

APPENDIX Q

Presbyterian Women Report 2019 Winter Stated Meeting (Moderator: Gayle Bone)

On January 26, 2019 the Presbyterian Women of St. Augustine had their Annual Business Meeting and workshops. The meeting was hosted by the Trinity Palm Coast PW and church. There were about 140 women present including past moderators and first timers. Diane Wilson, Moderator Elect, gave a message from our presbytery and The Rev. Sheryl Sumlin-Walker gave the sermon during worship. Three new women were installed on the PW board, Louise Clark, Willow Bartlett and Theodora Christopher. Louise and Willow are members of Faith Presbyterian and Theodora is from Marion Oaks.

Presbyterian Women have been very busy with two important missions. During the offering at the Gathering we collected \$1137.00 for Mission Haven. As you may know, Mission Haven in Decatur, Georgia is a respite for missionaries and their families on home leave. The Presbyterian Women in the Synod of South Atlantic own and operate three homes and six apartments on Columbia Seminary campus. Recently this haven for missionaries has been in dire need of renovation since the homes were built in the 1950s. Churches may support this mission as well as Presbyterian Women. Home Depot gift cards are a big help with minor repairs. See the website (www.missionhaven.net) for other support ideas.

Another hands-on mission project our Presbyterian Women have been working hard on is Days for Girls. Five hundred ninety-five dollars was donated at our Gathering as well as underwear, washcloths and gallon ziplock bags. The Sewing Room in Gainesville is producing hundreds of kits and the

Satellite Sewing Room at Faith Presbyterian is working hard once a week to supplement the work being done in Gainesville. Kits have been sent to many developing countries and often women from the Gainesville area have carried the kits to these countries. This is more cost effective than mailing and the women teach the use and care of the kits and women's hygiene. Girls can stay in school when on their monthly period and avoid trafficking and early marriage. Education of girls and young women makes every country stronger. As the Days for Girls program advocates "Let's Keep Girls in School. Period!"

Presbyterian Women also continue to support Montgomery Camp and Conference Center and the Jacksonville mission Rethreaded which helps battered and trafficked women by selling handmade items and giving women jobs and dignity, while teaching them life skills in a supportive community. There are many other missions our women contribute to, as well as supporting the goals and missions of the church each of us belongs to. Our Purpose Statement says we will support the mission of the church worldwide and strengthen the PCUSA.

You can be sure the women in our Presbytery are busy working as God's hands and feet, going where there is need and reaching out to touch others with love and care.