

CCT Meeting Summary

One body, one spirit

September 2016



Photo by Michael Martin.

Churchwide Gathering Team, 2015–2018, at the fall 2016 meeting in Louisville, Kentucky

Seated, left to right: Carol Winkler, moderator; Judy Persons, vice moderator for mission relationships; Wanda Beauman, vice moderator for justice and peace; Ana Camila Vasquez, finance chair; and Donna Bradley, Native American member at large

Standing, first row, left to right: Laura Cheifetz, Asian American member at large; Eun Soo Hwang, Korean American member at large; Danilie Hilerio-Villanueva, synod representative, Boriquen (Puerto Rico); Nermine Hanna, Middle Eastern American member at large; Anita Coleman, synod representative, Southern California/Hawaii; Charlotte Hasselbarth, synod representative, Northeast; and Elizabeth Torres-Rodriguez, Hispanic/Latina American member at large

Back rows, left to right: Vickie Terry, synod representative, Rocky Mountains; Alexis Maloof, young women’s representative at large; Chris Murphy, synod representative, Alaska-Northwest; Jane DeFord, synod representative, Trinity; Cheryl Pennington, synod representative, Sun; Toni Spieth, synod representative, Mid-America; Jane McGookey, synod representative, Covenant; Lisiann Rodriguez, young women’s representative at large; Minna Pritchard, Racial Ethnic Young Women’s representative; Francena Willingham, synod representative, South Atlantic; Sandy Fefeti, new immigrant women’s representative; Nancy Long, synod representative, Mid-Atlantic; Peggy Free, synod representative, Southwest; Kay Olson, synod representative, Lakes and Prairies; Evelyn White, African American member at large; Susan Barlow, synod representative, Lincoln Trails; Kathy Terpstra, PC(USA) representative; Alice Wyatt, Search Committee moderator; and Sarah Ford, synod representative, Living Waters

Not shown: Catherine Warren, National Network of Presbyterian College Women representative; and Cecilia Moran, synod representative, Pacific

The Churchwide Coordinating Team welcomed for their first meeting new synod representatives **Anita Coleman, Jane DeFord, Danilie C. Hilerio-Villanueva and Francena Willingham.**

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Fall 2016 CCT Meeting

The Churchwide Coordinating Team (CCT) of Presbyterian Women met September 8–12, 2016, at the Galt House in Louisville, Kentucky.

- Presbyterian Women of the CCT joyfully celebrated the September 24, 2017, ordination of **Danilie Hilerio Villanueva**, synod rep from Boriquen, as a teaching elder in the PC(USA). Danilie was ordained in Rinco, Puerto Rico, by the Presbytery of Boriquen.
- **Laura Cheifetz**, Asian American member at large, and vice president for marketing, Presbyterian Publishing Corporation, officiated during worship and Communion on Sunday, September 11. An offering of \$2,495 for the Mission Pledge, PW's annual fund, was received from CCT members and staff.

Administration Committee

- The Administration Committee brought forward recommendations from the CCT Governance Task Group. Members of the task group were former moderators since incorporation: Catrelia Hunter, chair (2006–2009), Marta Rodriguez

(2009–2012), Mary Jorgenson (2012–2015) and Carol Winkler, current moderator. The group was asked to provide recommendations on CCT structure. The task group provided CCT meeting pattern recommendations, bylaws recommendations, and suggestions for synod moderators and representatives.

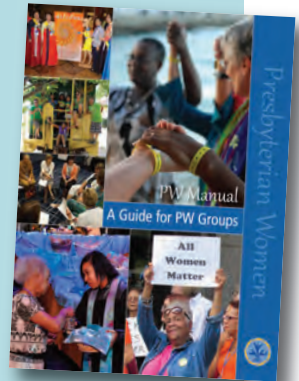
- The CCT voted yes to the recommendation to hold one face-to-face meeting in 2017. The spring 2017 meeting will be held electronically. This trial meeting will establish whether this new meeting pattern is viable for the CCT. Dates for the meeting have not yet been set.
- The CCT voted to send all bylaws recommendations back to the Bylaws Committee for further consideration. The suggestions for synod moderators are under review by synod representatives.

Antiracism Committee (ARC)

Matthew 25:35: "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in. Matthew 25:40: . . . whatever you did for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

PW Manual: A Guide for PW Groups

The CCT voted that synod representatives introduce the new PW manual to their coordinating teams at the first opportunity. The manual is available from Presbyterian Distribution Service (PDS) either in print or as a download (pdf). Order item PWR16120 (print edition) or PWR16121 (download edition); \$6.



- The CCT affirmed that PWs not be complacent when they see or hear racist situations, but should "speak up and act up."
- ARC will organize an Antiracism Roundtable conference call to be held four times each year. More information is forthcoming. The committee will also investigate conducting an antiracism training webinar in the spring of 2017.



The Churchwide Coordinating Team heard from invited guests J. Herbert Nelson, PC(USA) stated clerk; Rhashell Hunter, director of Racial Ethnic and Women's Ministries; and Tony de la Rosa, interim director of the Presbyterian Mission Agency, during dinner last evening in Louisville, Kentucky. PW's board heard the PC(USA) leaders assure them that the church stands with them. J. Herbert praised Presbyterian Women for "being there when others were not," throughout the history of the church. He said "our call is not to be worried, but to be faithful. The church isn't dying, it is reforming." Rhashell talked about actions at GA that recognized PW's important role in the church and noted that many ministries of the church were birthed by Presbyterian Women. Tony underscored this recognition, and appealed to PW to be strong in the months and years ahead. He said "No matter the outcome of this fall's presidential election, we will be called upon to provide faithful witness."

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Communications Coordination/ Funds Development Committee

- The new Presbyterian Women website, www.presbyterianwomen.org, will launch this fall.
- Rosemary Mitchell, senior director of funds development, mission engagement and support, for the Presbyterian Mission Agency, joined the committee by phone to provide input about PW's funds development efforts.
- Fundraising strategies: end-of-year appeal, PW Giving Day, planned giving brochure, Celebration of Life envelopes.
- *Horizons* writer recommendations are needed! Send names and contact information to Sharon Dunne Gillies, sharon.gillies@pcusa.org.

Creative Ministries Offering Committee (CMOC)

- CMOC voted to change the distribution schedule for the Birthday Offering to mirror the Thank Offering. Both offerings will now be received before recipients are selected and grants provided. Historically, Birthday Offering recipi-

ents have been named before the offering was collected.

- Ranges for the Birthday Offering were lowered from \$100,000 to \$300,000 to \$75,000 to \$150,000. This change reflects changes in projected giving to the Birthday Offering.
- CMOC reviewed 36 Birthday Offering applications. The committee selected three grants: one international and two national. Names of the recipients will be released in the January/February 2017 issue of *Horizons*.

Finance Committee

- The committee will review the PW Manual: Guide for Treasurers before it is made available in October.

Inclusive Community Committee (ICC)

- The CCT has tasked the synod representatives with introducing the new *PW Manual: Guide for PW Groups* to their synod coordinating teams at the next opportunity.
- The *PW Manual: Guide for PW Treasurers* is in final draft form. The Finance Committee is now reviewing the manuscript before design and upload. It will be a free resource.
- Evelyn White, Francena Willingham, and Kathy Terpstra will work as a task group on the PW Alumnae Network.

Justice and Peace Committee

- The CCT voted to set aside Leadership Development Grants to help committee members attend the Commission on the Status of Women (two grants) and Ecumenical Advocacy Days (five grants). Grant recipients must meet established criteria to receive a grant.
- J&P recommends including youth in the CCT's triennial focus on children's education. PW will focus on child and youth literacy during Children's Book Week, May 1–7, 2017. Information will be available on the justice and peace page of the PW website.

Coming

Bible Study

2016–2017

Who Is Jesus?

By Judy Yates Siker

2017–2018

Cloud of Witnesses:

The Community of Christ in Hebrews

By Melissa Bane Sevier

2018–2019

God's Promises

By Amy Poling Sutherland

2019–2020

Ten Commandments

By Eugenia Gamble

Magazine

November/December 2016
Educate a Child

January/February 2017

Mission/USA Mission Experience

March/April 2017 • Systems

May/June 2017

Being Presbyterian

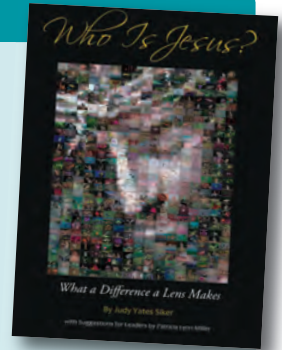


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Carol Winkler gets down to the business of moderating at the fall 2016 CCT meeting.



Save the Date! CWG 2018

The 2018 Churchwide Gathering will be August 2–5 at the Galt House in Louisville, Kentucky! The theme is "Arise, shine, your light has come," based on Isaiah 60:1. As you consider the theme, please share your ideas, reflections, skits, poems, and more with carissa. herold@pcusa.org! The registration fee is \$425 and rooms at the Galt House are \$149. Urge everyone you know to start planning to go! And watch your emails for the monthly Gathering Quest update.

Stay informed; help others stay informed!

Visit PW's main web page (www.presbyterianwomen.org) for essential information regarding PW and its work, as well as links to *Horizons* magazine, PW's quarterly newsletter, blogs, giving on line, and more! Or use these handy links:

Presbyterian Women on line

PW website—

www.presbyterianwomen.org

YouTube—www.youtube.com/presbyterianwomen

Facebook—www.facebook.com/presbyterianwomenpcusa/ (Don't have an account? Just provide a name and email address, then "like" PW's page.)

Twitter—www.twitter.com/pwpcusa

Flickr—www.flickr.com/photos/presbyterianwomen

Pinterest—www.pinterest.com/pwpcusa/

Blogs—www.pwpcusa.typepad.com (click on "Profile" to see all PW blogs)

Church Store—

www.pcusa.org/store

CCT site—

<https://sites.google.com/site/>

Is everyone in your circle on our email list? Don't let them miss out!

In this age of frugality, more and more communications happen by email and the internet. If your members don't have email or the internet, do they have friends who do? Ask those friends to send us their email addresses and share news with those who aren't connected electronically! Make sure everyone is on our email distribution list—email information to Patricia Longfellow (patricia.longfellow@pcusa.org). Don't let anyone miss out on important news!

- The committee will expand the Courageous Conversations program by suggesting topics on certain months and providing content for PW publications.

Mission Relationships Committee

- There will be a mission trip to the Presbyterian Home for Children in Talladega, Alabama, March 27–31, 2017. Information is forthcoming.
- The CCT approved and signed a statement on hunger from Bread for the World.
- The Synod of the Northeast will be the site of the 2019 USAME.
- There will be a Women of the Reformation tour in October/early November 2017. Information is forthcoming.
- *The Together in Service Manual* is under revision; it will be available in print and as a download in the spring.

Personnel Committee

The Personnel Committee reviewed and approved a job description for a new staff position—PW Associate for Outreach and Development. This is an updated version of the PW program associate for leadership position that has been vacant for two years. This programmatic position will focus on inclusive community, revitalizing networks, PW leadership, and women in the congregation. If the way is clear



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Synod reps Francena Willingham and Susan Barlow examine possible Churchwide Gathering logos during the Gathering Planning Group's presentation to CCT. See page 3.

financially, this position will be filled in 2017. The financial position of PW, Inc., may necessitate that this position begin as a part-time position, which will require adjustments to the job description.

Postscript: Gathering Planning

The Gathering Planning Team met in tandem with the CCT this fall. Mary Martin, Gathering chair, presented the theme, the budget and logo options to the CCT for votes. The Gathering budget and a registration fee of \$425 was approved by the CCT. The hotel rates were announced (\$149), and a logo was voted upon by CCT, with final selection made by the Gathering Planning Team. (See page two.) The theme was announced: "Arise, shine, your light has come," based on Isaiah 60:1. CCT members are asked to promote attendance. Registration opens January 15, 2018.

About the CCT Roster

The pictorial roster of CCT members is updated as new folks join the board, go off the board or change their contact information. Access the CCT and staff rosters on the Google site at <https://sites.google.com/site/cct1516/the-team>. Note that the roster contains personal contact information and is for internal use only. Email corrections/updates to yvonne.hileman@pcusa.org.



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Judy Persons, vice moderator for mission relationships, presents a PW-logo pin to Heidi Gamal, a Presbyterian woman from Egypt who works at a center for women and families in Cairo.