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NEWS FROM PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN WASHINGTON PRESBYTERY

Moderator's Corner Nellie Baker

I hope everyone has had a great vacation. I look forward to working with you to promote Presbyterian Women through fellowship and Bible studies.

Our fall gathering will focus on hunger. We will support both Washington & Greene County food banks. Please use the poster insert to promote it in your church.



The 10th anniversary of 9-11 is almost here. Many service groups have been organized as a result of the events of that day. People often ask "what do we do?" In 2009, Sept. 11 was declared a National Day of Service & Remembrance. Commemorative events will take place across the country. Please keep our nation and its leaders in your prayers.

When I think about Presbyterian Women, I

am reminded of a quote from John Wesley. He said, "Do all the good you can, in all the ways you can, to all the people you can, as long as you can." Good advice! I wonder what he would think of our organization?



Mission Pledges

It's that time again! Pledge forms will be mailed to each church early in September. Please prayerfully consider all those that depend on the support we are able to provide. When we give, we make possible incredible changes. If your mission group or your church don't receive a form, please contact Nellie Baker at 724.225.4023, or fhbaker1@comcast.net.

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PW Calendar

**PW Fall Gathering: Oct. 13, 9 AM-1 PM
at Presbyterian SrCare, Washington.,
Lunch \$5**

**Churchwide Gathering: July 18-22,
Gaylord Palms Resort, Florida**

Nobody can do everything, but everyone can do something.

TOGETHER IN SERVICE *2010-11 PW Synod of the Trinity
Special Mission Projects*



Home for Girls at Risk in Pakistan through the Presbyterian Education Board (PEB)

Home for Girls at Risk - Pakistan Presbyterian Education Board in Pakistan UPDATE

With the Mission Offerings from our 4 Regional Gatherings and with most of our Presbyteries contributing to our PW

Synod Mission Project – The SHE Project for Girls at Risk, Presbyterian Education Board of Pakistan, we have donated **\$15,427.21** to this project. At the regional gatherings another **\$1,501** was collected from the purchase of scarves and products made

by the women learning employment skills in the program. Thank you for generously supporting this mission project. Keep Veeda Javid, Director in your prayers as well as the SHE Project for Abused Girls and Women.

Support PW Mission Projects!

*But as for me, I walk in integrity; redeem me, and be gracious to me.
My foot stands on level ground; in the great congregation I will bless the Lord.
-Psalm 26:11-12*

Roma Development Project

By establishing microenterprise for Roma women in Eastern Europe, PW is assisting with selling baskets made by the women. It is income generating and a source of hope for themselves and their families. Baskets were sold at the gatherings and **\$449** collected. Interested in selling them?



Call Carissa Herold, Presbyterian Women Telephone # 888-728-7228, ext 5322, 100 Witherspoon St., Louisville, KY, 40202.

An assortment will be mailed

SCARF SALE INFORMATION!

Are you interested in selling scarves at a church function or Presbytery meeting?

Contact: Friends of PEB -Anne Kidd Telephone # 719-213-6407

www.friendsofpeb.org
605 Echoglen Ct
Colorado Springs, CO 80906



PEACEMAKING/HUNGER/JUSTICE

*May Peace Prevail On Earth!***Good News!**

Washington Presbytery has recently been recognized as being one of the top 25 Presbyterian groups OUT OF NEARLY 1,400 across the country, that purchased the highest volume of Equal Exchange fairly traded coffee, tea, chocolate & snacks through the Presbyterian Coffee Project in 2010.

By supporting fair trade, you have helped small farmers to stay on their land, plan for the future and care for our environment.

Your continued use of fair trade products demonstrates that together Presbyterians can make a significant difference in alleviating hunger. Kudos to you!!!!

**Crisis deepens in the Horn of Africa as famine spreads**

In all, more than 11 million people desperately need help in the na-tions of eastern Africa stricken by drought, conflict and rising food prices. If the world doesn't act quickly enough, **some 566,000 children fighting severe malnutrition could lose their struggle to survive.** There can be no world peace as long as God's children go hungry.

God, surround our suffering brothers and sisters with Your presence.

Strengthen and encourage them, and all those who are working to help them.

And give us, who have enough to eat, a profound hunger for justice that motivates us to deep generosity, so that the suffering might end.

We pray in the name of Jesus,
who came to bring abundant life to all. Amen.

It's time to order
World Communion
Sunday
Peacemaking
Offering resources:
[www..pcusa.org/
peacemaking/
worship](http://www.pcusa.org/peacemaking/worship)

and [www.pcusa.org/
peacemakingofferin
g/orderform.htm](http://www.pcusa.org/peacemakingoffering/orderform.htm)

"Half the world is starving; the other half is on a diet. We are not privileged because we deserve to be. Privilege accepted should mean responsibility accepted."

-Madeleine L'Engle

Tea and Solar Cookers?



Dear Friends:

Have you and your family ever had a camp fire? Have you ever felt the unfortunate turn of wind which blows smoke right into your face and eyes? Have you ever run short on wood when it was necessary to keep the fire going? Now, imagine that fire was your only way to cook- and your neighbor's only means to cook and their neighbors' only means to cook. That's a lot of smoke-and even more wood. Cooking over a fire such as this, day in and day out, proves to be both health-hazardous and physically draining. Not to mention the effects on the environment of the prolonged need for wood to burn. This is an issue that people in Ethiopia (Africa) have been struggling to solve for some time now. With all the technological advances in sustainable energy- now is the time to act to find a solution to this problem.

The Partnership for Integrated Sustainable Development Association (PISDA) is embarking on a journey to train 15 individuals to build and use solar cookers to distribute throughout Ethiopia. By integrating the use of these solar-powered cooking devices into their lives, Ethiopian women will prolong their lives and the lives of their children and their land's resources. This fall, we invite you and your church to be part of a life-changing project in Ethiopia. As you know, the world we live in today is full of uncertainty- especially for those who struggle daily just to make ends meet. Join us for the opportunity to make one thing certain - **God's people are willing to help and share the love of Christ.**

So, what is it that you need to do? Nothing! Let us do the work! All we ask is for participation and listening ears to spread the word about PISDA's endeavor to better lives. Following your church service, we will provide everything necessary to hold a tea. We will offer snacks and refreshments while informing your congregation about the dangers of wood-fire dependence and usage, along with the devastating effects this has had on the women and children as well as the African landscape. Please inform us if you are interested in the following:

- Opportunity to allow us to host a tea following your worship service (all food and materials will be provided free)
- Information will be presented on the problem and the solution
- A love offering will be taken for donations for the solar cooker project (100%)
- Allow one of our speakers to present a 5 minute message to your congregation and your church sponsor a love offering for the solar cooker project (100%)

If your church would be interested in the tea, please contact Anita Campbell at 724.207.3151 or anitacampbell@yahoo.com and we will provide more details and will send you some invitations to pass out as well as an electronic invitation to be placed in your bulletins. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us! We look forward to working with you through our Lord Christ.

***With your help, I can advance against a troop; with my God, I can scale a wall.
-Psalm 18:29***

Blessings,
Anita Campbell, Misty Kevech, Jenn Kevech, Live God 24/7 youth group

Synod Mission Project 2011-20121

ROOT International



Root is a 20 year old nonprofit 'helps' ministry. They work with churches, other ministries and community organizations by transporting donated items to where they are needed. The resources that ROOT provides are food, clothes, household items, small appliances, large appliances, computers, Bibles (especially in Spanish), tracts, school supplies, toys, blankets, vehicles and many other miscellaneous items. The majority of these items are acquired from churches, colleges,

individual donations, and businesses. Root International works across the United States as well as in Mexico to promote and strengthen the capacity and effectiveness of all the various groups with whom they partner.

They have requested funding for two trailers to be used in this mission. The trailers will have ramps, side doors, LCD Lights and vinyl ceiling. One trailer 8x24 and the other 7x16 will cost \$12,000 including taxes, plates, registration fees and other fees.

Creative ways to support this project: Make & sell a root soup this fall. Create a ROOT bank during Advent or Lent or your Sunday School Class, or your mission meetings.

Please send contributions to Mona Lou Dunn. She will forward them to the P. W. Synod treasurer.

If your church or organization should need their services:

ROOT International contact information.

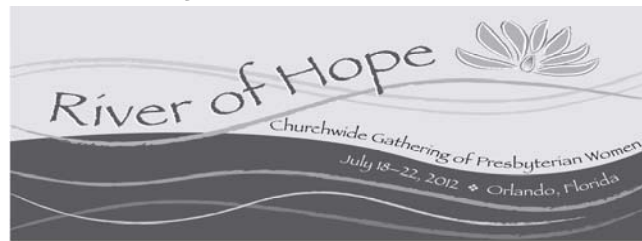
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Church Wide Gathering July 18 - 22, 2012



There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.

—Psalm 46:4–5, NRSV

At the Gaylord Palms Resort and Convention Center in Orlando, Florida.

Registration on or before May 15, 2012, is \$440. After that date, registration is \$480. Registration for the full event includes five meals (lunch on Thursday and Friday; dinner on Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday), all programs, tote bag and program book. Hotel, travel and other meals are additional.

Weekend (Saturday and Sunday) registration is \$155; one-day registration is \$95.

Housing - All sleeping rooms for the 2012 Gathering will be at the Gaylord Palms Resort and Convention Center. Attendees are responsible for making their own hotel reservations and finding roommate(s). Reservations may be made using the housing form in the registration booklet or through a link on the PW Gathering web page. Prices range from \$189 for a basic sleeping room (one to four guests per room) to \$219–225 for a suite (king bed, queen sofa bed, some with a refrigerator). These room rates also will apply three days before and after the Gathering—make it a vacation!

Families Welcome - There will be programs for children ages 6 months through 12 years. And of course, any adult is welcome to come to the Gathering. Bring your spouse, mother, cousin, neighbor or another member of your church and extend your time in Orlando for a vacation!

Gathering Scholarships


Limited Gathering scholarships (for the registration fee only) will be available. Travel, hotel and meals are personal expense. Scholarship applications will be available after September 1, 2011, from PWP moderators, online at www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering, or by calling 888/728-7228, ext. 8015.

Scholarships will be awarded on a first-come,
first-served basis, beginning October 1, 2011—apply early

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