

Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Riverside
 Respectfully submitted by: Debbie Law, Moderator
 September 9, 2017 Presbytery Meeting

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

-Hebrews 12: 1-2

Presbyterian Women enter the 2017-2018 year of bible study approaching the book of Hebrews through the lenses of peace, peacemaking, and hope.

On July 7 – 9, 2017, Presbyterian Women in the Synod of Southern California and Hawaii gathered for their Summer Conference “*Guided by the Spirit, Fixing our Eyes on Jesus*” at Chapman University, in Orange, California.

- 34 Presbyterian Women from the Presbytery of Riverside joined 117 of our Sisters from the many Presbyteries in the Synod of Southern California and Hawaii.
- With Rev. Melissa Bane Sevier, author of our 2017-2018 Horizons Bible Study, Carol Winkler, Moderator of Presbyterian Women in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Kathy Reeves, Mission Associate for Presbyterian Women, and Rev. Eugenia Gamble, Mark Hong, Synod Executive and Stated Clerk, all being part of leading Plenary, Forum and Worship, Presbyterian Women renewed the ways we live out our Purpose.
 - Melissa Bane Sevier introduced our Bible Study, “Cloud of Witnesses, The Community of Christ in Hebrew” and spoke to being in community with Jesus Christ, the living God and in community with today’s world and one another.
 - Kathy Reeves spoke about PW Building Bridges at Home and Abroad Through USA Mission Experiences.
 - Carol Winkler spoke about PW Leadership, answering Christ’s call to serve, resourcing the PW Manual, Guide for Groups, and networking to build new energy and ideas for our PW groups.
 - Eugenia Gamble spoke on Finding Your Mission with Eyes Fixed on Jesus. She offered guidance and suggestions on how to listen to community needs to discern when God might be calling you to reach out in new ways.
 - Ann Hayman led the workshop on the book “Waking Up White” by Debbie Irving. It is the first book chosen by the Co-moderators of this past General Assembly as a book all Presbyterians should read and discuss.
- We gathered for plenary sessions and workshops. We welcomed 2 women of the Muslim faith as they led us in their workshop, “Living Peace: Two Muslim Women’s Perspective.” They shared how they are inspired by their faith, relate to Christ, Christians, and live peace every day in today’s America. They graciously answered any of our questions.

On Saturday, September 15, 2017 join Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Riverside and Friends for our Fall Gathering, “Operation Education: Educate a Child, Transform the World”, at **Calvary Presbyterian Church 4495 Magnolia Avenue, Riverside, CA 92501 at 9:30 a.m.** Joining the PC (USA) in its global campaign, the Educate a Child Initiative, this Gathering will feature Sandi Hughes, Regional Director of Operation Christmas Child from Samaritan’s Purse, and together we will answer a Call to Action. Guests will wrap and fill 50 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. Registration is \$8.00 with lunch included. RSVP to Lou Jolliff at jolliff8771@roadrunner.com or (619) 403-3262.

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