

PWPCT Moderator's Report

January 9, 2021

Dear Sisters in Christ:

Happy New Year! The sentiment that I wrote, on the Christmas cards I sent, was this: "2020 was the Pits! With God's help, we got through it! Now, we can look ahead, in faith, to better days in 2021!" WOW! Was I ever wrong!

This is my First Report to you beautiful, strong, vibrant, creative Women, for the new year. I have a lot to tell you, so, let's get started:

We are planning a Business Meeting, for Saturday, January 30th, from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm.

I have delayed contacting you all about this meeting, until I had a chance to meet with the PWPCT regarding some very important revisions to our BYLAWS, which, as you know, in order to approve these revisions, it is necessary to have the Body of the PW Officers to vote on them. One addition is to the Standing Rules for the Gathering, to add a #5 to them, citing the validity of the Virtual Meetings and Gatherings.

I have also been delaying due to the virus, which I wanted to wait until the most up-to-date information was available, regarding public gatherings and transmission of the COVID-19. I contacted MPCC, and, they would be happy to accommodate us for the Business Meeting, but, I

doubt that many of you would rather meet in person at this most dangerous time. After much prayer, contemplation, and, counsel with my Christian Sisters within the PWPCT, we came to the conclusion that meeting virtually would be the most prudent way to meet. We will be using the ZOOM format at our Business Meeting. We discussed other methods of meeting, and, we collectively determined that using this App is the easiest way of conducting a meeting, as it gives everyone a chance to be counted and heard.

What this meeting will be primarily concerned with is the matters I have mentioned, plus more. We will hear a Report from the Treasurer. We are arranging for a devotion, but, there will be no worship. Since the registration for this meeting will occur whenever you log onto the ZOOM link that I will send you, on the day and time of the meeting, there is no need for pre-registering. I am scheduling the meeting to begin at a later time than usual, since we will not have a in-person registration table, and, typically, a little bite of something of substance. In order to have access to ZOOM, you will need to download the ZOOM app. This is free. You can do this on your Phone, or, other computer devices. Once you download the ZOOM app, you will be able to access the meeting with a mere touch of a button. Just click onto the ZOOM meeting link, that the host (in this case,

me), sends you, you can connect directly to the screen where the participants can be seen, or, not seen, as they wish. You will need to allow the computer audio and visual to be seen and heard. As stated before, you can meet with us, even if you are feeling unrepresentable, by not allowing the computer video to turn on. If you already have the ZOOM app, congratulations! You are half-way there! If you can use FaceBook, you can use ZOOM!

Obviously, Lunch will be on your own, and, there will be no workshops.

You will find, attached, a copy of the BYLAWS, with my corrections and omissions thus far. Please note: the items printed, or highlighted with parenthesis, in red ink, are the items up for revision. We will not be voting on the BYLAWS as a whole, but, primarily voting on the addition to the Standing Rules. It is essential that we all make plans to attend.

We are seeking women to serve on a Search Committee. We have many, many vacancies within the Presbytery. The last Report that I sent to you had an error, in that I wrote that there are many vacancies within the Synod, when in fact, the vacancies are within our Presbytery.

The following are the positions that are open, and, the job descriptions are on pages 31-33 in the BYLAWS:

Vice-Moderator/Moderator Elect

Vice-Moderator/Planner
Historian

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Treasurer

Regional Coordinators for the Regions of:

Jacksonville Central (Calvin, Korean, Lakewood, Murray Hill,
Riverside, South Jacksonville, and Woodlawn)

Jacksonville Southwest (First PC, Starke, Kirkwood,
Middleburg, Orange Park, and St. Giles)

Spiritual Life Coordinator

Scholarship Coordinator

Celebration Giving

Please, please, my Dear Sisters, please get the word out, and, contact any deserving woman if you feel the Holy Spirit move you. Please pray for our PWPCT, and, prayerfully consider to join us if you feel called to do so. Our hands are tied, in fulfilling all of our work here. Without more helping hands, we are stretched with much to do. Many of our Officers have served past their Rotation-Off time, because of a lack of replacements.

With a New Year upon us, let us resolve to get closer to God! Together, we will get through all of these obstacles before us, and, come away stronger, for we serve a Mighty God.

Humbly Submitted, Daryl Mullee, Moderator, Presbyterian Women,
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