

# **2011 Annual Report**

## **PW Synod of Living Waters**

### **PWS Historian - Barbara Snyder**

May 17, 2011

A mailing was sent on August 6, 2010 to each PWP Historian listed in our PWS directory or on the PWS website. The 2010 mailing included the following material:

- 1) Cover letter
- 2) Historical Report Form (Revised)
- 3) Historian Duties from PW Manual
- 4) PW Historian Workshop Training Material
- 5) H-2: What Are the Responsibilities of a PW Historian?
- 6) H-3: When and Where Do I Send My History?
- 7) H-4: How Does the PW Historian in the Presbytery Work with the Congregations?
- 8) Helpful Hints for Historians
- 9) 2010 Annual Report, PW of Synod of Living Waters

#### **Reporting Date Schedules**

The churchwide dates for submitting the PW Historian Reports every year are:

<u>Date</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Send To</u>	<u>With Copy To</u>
January 31	PWC	to PWP	Columbia Theological Seminary
March 31	PWP	to PWS	
April 30	PWS	to Presbyterian Historical Society to PW Churchwide Historian	

Presbytery History Reports for 2010 were received in a variety of formats, from completed Annual Report Form summaries for the Presbytery or all individual congregation reports to a combination of both. Some congregations sent only necrology reports or narrative histories only and did not complete a Historical Annual Report Form. The differences in the methods of reporting and the absence of reports from five PWP Historians and an undetermined number of congregations make it difficult to summarize the historical information from the Synod. Attachment A lists the presbyteries and congregations whose reports for 2010 were received. Attachment B summarizes the statistical data received. At times, the data was gleaned from narrative reports. As of May 17, 2011, seven (7) PWP Annual Historical Reports were received. These reports represent the reports of one hundred twenty-seven (127) congregations.

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**Annual Historical Reports Received:**

**PWP Reports:**

Presbytery of East Tennessee (Evelyn Flores)  
Presbytery of Mid-Kentucky (Frances Cotton)  
Presbytery of Mid-South (Edith Wells)  
Presbytery of St. Andrew (Andrea Marshall)  
Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley (Dotty Lessley)  
Presbytery of South Alabama (Betty Sweet)  
Presbytery of Western Kentucky (Brenda Wright)

**No PWP Annual Historical Reports were received from the following:**

Holston Presbytery  
Presbytery of Middle Tennessee  
Presbytery of Mississippi  
Presbytery of North Alabama  
Presbytery of Transylvania (received one PWC report directly from congregation)

**Confirmation of Receipt of PWP Reports and PWS Report submissions:**

On May 17, 2010, original histories were sent to the PC(USA) Department of History, and a report was sent to the PW Churchwide Historian, Joan Berglund.

On May 16, 2010, E-mail messages were sent to all PWP Historians to advise them of the final status of their reports, whether or not they had submitted a PWP report to me. Individual comments and suggestions were made. It should be noted that a number of telephone and E-mail communications with Presbytery and Congregation Historians were made during March, April and early May.

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Submitted by Barbara Snyder  
PWS Historian  
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**PWC Statistical Report**

**ATTACHMENT A: Congregations Reporting**

Presbytery of East Tennessee (10)

Crossroads	Lake Hills
Eastminster	New Hope
Farragut	New Providence
First, LaFollette	Northside, Chattanooga
Greenback First	Northside, Cleveland

Holston Presbytery - No Report Received

Presbytery of Middle Tennessee - No Report Received

Presbytery of Mid-Kentucky (18)

Beulah	Jeffersontown
Columbia/Union	Meadowview
Crescent Hill	New Goshen
Faith	Peace
First, Elizabethtown	Second, Louisville
Fourth, Louisville	South Frankfort
Harvey Browne	Strathmore
Hebron	Trinity
Highland	Westwood

Presbytery of Mid-South (18)

Balmoral	First, Paris, TN
Bethel	First, Piggott, AR
Buntyn	First, Somerville, TN
Collierville	Germantown
Cordova	Grace, Bartlett, TN
Evergreen	Idlewild
Farmington	Memphis First
First, Caruthersville, MO	Parkway Gardens United
First, Jackson, TN	Woodland United

Presbytery of Mississippi - No Report Received

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Presbytery of North Alabama - No Report Received

Presbytery of St. Andrew (6)

Booneville	Leland
First, Greenwood	Ripley
First, Starkville	St. James

Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley (49)

Brown Memorial	*Bethel
Center Point	*Bold Springs
Chapel in the Pines	*Butler
Church of the Good Shepherd	*Calvary
Covenant, Tuscaloosa	*Church of the Covenant, Anniston
First, Anniston	*Edgewood
First, Auburn	*First, Alexander City
First, Birmingham	*First, Bessemer
First, Sylacauga	*First, Dadeville
First, Talladega	*First, Eufala
First, Tuscaloosa	*First, Livingston
First United, Forestdale	*First, Wetumpka
Five Mile	*Grace, Trussville
Independent, Birmingham	*Grace Covenant, Birmingham
Oakmont	*Hadden
Shades Valley	*Harper Chapel
South Highland	*Memorial, Montgomery
Southminster	*Mountain Brook
Springville	*Montevallo
Unity	*New Trinity
Westminster, Montgomery	*Northern Heights
	*Odenville
	*University
	*Valley Creek
	*Westminster, Birmingham
	*Westminster, Tuskegee Institute

[\*denotes Necrology report only]

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Presbytery of South Alabama (11)

Cottage Hill	Green Hill
Evergreen	Orange Beach
First, Andalusia	Swift
First, Foley	Trinity
First, Bay Minette	Westminster
Government Street	

Presbytery of Transylvania (1) - No Report Received from PWP Historian  
Nicholasville - Report received directly from congregation

Presbytery of Western Kentucky (14)

(Names of congregations gleaned from narrative summary)

Bowling Green	Highland
Calvert City	Murray
First, Hopkinsville	Paducah United
First, Mayfield	Princeton
First, Owensboro	Round Pond
First, Paducah	Trenton
Henderson	Westminster

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**Attachment B: Statistical Data (Adjusted)**

One hundred twenty-seven (127) PWC's submitted an Annual Historical Report from eight (8) of the twelve (12) presbyteries in the Synod of Living Waters. Several PWC's and PWP's submitted the statistical information within their overall narrative history or narrative summary. All reports did not give data for the same categories. Some forms varied, and some items were not consistently completed. The following data is based on an interpretation of all the different methods of reporting.

**Number of Active PW: 2956**

Some submitted the actual number of women in the congregations, but also listed the number of "active" women. Some listed the number of women "active" in their circles. This total would actually be somewhere between the number of women in the congregations and the number of women active in circles.

**Number of Circles: 202**

This total seems to be an accurate number of circles in the congregations who reported. Though not all were described, some are day circles, some are night circles, and some are described as special activity circles.

**Church Leadership:**

**Women on Session: 658**

**Other leadership positions: 505**

This item was not addressed consistently or clearly about which other leadership positions were included.

**Special Awards: 21 Lifetime Memberships** awarded. No PW Reading Awards were reported.

**Necrology: 260**

**Offerings: (total reported)**

<b>Birthday Offering</b>	<b>\$ 30,198.28</b>
<b>Thank Offering</b>	<b>\$ 21,982.67</b>
<b>Least Coin</b>	<b>\$ 2,607.07</b>
<b>Other Mission</b>	<b>\$130,901.20</b>

**Bible Study:** All PWC's indicated they used a Bible study; the overwhelming majority use the Horizons Bible Study.

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**Other Frequently Reported Data:**

The following missions and projects were among the most frequently reported to have been supported by PWC's in 2010:

- Mission Pledges
- Church Women United
- Columbia Friendship Circle
- Mission Haven
- Presbyterian Children's Homes
- Presbyterian Camps
- Shoebox Project
- Samaritan's Purse
- Sunset Gap
- Heifer Project
- Living Waters for the World
- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
- Scholarships and campus ministries
- Medical benevolence projects
- Child development and child care
- Family and domestic abuse shelters
- Food pantries and soup kitchens
- Sewing and knitting projects
- Haiti relief