

## **PWP Moderator Report, 2010-2011**

### **Presbytery of Transylvania**

You know that saying, “The women are the ones who do the work in the church.” Well, that may not be the literal truth, but the PW’s are really busy doing God’s work. In our Presbytery, we have 90 churches; about one-half have an active PW, and they are mighty, making a huge difference in their respective communities. For example, one small church has a PW of about seven women. They fill backpacks with food from God’s Pantry for 30 school children to take home each weekend so they will have something to eat. This is every weekend, even during summer. At another church, a circle has a “to order” bake sale each year and they raise over \$2000, which they vote on for local, state, national and international mission projects to whom they send donations. Amazing. There is widespread worldwide mission, such as monies being sent to the Living Waters for the World project. Our Presbytery is quite mission focused.

At our Fall Gathering on September 11, 2010, at Camp Burnamwood, Dr. John Stempel, former director of the University of Kentucky Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce, was our keynote speaker. Dr. Stempel served in the Middle East and is the author of *Inside the Iranian Revolution*. His topic was: “The Why and Response of 9/11.” He brought us a lot of insight into the problems of 9/11. He said that less than 1% of the Muslims in the world are violent. Most want to live in peace with everyone. Dr. Stempel’s message was: We need to learn to live together or we will destroy each other. A very lively question and answer session followed Dr. Stempel’s talk.

At our Spring Gathering in April 2011 at the First Presbyterian Church, Maysville, we were blessed to have The Rev. James Garrett from Louisville, who is on the all-volunteer National Response Team, share with us about how our donations to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance are directly being used. We are very blessed to have these resources in Louisville (PCUSA) so close to us that we can utilize. Also for our Fall Gathering on September 17, 2011, we will have The Rev. Dr. Marian McClure Taylor, Executive Director of the Kentucky Council of Churches, as our speaker.

Most all of our churches used the “Journeys Through Revelation, Apocalyptic Hope for Today” *Horizons* Bible study. Such study helped us to realize that in spite of earthly powers and awful evil we all see in the world causing suffering, God will triumph in the end. That is the promise. Thanks be to God.

Our PWP coordinating team is serious about respective responsibilities. On October 15, 2011, at Shakertown, KY, with help from Ann Ferguson, PW Program Coordinator from the PCUSA Louisville office, we will have a training event to facilitate learning more about Robert’s Rules of Order and each of our duties.

I have participated in Presbytery meetings with both voice and vote. The Presbytery supports PW for which we are appreciative. In fact, a former Executive Presbyter was so supportive of us and having the Presbytery recognize us with voice and vote, we made him an Honorary Life Member in Presbyterian Women!

Respectfully,  
Ellen Clark Marshall, Moderator 2010-2012