt that we had really gotten to know her and were very excited to get back home and involved in this year's Bible Study.

An important focus for us this year has been to make sure everyone is aware that next year's PW Synod Triennial Gathering will be June 3-5, 2010, hosted by First Presbyterian Church in Huntsville, AL. Stella Wilson, our present PW Vice Moderator, represents us on that planning team, and tells us that the program will be something we will all enjoy.

Lucy Harris
North AL Presbytery PW Moderator, 2008-2010