



July

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

of Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery

2011



PW PURPOSE

Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves

- To nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study,
- To support the mission of the church worldwide,
- To work for justice and peace, and to build an inclusive, caring community of women
- That strengthens the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and witness to the promise of God's kingdom.

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From the Moderator

Dear Presbyterian Women of Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery,

With a humble heart, *Thank-you* for electing me as your new Moderator for Presbyterian Women of Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery. I am deeply touched by your confidence in me and the privilege of serving Christ through Presbyterian Women.

A special *Thank-you* to Elaine Dodd for all the work she has done as PWEOP Moderator these past two years and continues to do for Presbyterian Women. What a Blessing to serve on the PW Coordinating Team with Elaine and to have her expertise as Mentor, Role-model, and Guide!

As a PW Cluster Coordinator it was a joy to work with women in the Northeast Cluster churches. As a member of the PW Coordinating Team it is a pleasure to plan events with other Team members. As your Moderator, I look forward to meeting and working with women in all the churches throughout our Presbytery.

This is not a job for one person to do alone. Presbyterian Women needs you: your prayers, your talents, and your service. If called upon to serve in a position in Presbyterian Women, please seek God's discernment in determining your answer. I ask that you please keep our entire 2011-2012 Coordinating Team in your prayers.

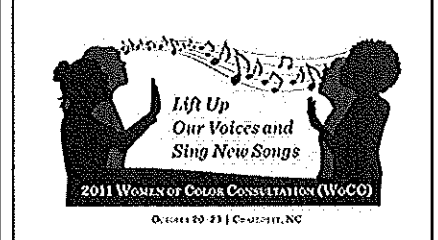
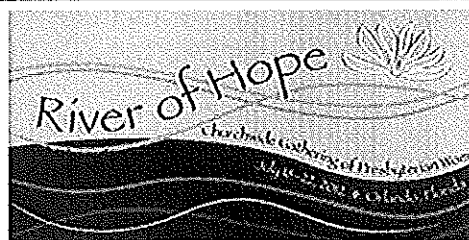
Grace and Peace,
Sandra Hayes, Moderator
Presbyterian Women Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery (PWEOP)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date/2011	Events	Location
August 20	South Fall Workshop	McAlester 1 st PC
August 27	North Fall Workshop	Pryor 1 st Christian Presby.
September 16-17	Presbytery Meeting at... Dwight	Mission, Vian, OK
September 24-25	PW Dwight Retreat	Dwight Mission, Vian
September 25	Native American Sunday	
October 20-23	Women of Color Consultation	Charlotte, NC

The purpose of the Women of Color consultation is for leadership in the church to listen to the voices and concerns of women of color.

July 18-22, 2012	2012 PW Churchwide Gathering "River of Hope"	Orlando, Florida Gaylord Palms Resort
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TOGETHER IN SERVICE/MISSION

Missions at Home and Abroad

PW Synod of the Sun Fifty-Gallon Clean-Up Buckets for Oklahomans

The Missions Group of PW Synod of the Sun has asked our Synod to respond to the needs of victims of the recent Spring disasters in our geographical areas through the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Each Presbytery was assigned a specific item to fill Fifty-Gallon Clean-Up Buckets to be sent to Ferncliff for packaging and distribution to areas in Oklahoma damaged by the storms. Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery was asked to provide latex gloves. Because of the generous contributions of our churches we were pleased to be able to present PW Synod of the Sun with a \$684.00 check from PWEOP at the PW Synod Coordinating Team Meeting in Irving, TX in July to purchase the latex gloves for the PDA.

Dwight Mission

At the June 27, 2011 PW Coordinating Team Meeting at First Presbyterian, Okmulgee, the PWCT voted unanimously to make a \$300.00 donation to Dwight Mission in Memory of Norma Smith, a Past Moderator of PWEOP. A resident of Poteau, Norma was also actively involved in establishing and helping maintain a community theatre which continues presenting year-round live performances.

Norma was a champion of Presbyterian Women, had an infectious enthusiasm for life, and loved Dwight Mission.

Donations for Joyce Mlenga

University of Livingstonia,

College of Education,

Livingstonia, Malawi

In 2005, Rev. Debbie Chase introduced Joyce Mlenga to the women pastors of EOP when she invited them to contribute to a fund to get Joyce started on her doctoral program journey. Many responded and the contributions helped her until she got funding from an American Christian education organization. In the words of Rev. Judy Henderson *“Joyce is now in the homestretch and we have an opportunity to once again help her – this time – over the finish line.”*

Joyce serves on the faculty of the University of Livingstonia, College of Education (Unilla), Livingstonia, Malawi. Unilla has granted Joyce an UNPAID sabbatical leave to come to the United States, starting in September 2011 to write her dissertation. Her family is excited and supportive of her, but this will result in a big gap of lost income - \$1200 – that will cause hardship on her family.

PWEOP voted to donate \$300.00 to Joyce Mlenga’s Fund to help her cross *“over the finish line.”*

For those who would like to help Joyce, make checks payable to: The Livingstonia Foundation, with a memo line to indicate: Joyce Mlenga Fund. Mail to: Livingstonia Foundation, 555 N. E. Jefferson Ave., Chehalls, WA 98532.

Or for more information please contact Rev. Judy Henderson at jhenderson222@sbcglobal.net or 918-622-4403.

PW FALL WORKSHOPS

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend one of the PW Fall Workshops in August. The 2011-2012 Horizons Bible Study is



Confessing the Beatitudes.

The Workshops begin at 9:30 with morning refreshments, Lunch at noon, the Bible Study at 1:00 and will end by 2:00 p. m. Both Workshops will have a Leadership and a Missions Workshop in the morning as well as a special Workshop, and the Bible Study Workshop in the afternoon.

Other details for both Workshops are as follows:

The SOUTH FALL WORKSHOP will be Saturday, August 20 at First Presbyterian, McAlester. A presentation from Hope House will be the third Workshop in the South.

The NORTH FALL WORKSHOP will be Sat., August 27 at First Christian Presbyterian, Pryor. A presentation from Pryor Ministry Center will be the third Workshop in the North.

Remember to bring \$7.00 for Lunch to either Workshop.

Please watch for the Invitation and Registration forms from the Host Churches which should arrive by August 1, 2011.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Fall Workshops as we prepare for a great year of *Confessing the Beatitudes* and work in PW!

*Note of Interest!!
Mother's Day Project*

The Mother's Day Project funds may be received all year long! It is an opportunity to support health projects for women and children in Africa. Gifts to the program support preventive and healthcare services for women and children in Malawi, Sudan, Democratic Republic of Congo and Ethiopia.

PLAN FOR CHURCHWIDE GATHERING JULY 18-22, 2012 GAYLORD PALMS RESORT

REGISTRATION AND SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION AVAILABLE
September, 2011

Registration costs will be:

Full \$440 before May 15, 2012/\$480 after May 15, 2012.

Lodging will be at Gaylord Palms Resort, Orlando, FL.

Scholarship applications will be available after September 1, 2011. Check online at

www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering, or by calling 888/728-7228, ext. 8015.

CHANGE OF OFFICERS

Outgoing PW leaders-- please complete and submit Annual Officer Information Sheet (in packet from spring gathering) to Ellen Barber at your earliest possible convenience so that information will get to the appropriate person.

Ellen Barber, P. O. Box 647, Krebs, OK 74554. If you have questions, call or email Ellen: Elan2105@aol.com or 918-426-1026.

TREASURER REMITTANCE FORM found in the packet from spring gathering...make copies and mail one with each quarter remittance to the treasurer...Carol McMasters, 3800 W. 71st St. #2315, Tulsa, OK 74132. If you have questions, call Carol at (918)388-4408

SEARCH COMMITTEE (form in packet from spring gathering). The search committee continues to need suggestions for Presbyterian Women to serve on the PWCT. Please submit your own name if you are interested in serving.

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OTHER FORMS to download are available on-line from the Presbytery office (eop@sbcglobal.net): Or from Cluster Coordinator and PWCT officers.

- o Leader Development
- o Student Grant/P.W. Scholarship Applications
- o Honorary Life Membership
- o Memorial and Recognition Gifts

53rd Presbyterian Women's Retreat - Dwight Mission

Study "Gift of Prayer"

1 Timothy 2:1-10

Philippians 4:6

Hebrews 7:25

Luke 11:1-4

September 24th & 25th at Dwight Mission

Hosts: Claremore, Blue Rapids, Poteau, Durant,
Pryor and McAlester.

*Come for
Relaxation ~ Rest ~ Prayer ~
and Recreation*

Registration material and more information will arrive in
August

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KNOW US BY OUR ABBREVIATIONS

PC U.S.A.	= Presbyterian Church (United States of America)
PW	= Presbyterian Women
PW CT	= PW Coordinating Team
PWS	= PW in the Synod
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PWP	= PW of the Presbytery
CWG	= Churchwide Gathering
PW-C	= PW in the congregation
GAMC	= General Assembly Mission Council
USAME	= United States of America Mission Experience
PDA	= Presbyterian Disaster Assistant

Storms ravage the Midwestern, Southern and Eastern United States. As we pray for all who have been affected by these events, we remember that "Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth" (Psalm 124:8) and call on the saving power of the Lord Jesus Christ, whom "even the winds and sea obey" (Matthew 8:27). Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is responding. The Office of Theology and Worship has provided resources for prayer and worship. Please join Presbyterian Disaster Assistance with your efforts. Give. Act. Pray.