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Moderator's Report, Presbyterian Women Presbytery of St. Augustine April 16, 2021

Greetings from the Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of St. Augustine!

As the year 2021 has progressed, Presbyterian Women continue the tradition of being the Hands and Hearts of the Presbyterian Church. I have heard of PW Circles, at various churches in our Presbytery, who have come up with new and innovative ways to fulfill the ministries that they support.

One such ministry, at Palms PC, is to have Tea with the residents of their nearby Pablo Towers, a low-income residential facility for seniors. Traditionally, the residents would be invited to the church, where the PW would serve them tea and cookies. Since the quarantine has prevented large groups from gathering, the task became that of accessibility, to be able to deliver the tea and cookies. So, the PW worked with a local bakery, to have the cookies baked, and then, placed in individual bags. For the tea, teabags were added in separate teabags, as they are packaged at the factory. The bags were then delivered to each resident. The response was very positive. Many residents provided feedback that they felt remembered, and loved, by this seemingly simple action.

As our members have begun to receive their vaccinations, we are turning to the possibility of holding our Annual Fall Gathering, in person. I am planning on holding a type of "Town Hall" ZOOM meeting, in order to canvas our women, to inquire on their level of comfort for such an event.

There have been no volunteers to fill the vacancies within the Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team, the governing body of our organization. The Moderator continues to perform the duties of Treasurer, ViceModerator, Vice Moderator/Planner, Secretary, Historian, and Regional Coordinator. The job of Treasurer alone, is tedious and time-consuming. There is a lot of correspondence involved. One bright side, however, is that I now have a unique opportunity to communicate with our Sisters within the Presbytery, in a different format, and, it has provided me a different insight into the goings on at other congregations.

I continue to communicate with different members of the Presbytery, who provided me an opportunity to speak via ZOOM, at an ad hoc meeting on Monday, April 12. The members present had some good ideas that I plan to act on:

- 1. Hold a "Town Hall" ZOOM Meeting, where the agenda will be to have questions asked, and answered, as a back and-forth type of dialogue. One of the questions that I intend to ask is: "Do you want PW?"
- 2. Seek opportunities for the "Younger Working" members of PW to have "Hands-on" Projects.
- 3. Post job vacancies, with the job descriptions, on the Website, including an Application Form.
- 4. Emphasize a "Multi-Generational" approach within all that Presbyterian Women do. Our younger women need to find opportunities to serve God through Presbyterian Women.
- 5. Create a new position of Financial Secretary, to assist with correspondence with the Treasurer.

Presbyterian Women continue to fulfill our Purpose to "Support the Mission of the Church Worldwide", through donations, and disbursements, to the PC(USA), the PW Synod of the South Atlantic, and the various other benevolences supported by Presbyterian Women: Mission Haven, Days for Girls, and the Kay Beckman Scholarship, being but a few.

With the tremendous help from Marigrace Doran, we have updated our YearBook, and the PW Webpage at staugpres.org. Take a look! See how hard it is for you to find the PW Page! We are listed on the dropdown menu, under Committees and Ministries, then, at the very bottom of the list. Needless to say, many of our PWs don't even know about the webpage! I charge the Presbytery to make changes to the way PW is represented by having a link directly to the PW Webpage from the staugpres.org website. I want to recognize Patti Phillips, Barbara Darby, Julie Higbee, and Michaele Wood, for their support, and assistance with coming up with the above listed recommendations.

Please continue to support Presbyterian Women with your prayers. We pray that the Spirit of the Lord will rest on the right individual for the vacancies within our Presbytery.

We press on, decently and in good order.

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