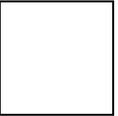


To: Presbytery of Riverside
From: Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Riverside
Respectfully submitted by Debbie Law, Moderator
Subject: September 2020 Presbytery Assembly Report



“so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.”
-Romans 12:45 NRSV

The mission and ministry of Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Riverside continues to use the safest and healthiest ways to support our PWC's and remain part of the solution during this time of concern of Covid-19. During the summer months, our PWC's are planning for the coming year and preparing for the 2020-2021 Horizon's Bible Study by meeting virtually or connecting by phone calls. We continue to learn the technology and find other creative ways to stay connected to ensure we uphold the Presbyterian Women Purpose while being physically distanced from one another.

PW service never ceasing, PWC's are finding safe ways to deliver goods and assemble needed packages. PWC of Beaumont First Presbyterian Church is currently collecting personal hygiene items and assembling hygiene kits. The hygiene kits are donated to Faith In Action of the San Geronio Pass (FIA). FIA will distribute the kits to those that do not have permanent addresses and seeking shelter at Banning Village. PWC of San Bernardino First Presbyterian Church held their Birthday Gathering by ZOOM. Guest Speaker was Kristi Van Nostran. Kristi is the Immigrant Accompaniment Organizer for San Gabriel and Pacific Presbyteries. Kristi supports and aids migrants seeking asylum and plans and organizes travel and/or housing that may be needed upon release from the detention center in Adelanto.

As PWC's in the Presbytery are planning for the 2020-2021 Horizons Bible Study, we have been invited to join PWS in the Synod of Southern California and Hawaii to the 2020 Virtual Fall Gathering, *Into the Light: Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament*, by P. Lynn Miller, on September 19, 2020 from 9:30 am to 12:00 noon. Lynn will give an introduction to the 2020-2021 Bible Study and lead us through an interactive paint and pray. Lynn is an art instructor and the first illustrator and author of a Horizons Bible Study. All are welcome. For registration information, please contact your PWC Moderator. From PW PC(USA), we were also given the opportunity to join live webinars in June, led by Lynn Miller. Lynn guided us through each chapter of the Bible Study, it's theme and what we can expect and learn. Resources, study guides and worksheets were made available to accompany the Bible Study.

To access these materials go to: www.presbyterianwomen.org/into+the+light

July 31st, 2020 celebrated **PW Gives Day**. On this day, PWP Riverside joined our PW sisters in celebrating the 230-year call to mission and 32 years as an official organization of the PC(USA) bringing God's light to the world through our PW ministry and service. The annual fund ensures the health of PW's many ministries, programs, resources, and the triennial Churchwide Gathering. This day was an opportunity for PWP's and PWC's to show their support and gratitude for all that PW does. A PWS Gives Day video was made to celebrate our PW mission. You can watch this video by clicking [PW Gives Day 2020](#) and you'll see many familiar faces from around the PWC's in our Presbytery. May we through PW, who are many, who are one body in Christ, continue to work together to provide, sustain and show up in places that need our presence, because we all belong to one another.

PWP Riverside will join our PW(PCUSA) and PCUSA family from August 24-30, 2020 for Presbyterian Week of Action (<https://www.pcusa.org/weekofaction/>) in solidarity and affirmation of Black Lives Matter. PWP Riverside will continue to reaffirm and stand for justice and equity in all forms for our most marginalized communities. PW(PCUSA) has released resources and suggested reading for all PWP's and PWC's to aid in our call to service for racial equity and cultural humility (https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/what_we_do/build-community/antiracism/). PWP Riverside will continue to be a community of welcome where diversity and all identities are respected as beloved kin of Christ.

PWP Coordinating Team 2017 – 2019 (2020-2022 Coordinating Team to be elected and installed at future Gathering)

Debbie Law (Moderator, FPSB); Nancy Richmond (Vice Moderator, Victoria); Carol Valentine (Secretary, FPSB); Lou Jolliff (Treasurer, HemetFP); Grace Baldwin (Search, RedlandsFP); Judy Strahan (Mission, BeaumontFP); Alice Munde (Racial/Ethnic, RedlandsFP); Kelsey Law (Hunger, FPSB); Nancy Horstmann (Justice/Peace, FPSB); Judy Strahan (Newsletter, BeaumontFP)