

**WORLD MISSION CELEBRATION  
OCTOBER 2009  
CINCINNATI, OHIO**

The World Mission Celebration was indeed a celebration of all the missions that the Presbyterian Church (USA) is involved with around the world. There were three plenary sessions each day with workshop opportunities between each session.

Alice Wyatt and Martha Knichel presented a workshop on Presbyterian Women. Martha began with a brief history of PW with missions being the focus. Alice followed with a review of Marj Carpenter's book, *"To the Ends of the Earth" Mission Stories from Around the World*.

Martha told of the many opportunities for Study Trips in 2010. She announced the USAME trip to the Dakota to meet and learn about our Native American sisters and the Global Exchange destination of India for the 2011 trip.

Martha told how the Thank Offering began in 1888. She gave examples of recent recipients and the total amount that has been distributed through the years. The generosity of Presbyterian Women continues to be amazing.

Alice followed with the history of the Birthday Offering. She also gave examples of some of the recipients and their stories.

The latest PW brochures and fliers were distributed. Together In Service stories followed with a time for all to tell their stories. The discussion and stories continued during the fellowship time, following the workshop.

Each plenary session featured a Power Point presentation of a different part of the world. Some of the areas featured were Asia and the Pacific, Africa, Middle East, and the Americas. It was very interesting to learn of all areas of the world where the Presbyterian Church (USA) has a presence and partnership.

The fellowship with our Mission Partners and Mission Workers of the church was wonderful. Sharing a meal together was a learning experience. Thank you for the opportunity to serve in the way.

Respectfully submitted:

*Martha Knichel*