

To: Presbytery of Riverside
From: Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Riverside
Respectfully submitted by Debbie Law, Moderator
Subject: March 2018 Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery Report

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"All God's Creation Is Very Good!" - World Day of Prayer 2018

Growing in faith as part of a faith community is integral to life with Presbyterian Women. In addition to Presbyterian worship and participation in Presbyterian Women, we nurture our faith ecumenically through World Day of Prayer. In the Presbytery of Riverside, on March 2, 2018, at First Presbyterian Church, San Bernardino, Presbyterian Women in the Synod of Southern California and Hawaii sponsored the World Day of Prayer worship service. World Day of Prayer 2018 celebrated the country of Suriname. The women of Suriname lift up their voices to remind us that we are caretakers of God's creation. They bring to our attention the urgent need for caring. Through this worship service, we listened to the multicultural and multi-ethnic people of Suriname, meditated and responded with our personal commitment to care for creation and affirm what we can do to keep God's creation good. World Day of Prayer celebrates a worldwide ecumenical movement of informed prayer and prayerful action. Since this WDP worship service took place in the Presbytery of Riverside, PW's from around our Presbytery; Beaumont Presbyterian, Calvary Presbyterian, Hemet Presbyterian, Redlands Presbyterian and San Bernardino Presbyterian all had active roles in the WDP worship service. All were welcomed to Worship at 10:00 am and Fellowship at 9:30 am and 11:00 am.

Representation from the Presbytery of Riverside: Susan Skoglund, Moderator of PW Synod of SoCal and Hawaii(FPCSB), was elected as a Commissioned Ruling Elder to the 223rd General Assembly in St. Louis (June 2018). Kelsey Law, PWS Mission MAL(FPCSB), will serve as a delegate of the PCUSA's delegation to the 62nd Commission on the Status of Women at the United Nations in New York (March 2018).

Presbyterian Women in the Congregations:

Beaumont First Presbyterian Church: On February 9th, PW met to hear a speaker from Calicinto Ranch, a camp in San Jacinto. Calicinto's ministry is in giving children of incarcerated parents a life changing experience and a safe place to gather. On May 12th, PW will host Jenny Mambu, our PW participant to the 2017 Global Exchange to Indonesia. All are welcome and can contact Cathy Calhoun at 951-8449-2614 for details.

Calvary Presbyterian Church: PWC at Calvary is extending an invitation to the women at Victoria Presbyterian to their Gatherings at Calvary.

Hemet First Presbyterian Church: In January PW welcomed guest speaker, Angelia Sessler from Community Family Life Center. PW gifted children's blankets and knit caps all hand-made by church members to the Family Life Center for Foster Children. February's Gathering heard speaker Russell Jacobs speak on the life of Waclaw Gazinski, a Holocaust Survivor and former resident of Hemet. Russell spoke on Gazinski's life as a poet, composer, artist, and master wood carver. On March 9th PW hosted the Fun Fashion/Talent Show with the women and men of HFPC modelling clothes from their PW Rummage Sale. PW gather for a Craft Class once a month to make crafts for their up-coming Fall Craft Boutique. PW also continue to make Prayer Shawls for their congregation.

Redlands First Presbyterian Church: In December, PWC welcomed Jenny Mambu, Synod of Southern California and Hawaii 2017 Global Exchange participant to Indonesia. On May 9th, PW will host Mission Day. Hygiene kits and feminine hygiene products will be assembled and made and clothing donations will be collected to send to the Philippines.

San Bernardino First Presbyterian Church: PWC ended the 2017 year with their annual Alternative Christmas Market. The Alternative Christmas Market raised funds for 3 local programs and 2 global programs. PWC opened the year with the 2018 Super Bowl Bake Sale. This Bake Sale raised funds for the PW Mission Pledge. On June 4th, PW will celebrate the Birthday Offering with guest speaker, Nick Cataldo of the Historic Society.

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