

PW, Synod of Living Waters
Moderator's Yearly Report
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The past year for Presbyterian Women in the Synod of Living Waters has been exciting. In addition to Presbytery wide events—Gatherings, Cluster Meetings, Spiritual Retreats, Bible Study, Mission Projects and so on—there have been a number of area, Synod and Churchwide events.

All who went to the Churchwide Gathering, “God Will Do Wonders Among You,” were energized. It was deemed by many as “the best Gathering ever!” Special thanks to our own Bligh Jones of the Presbytery of South Alabama, who chaired the Plenary Session committee.

Kudos to the Women in Alabama and Mississippi who put together a wonderful conference each year. This year they persevered in spite of initial low response and had “one of the most meaningful times” yet. Bible Study by Mary Mikhael, author of this year’s Horizon’s Study on Joshua, and a special themed dinner were highlights of the conference.

Columbia Seminary continues to be a focus of many of our PW groups. Giving for their Friendship Circle, which sponsors scholarships for married students with children, exceeded their goal of \$60,000—one thousand for each year that the program has been in existence. Thanks to all who participated. Mission Haven is also well advertised and supported throughout the Synod. It has been good to learn that a lot of work had been done to the homes to make them comfortable for new families who are moving in.

Our website, www.pwslivingwaters.org continues to evolve and serve as a means of communication throughout our Synod. We continue to appreciate the work of our webmaster, Polly Banks of Sheppards and Lapsley Presbytery. Each Presbytery also has a newsletter, and many are being circulated through our website as well as in printed versions.

June 3-5, 2010 will be our next Synod Triennial PW Gathering in Huntsville, AL. The committee has a wonderful program planned around the theme of “Celebrate God’s Goodness,” and we are challenging each Presbytery to send at least 20 women. Moderator-elect Jackie Riddle of Holston Presbytery will become moderator at that meeting.

PW continues. We pray for God’s direction as we go forward.

Blessings,
Mary Weber, Moderator of Presbyterian Women
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