

Letter from your PW Moderator

Dear Sisters in Christ: I hope and Pray that You, Your Family, Friends, and Loved Ones are all well!

The last letter I wrote to you all was in February! Seems like ages ago. As for many of you, PW has had to adapt to the quarantine. And, what an adaptation it has been!

Your PWCT (Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team), have met 5 times this year, via ZOOM. The technology has been difficult for some of our Officers, and, has caused lack of participation as a result.

The PWCT has decided, out of an abundance of caution, not to hold an in-person Annual Gathering for the PW of the Presbytery of St. Augustine. We considered the possibilities, but, nothing seemed best to keep everybody free of the virus, except to just not meet.

We are discussing how to go about holding a Business Meeting, as per our Bylaws, which state we are to review the Bylaws, and, update them. One thing we need to include, in the new Bylaws, will be to approve of the use of virtual meetings, and, consider these as equally valid as in-person meetings, including actions taken, approved, and, voted on.

We are also forming a Search Committee to find women to fill many of our vacancies within the Coordinating Team. Please, if ever you have

felt called to serve PW in the Presbytery level, call me, and, I will fill you in on what these different positions are all about. The following are our vacancies, and you can find the job descriptions within the PW YearBook, which is found in the Bylaws section, pages 31 and 32.

All of this is found when you do a search for staugpres.org. You might get a menu that has Presbyterian Women as a choice. Otherwise, you will get the Presbytery's Homepage. Once you are on the Homepage, you will see a menu of links to choose from. The PW link is found under:

Congregations and Ministries. Once you click onto the Congregations and Ministries, you will get another menu, and, PW is at the bottom of it.

If you would like for me to, I will be more than happy to assist those of you who lack access to the internet, for whatever reason, just call me, and, I will read the Job Description over with you. :

Vice-Moderator

Vice Moderator-Planner

Treasurer

Justice and Peace

Spiritual Life

Scholarships

Historian

Regional Coordinators (Regions are described in
the PW YearBook) for Jax Central, Jacksonville
Southwest Region, Southwest and Southeast Region

As you read through these, if you feel drawn to really help
your Presbyterian Women, prayerfully ask God, through the Power of the
Holy Spirit, to direct you to take action.

For those of you who are comfortable with using a computer, please
check out the really useful information you can find on our staugpres.org
website. There are up-to-date Forms that you can download and print out
from the Treasurer, Annual Pledge (Mission Pledge) are there, as well as
a good article about how to make a great History. There is a link to the PW
YouTube Channel (did you know PW has a YouTube Channel?), where you
can watch the author of this year's Bible Study, P.Lynne Miller, as she
gives further insight into all of the lessons from: "Into the Light: Finding
Hope Through Prayers of Lament".

There are also videos of Authors of the Bible Studies, speaking
about the lessons from them, too. If you liked Love Carved in Stone, that
is on there, too.

I have attended the ZOOM Meeting with Mission Haven. They are
celebrating 70 years of existence! This mission was planned about,

funded for, and, brought into fruition solely by PW. Most of the homes that the missionaries families use, were built around 1970, and, have required costly repairs. Most all of our missionaries have been staying home, due to the quarantine, along with their children. Mission Haven needs our monetary assistance now more than ever. Please inform your Circles to add Mission Haven to their list of Yearly Benevolences. There is a video that shows the service that Mission Haven provides, to our Missionaries that would otherwise be out in the field. If you visit their website, you can view it!

I had the delightful occasion to visit Geneva Presbyterian, in Switzerland, Florida. I was invited by Susan Letezia to participate in an exercise titled, "The Wage Gap Simulation", presented by Bread for the World. This exercise focused on the disparages within the African American community. At each turn, and, Act of Congress, African Americans have been on constant attack for the struggle for a fair society.

I also had the opportunity to serve at Palms Presbyterian, to install their new officers within their PW Circle. It was my first Installation!

Whenever you wish for me to visit your church, within the protocol of COVID prevention, I would be very happy and honored to visit!

Two final items that I wish to draw attention to:

(1) Treasurers PLEASE- send all correspondence that should go to the Treasurer in the Presbytery, to Lois Morse. She continues to serve as our Treasurer. Lizzy Tobener is not our current Treasurer.

(2) Your Annual Pledges are more important than ever, now! The Pledges that are sent in to the Treasurer are used to plan for our missions and benevolences for the future. The new Annual Pledge form is on the website. If you need the hard copy of the form, please let me know, and, I will get it for you!

Remain Hopeful, and Steadfast, in our shared Beliefs. God is in control. God cares for each of us!

Blessings upon Blessings,

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