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The Newsletter of Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Los Ranchos

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To My PW Friends:

As we begin a new year as Presbyterian Women, let me introduce myself to you as the incoming Moderator for the Los Ranchos Presbytery. My name is Sharon Wakamoto and I am an elder at the Placentia Presbyterian Church. At present, I serve as Personnel Chair and as a member of the Mission Committee. I am also serving on the Presbytery Nominations Committee.

I am grateful to Jo Smith who invited me to be on the Mission Interpretations Committee for the Coordinating Team for PWP a few years ago. Many new mission opportunities have been introduced to my church because of my involvement with PW. We do not have a PWC at Placentia and I was not very familiar with Presbyterian Women as an organization. However, since that initial encounter with PW, the Lord has blessed me with many wonderful friendships with empowered women throughout our presbytery and even at the Synod level where I serve as secretary of the PWS CT.

On the personal side, I am a retired elementary school teacher, married to Chuck for 48 years, have three children and eight grandchildren. I am an active member of Delta Kappa Gamma, a society for educators, and a member of the Congregational Connection Committee for the Mary Magdalene Project.

Thank you for this opportunity to work with all of you...together may we make that difference in the lives of those we touch. Welcome to all of you who are beginning a new term on the Coordinating Teams at your churches. I look forward to meeting many of you at the leadership event in September.

Because of Christ,

Sharon
PWP Moderator

SUMMER CONFERENCE

Blessed Are You, Rejoice! was the theme of this year's Summer Conference at the Sanhu Conference Center at Chapman College. The conference, held July 15–17, also included around 30 Hispanic women who attended and had their Encuentro and workshops on Saturday afternoon and evening.

Highlights:

- Getting acquainted with special guest Magda Rodriguez, churchwide moderator;
- Installation of the new members of the PWS CT by Magda with Los Ranchos' Eloisa Velasquez installed as vice moderator of Synod Gatherings and Conferences and Josephine Lu as the MAL for Asian Women;
- Commissioning of our global exchange participants Kathleen Julian from Los Ranchos Presbytery and Angelica Michail from San Gabriel Presbytery;
- Recognizing Los Ranchos Virginia Gaylord Scholarship recipient Colleen Loudermill of Norwalk Presbyterian Church and Young Woman's scholarship recipient Briana Gates of Community Presbyterian Church in Long Beach;
- Overview of the new Bible study on the Beatitudes by Rev. Magdalena Garcia from Chicago;
- A yummy and lively reception for Magda which included chocolate fountains for cake and strawberries, chips and salsa and the Mariachi Divas; and
- Challenge from Jerri Rodewald to save a quarter a day for 100 days to ensure safe births for women...\$25 is all it takes according to Direct Relief International. (more about this on Page 4)

CONGRATULATIONS COLLEEN!

Colleen Loudeermill was selected as the 2011 recipient of a Virginia Gaylord Leadership Grant for Los Ranchos PWP. She received a full scholarship to the Summer Conference at Chapman College where she was introduced during the business meeting. She also received a medallion and a three-year subscription to Horizons Magazine.

**"STICKS AND STONES MAY BREAK MY BONES, BUT
WORDS WILL BREAK MY HEART"**

Bullying has been the subject of many programs and studies Words can hurt and create wounds that may never heal. But, we know that words can also have the capacity to bring life and healing. Words also play an important role in sinful systems of oppression and domination. We can easily perpetuate racism, sexism and other unjust practices without realizing it

"Words Matter is a transforming opportunity for the Body of Christ. If we want to work for Peace and Justice, we must start close to home -with the words we use."

"Excerpts from Horizons, May/June" Ann Seufert MAL Peace/Justice



\$\$\$\$\$\$ REPORT FROM THE MISSION TREASURER \$\$\$\$\$\$

Mission Goal for 2011: \$22,568

	Quarter One	Quarter Two	Year-to-Date
Mission	9,620.82	5,043.00	14,663.82
Birthday Offering	10.37	2,023.52	2,033.89
Thank Offering	1,674.22	1,689.84	3,364.06
Honorary Life		190.00	190.00
Memorial	75.00	75.00	150.00
Least Coin	125.26	41.15	166.41
Hunger	187.05	211.15	398.20
Other			
TOTAL	\$11,692.72	\$9,273.66	\$20,966.38

Judy Schmidt, Mission Treasurer

Dated: June 15, 2011

A Challenge for Presbyterian Women

The U.N.'s Millennium Development Goal #5 has challenged the world to decrease maternal mortality/increase safe births by 75 per cent by 2015. Together, let's do our part in meeting this challenge.

Direct Relief International has told us they can ensure a safe birth for \$25. How many safe births can Presbyterian Women ensure?

A Quarter-A-Day for 100 Days = One Safe Birth 100 Quarters for 100 Days from 100 Women = 100 Safe Births

Starting Sunday, July 17, put aside a quarter a day for 100 days. You will have collected \$25 which will ensure one safe birth. The 100th day is Monday, October 24, 2011, United Nations Day. On Tuesday, October 25, we will gather at Inglewood Presbyterian Church to celebrate, dedicate our offerings, have supper together, and enjoy fellowship around the tables.

A long drive? Think of the women who walk miles for their health care with the guarded hope of giving birth to a healthy baby! Fill your cars and join us at:

Inglewood First Presbyterian Church
100 North Hillcrest Blvd., Inglewood, CA.
Dinner is \$8

Make your reservation no later than October 21 by calling or emailing Annie Burns
310-412-0266 or aburns35@sbcglobal.net

See how we can multiply this effort—spread the news! Ask the women in your congregation to join YOU in this effort. Don't fret if you/they haven't been saving for the full 100 days—come along and dedicate what you have. We hope to begin again on October 26 for another 100 days.

“Join us friends, you really oughter
and here is one of many ways.
Just put away one little quarter
once a day for a hundred days.”

**Checks made out to PWS marked “safe births” can be sent to: PWS Treasurer
516 St. John Place, Inglewood, CA 90301**

See how much can be accomplished by so many working together!

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN THE LOS RANCHOS PRESBYTERY
2011 – 2012 CALENDAR**

Presbytery Gatherings

*Leadership Event
September 10, 2011
9:30 a.m.*

**Fall Gathering
Saturday, November 19, 2011**

**Winter Gathering
Saturday, February 25, 2012**

**Spring Gathering
Saturday, April 28, 2012**

PWP Coordinating Team Meetings

Monday, August 15, 2011

Monday, October 3, 2011

Monday, January 23, 2012

Monday, March 19, 2012

Synod Gatherings

Nurture Retreat April 21-21, 2012

Spring Gathering May 19, 2012

Fall Gathering October 6, 2012

Churchwide Gatherings

July 18-22 Churchwide Gathering, Orlando, Florida

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS . . .

Our own Anne Sivley and her husband, Leonard, who had a heart attack last week. The good news is that the heart valve surgery was successful and Leonard's prognosis is good. Praise the Lord! Let's keep them in our prayers during his recuperation.

Also, please keep the family of Helen Harwell in your prayers, as Helen went to be with her Lord July, 2011. We will miss her dearly as we all search our hearts for whatever pieces of her dedication and mission work we can help pick up. We are thankful that her suffering has ended and that she is at peace with our Lord and Savior.

INDIA

**PW Global Exchange
October 7-24, 2011**

In all our summer travels, don't forget that **Kathleen Julian** is traveling to India this coming October, to be part of the Presbyterian Women's Global Exchange to India. As she is representing us, the Synod of Southern California and Hawaii on this exchange, we want to help support her with our prayers and financial contributions, as this is a big undertaking for any one person! If you or your PW organization would like to make a financial contribution toward this trip, you may make checks payable to the PW /Synod.

Also, don't forget that Kathleen will be available to speak to any group with her pictures of India and testimony of her experience there. You may reach her to schedule such an event (get your preferred date now!) via her E-mail: Kathleen_julian@hotmail.com or by Phone: 714/ 777-5191.

REMINDER: Leadership Event 2011 is Almost Here

SAVE THIS DATE: Saturday, September 10, 2011

QUESTIONS???

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