

GENERAL TERMS AND INFORMATION

ANNUAL GATHERING a Presbyterian Women's meeting held once a year, to elect and/or install leaders, review the year's work, plan for the future and share fellowship. The Presbyterian Women in our Presbytery usually hold their PW Gathering in March.

BOOK OF ORDER Part II of the constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) This document contains the Form of Government, Directory for Worship, Rules of Discipline, and the Formula of Agreement. Presbyteries propose changes to the Book of Order to the General Assembly. Proposed changes approved by the General Assembly are ratified by vote of the presbyteries. (Part I of the Constitution in the Book of Confessions)

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED (CWU) A national ecumenical association of Christian churchwomen with international connections which sponsors three annual celebrations – **World Day of Prayer**, (first Friday in March)
May Fellowship, (first Friday in May)
World Community Day, (first Friday in November)
CWU sponsors the Circle of Prayer and the Fellowship of the Least Coin.

COLUMBIA FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE An organization of women in two Synods (South Atlantic and Living Waters) with its own officers and bylaws that supports Columbia Theological Seminary (CTS) through prayer and student scholarships. The annual meeting, "Come See Columbia Day" is usually held at CTS the third Thursday of each April (depending on the date of Easter).

COORDINATING TEAM (CT) The elected and appointed Presbyterian Women leaders (where applicable) in the local congregation, presbytery, synod, and churchwide. The presiding leader for the Coordinating Team is the moderator.

DUVALL HOMES A home and ministry of the Synod of South Atlantic for developmentally disabled children and adults. Located in Deland, FL. (888) 445-4722 info@duvallhomes.org

FLORIDA PRESBYTERIAN HOMES, INC. 16 Lake Hunter Dr., Lakeland, FL 33803, 1-863-688-5521. The corporate name for retirement communities in Florida affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (USA).

FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN Circle of Prayer and the Fellowship of the Least Coin, are sponsored in this country by Church Women United (CWU). These events are held by women around the world who seek to express their oneness in Christ by praying together and giving a common gift, the coin of the least value in their currencies, to support worldwide projects. Prayers should accompany the offering. Devotional booklets are available through CWU.

GATHERING See "Annual Gathering", a meeting of the entire PW membership in the Presbytery. Districts and churches may have additional local gatherings under a variety of circumstances and for different purposes, whether study, social or business.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY COUNCIL The governing body of the Presbyterian Church (USA) composed of an equal number of elders and ministers elected from each presbytery to serve as commissioners at one annual meeting. The meetings are held in a different city each year. The denomination's business is transacted at this assembly.

GLOBAL EXCHANGE Every three years, a group of Presbyterian Women travels to another part of the world to listen to the pain and the joy that their sisters experience and to share their faith stories and ministries with each other. It is a global exchange because, the following year, a group of women from the same part of the world are invited to attend the Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women to tell their stories to their North American sisters.

HEALTHY WOMEN HEALTHY FAMILIES PROGRAM

(Mosquito Prevention Programs (netting project), Mother's Day Card Project to aid African families with programs aimed at alleviating poverty and suffering of women and children. For additional information or to order the Mother's Day cards contact Stephanie Caudill (as of April 2016) at 800-728-7228 x 5279, or stephanie.caudill@pcusa.org.in the PC (USA)'s World Mission office. Give throughout the year at www.presbyterianmission.org/donate/E052136

HEIFER PROJECT INTERNATIONAL With gifts of livestock and training. Heifer projects help families improve their nutrition and generate income in sustainable ways. They refer to their animal donations (ex.; cows, goats, sheep, chickens) as "living loans" because in exchange for their livestock and training, families agree to give one of its animal's offspring to another family in need.

It's called **Passing on the Gift**. (855) 948-6437 heifer.org

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP Presbyterian Women Honorary Life Memberships are given to persons in recognition of outstanding service to Presbyterian Women. The honoree receives a certificate and pin. The money received from these memberships is used to train Presbyterian Women leaders. Cost: \$95 for sterling silver or \$250 for 10K gold. Application is in current Presbyterian Women Directory and can be ordered from Presbyterian Women Presbytery Treasurer. Allow 6 weeks to process.

HORIZONS

100 Witherspoon St., Louisville, KY 40202. The official magazine of Presbyterian Women in the Presbyterian Church (USA). Published bimonthly and includes the annual Bible Study in April.

HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY Annual study prepared by and for Presbyterian Women. It is available from Horizons.

LITTLE DRESSES FOR AFRICA Dresses made from pillowcases. A project for the nondenominational Christian mission organization that provides simple clothing for orphans and school children in Africa, Appalachia and Idaho. The organization's mission is to "plant in the hearts of little girls that they're worthy." Patterns are on the website. littledressesforafrica.org

MISSION HAVEN

This is the operation of homes and apartments in which Presbyterian missionaries and their families may live, rent free, while they are in this country on home assignment. Built, owned and totally operated by Presbyterian Women in the Synods of South Atlantic and Living Waters. Located on the campus of Columbia Theological Seminary. It houses a clothes closet for missionaries and students at Columbia and Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminaries. Located in Decatur, Georgia 30030 (770) 498-0532

MONTREAT CONFERENCE CENTER Montreat, North Carolina - The Presbyterian Church (USA) conference center is located near Asheville, NC.

A variety of Presbyterian conferences are held each year.
P.O. Box 969, 401 Assembly Dr., Montreat, NC 28757 (800) 572-2257
For full details about conferences and lodging: Montreat.org

OFFICER TRAINING WORKSHOPS Training opportunity, usually held in early fall, for most Presbyterian Women officers.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.) (PCUSA) 100 Witherspoon St., Louisville, KY 40202 (888) 728-7228. Website: pcusa.org. This is our Presbyterian denomination. A connectional church with churches in the 50 states and Puerto Rico organized in 16 synods. Related to the denomination are 12 theological schools and seminaries, 65 colleges, 9 secondary schools and numerous homes for children and senior citizens.

PW BIRTHDAY OFFERING A denomination-wide Presbyterian Women's Annual gift (in May) for no more than five recipients, selected prior to the offering being received. The money goes for special causes in our country and in foreign countries alternately. Complete information about projects, giving, and funding proposals: presbyterianmission.org/ministries/pw/birthday/

PW THANK OFFERING An offering of Presbyterian Women received annually in the fall in thanksgiving to God for blessings. The Creative Ministries offering Committee chooses hundreds of recipients after the offering is received. Forty percent of the offering is designated for Health Ministries.

PRESBYTERY One of the governing bodies of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) composed of churches in a geographical area, governed by commissioners elected from among the elders of each congregation. We are the Presbytery of Florida (850) 535-2335 presbteryofflorida.com

RABUN GAP-NACOOCHEE SCHOOL This is a middle and secondary school that is affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). 339 Nacoochee Dr., Rabun Gap, GA 30568 (706) 746-7467 (Admin. Office)

SEMINARIES AND PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGES
Seminaries: Find one of the twelve seminaries: presbyterianmission.org/ministries/seminaries/presbyterian-theological-seminaries-glance

Presbyterian Colleges: There are more than 60 + colleges: presbyteriancolleges.org/apcu-directory.pdf

SESSION The governing body in the local church made up of a specified number of elders elected by the congregation and a minister who serves as moderator.

SYNOD The middle governing body of the Presbyterian Church (USA) composed of three or more presbyteries in a geographical area.

SYNOD OF SOUTH ATLANTIC The Synod of South Atlantic includes 16 presbyteries located in the states of Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina. The office is located at 118 E. Monroe Street, 3rd floor, Jacksonville, FL 32202, 904-356-6070.

THORNWELL HOME AND SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN This is a Synod of South Atlantic ministry for children and families in crisis. Located 302 S. Broad Street. Clinton, SC 29325. (888) 310-9387 info@thornwell.org

TOGETHER IN SERVICE (TIS) A program of Presbyterian Women, church-wide, which provides for others around the world and in local communities. It can include sewing, assembling and contributing needed articles and supplies.

TWO-CENTS-A-MEAL "Cents-ability" Participating churches collect donations or sponsor potential grant recipients to help fight hunger through many levels. Special 2 Cents-a-Meal grants through the Presbytery Hunger Program are available through the Presbytery of Florida. Grant Guidelines and Applications are available through the Hunger Action Enabler, Presbytery of Florida, (850) 535-2335 - presbyteryofflorida.com

UNITED MINISTRIES PENSACOLA mission of United Ministries is to provide assistance to families with dependent children who have emergency needs such as housing and utilities, and to offer hope, encouragement, and spiritual guidance. United Ministries would serve as a "clearing house of compassion," so that families in crisis would no longer need to go from church to church, repeating the story of their circumstances in each place, getting assistance in bits and pieces as they could. united-ministries.com

VILLA INTERNATIONAL ATLANTA This is a temporary residence for foreign visitors to the United States studying at the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) or Emory University. The 1970 Birthday Offering funds helped to build this facility and 1977 funds provided for its expansion.
1749 Clifton Road N.E., Atlanta, GA 30329(404) 633-6783
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WORKSHOPS, GROWTHSHOPS, HELPSHOPS Gatherings held **annually for small group** inspiration, information, and training for local Presbyterian Women leaders and for the general membership of Presbyterian Women.

