

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN PRESBYTERY OF SHEPPARDS AND LAPSLEY

2008-2009 Annual Report to Synod PW
October 2009

This report is submitted by Carolyn Jordan, PW Presbytery Moderator, 2009-2011. It covers primarily the time when the Moderator was Dean Vandegrift who served until March, 2009.

The PW of Sheppards and Lapsley had a blessed and productive year. We enjoyed an excellent Horizon's Bible Study, "Jubilee, Luke's Gospel to the Poor", written by Dale Lindsay Morgan, an old friend. The studies were much enhanced by well done overviews at our four Fall Gatherings and at the annual Alabama/ Mississippi PW Conference held in '08 in Birmingham at a church with housing in a hotel for the first time. (This was reinforced in '09 with the same format in a smaller Mississippi town).

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. Closer to home the "Necklace mission" provided thousands of dollars for our presbytery's Congo Partnership. (Mary Weber brought some crocheted necklaces to AL/MS and spurred a number of our PW's to start making and selling them for a minimal donation. I has been an enormous success and we all love wearing them). We were also able to make a nice donation to our own Living River Retreat and Conference Center on the Cahaba's campaign.

A Racial Ethnic Dialog in Birmingham was well attended and it is hoped that another will be planned in the next year.

Our Annual Spring Gathering was held in Montgomery at Memorial Church that has seen some tough times including a church split and is rebuilding itself and the PW is again alive and well. We enjoyed their gracious hospitality.

The past moderator and now the present one have 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, 2009-2011
Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley