

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN PRESBYTERY OF SHEPPARDS AND LAPSLEY

2010-2011 Annual Report

The PW of Sheppards and Lapsley continued to make a noticeable difference in our presbytery this past year. We enjoyed an excellent Horizon's Bible Study, "Journeys Through Revelation, Apocalyptic Hope for Today", written by The Rev. Barbara Rossing. The studies were much enhanced by well done overviews at our four Fall Gatherings and at the annual Alabama/ Mississippi PW Conference held in '10 in Mobile, AL.

Mission is the PWP's "middle name". There was wide spread participation in the Birthday Offering and the Thank Offering as well as the Mission of the Church Worldwide. PW continues to be the largest giver of undesignated funds to General Assembly Mission. Gifts funneled through the PWP treasurer have totaled approximately \$60,000 with another \$20,000 + given to the Congo mission and Living River. We also sent money in support of Living Waters for the World's synod project. Many "hands-on" efforts were also reported and numerous missions supported financially as well.

Our Annual Spring Gathering was held in Anniston at First Presbyterian Church. We enjoyed their gracious hospitality. A special opportunity was given to PWC's and special projects for displays of their mission efforts and it was enjoyed by the participants who learned of new ways to do mission during an extended break time. We also concentrated on Columbia Seminary hearing from Senior Jason Hammersley, a recipient of a Columbia Friendship Circle Scholarship and from Carol Rylee, Westminster, Montgomery, who is the newly appointed Representative for Mission Haven Furlough Home for Missionaries (and its attached Clothes Closet). And as always we enjoyed hearing about work at the Presbyterian Home for Children. All are supported by our PW.

The moderator has attended and participated in Council meetings as well as Presbytery meetings – both with Voice and Vote. We sincerely appreciate the support of the presbytery and commit ourselves to "strengthen the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and to witness to the promise of God's Kingdom".

Respectfully,

Carolyn Jordan, Moderator, 2009-2012
Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley

