

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

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“But I will hope continually, and will praise you yet more and more.”

-Psalm 71:14 NRSV

During the spring months, our PWC's will celebrate the 2020 Birthday Offering Of Presbyterian Women. In 1922 Hallie Paxson Winsborough challenged each member of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church in the United States to give a penny for each year of her life as a "birthday gift" for Miss Dowd's School for Girls in Japan. Since then, Presbyterian Women, through the Birthday Offering have contributed to help improve lives at home and around the world. This year's Birthday Offering recipients are: Center for Social Assistance to the Disabled, Family, and Children (Russia), GAP Ministries of Augusta, Georgia, Community Presbyterian Child Learning Center in Payson, Arizona, and Liberty Community Church in Minneapolis, Minnesota. PWP Riverside joins Presbyterian Women in the PC(USA) in working together to continue Hallie's legacy of giving, hoping and praising.

PWP will hold and invites all to their 2020 Spring Gathering, *All Things Hold Together* on Saturday, April 4 at 10:00 am at Redlands First Presbyterian Church. Our Keynote speaker is Susan Skoglund, past Moderator of Presbyterian Women in the Synod of Southern California and Hawaii. Recognizing PW in the Presbytery is the link between our PW in the Synod and our PWC's, Susan will share the strength of our links and to the greater Churchwide. Registration is \$10 and includes lunch. For more information, contact your PWC moderator.

Beaumont PWC: In February, PWC gathered to hear a guest speaker from the Edward Dean Museum; learning the rich history of the area. At this time, PW is reviewing their fund-raising efforts and their covenant commitment.

Calvary PWC: PWC will meet on May 6th to hear Gail Timilione, USA Mission Experience Ambassador. Gail will share her experiences to the Finger Lakes Region of New York, her visits to the Susan B. Anthony home and Harriet Tubman House and tell about the hospitality shown by the many PWC's she met.

Hemet PWC: PWC along with the Hemet FPC Men's Group had a successful Fall Household Sale in November. It also included baked goods and homemade soup, and barbeque on the Patio. The PWC also held a successful Christmas Bazaar in December. The Craft Group and the Sewing Group worked diligently to provide all the craft and handmade items. The Men's Group also served barbeque on the Patio. PWC is now preparing for the Spring Clothing Sale.

Redlands PWC: PWC gathered in October to hear keynote speaker, Gail Timilione, USA Mission Experience Ambassador. The Gathering dedicated the 2019 Thank Offering and also included an installation service for their new PWC Coordinating Team. PWC will gather on May 2nd to dedicate the 2020 Birthday Offering.

San Bernardino PWC: On May 9th, PWC will meet for their Spring Gathering to dedicate their 2020 Birthday Offering. Their guest speaker will be Kristi Van Nostran, Immigrant Accompaniment Organizer for San Gabriel and Pacific Presbyteries.

Victoria PWC: Victoria Women met to discuss the PW Eco-justice Initiative and joined PWC's in the Presbytery in supporting both in prayer and financially, the Vine Street Community Park (First Presbyterian Church of Redlands).

Acting faithfully to care for God's creation, Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery is supporting the creation of the Vine Street Community Park (First Presbyterian Church of Redlands). In collaboration with PW in the PC(USA)'s Eco-justice Initiative and with donations from our PWC's, we will help with the purchase of plants for the community project.

In March, PWP Riverside will join F.A.N.'s *Beyond Pink and Blue*, a one-day conference exploring/expanding our understanding gender/gender identity through a faith-based lens. We will join our PW Synod kin in May for the 2020 PWS Spring Gathering, *Love Abides: Within the Intersections of Love and Identity*, with keynote speaker Rev. Larissa Kwong Abazia and our Fall Gathering in September with keynote speaker Lynn Miller, author of the 2020-2021 Horizons Bible Study, both held at Westminster Gardens in Duarte, CA.

PWP Coordinating Team 2017 – 2019

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