

Appendix I

Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of St. Augustine Moderator's Report January 31, 2022

I bring you greetings from the Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery Coordinating Team!

We have had quite a year! If we thought the COVID-19 pandemic was bad in 2020, well, here comes 2021, with a new and different strains! First was Delta, now the Omicron strain. I pray for comfort for any of you, who have had Loved Ones die due to this awful disease. May you feel that others mourn with you in your grief.

If you remember our last Annual Gathering, January 30, 2021, we met via ZOOM! We made history! We accomplished the task at hand, namely, voting to add a rule to the Standing Rules in the BYLAWS, that states that electronic and virtual meetings are to be considered as valid as an in-person meeting. In February of 2021, The Moderator was informed that the Treasurer, who has served on the PWPCT well past her term requires, will no longer serve. Next, in March the Secretary begged off of her duties, which I granted, of course. The Vice-Moderator/Planner rotated off after her many years of service. The Historian also rotated off, again, after many years of faithful service. So, the Moderator met with the rest of the members of the PWPCT, in order to come up with a plan on what to do. We decided that the job of Treasurer is paramount to the operation of the Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of St. Augustine. With no solution or substitute to be found, the Moderator took on the job of Treasurer. In June, the PWPCT met to decide to schedule a Fall Gathering.

With the amazing help by the fabulous PW at St. Giles, as well as the PWPCT, on August 29, 2021, 113 Presbyterian Women trusted God and came together to learn, Celebrate, Gather Together, and Rejoice in Hope, worshiping God in Song, and in Spirit. Rev. Julie Higbee gave us an overview of the Horizons Bible Study: "What My Grandmothers Taught Me the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus". She also led a Workshop delving deeper into the Bible Study. For our Service Project, we collected supplies for "Clean-Up Buckets" to go to people in disaster zones. We totaled 24 buckets! We heard from FLAPDAN, Days for Girls, LifeQuest, and Teen Challenge, which is a program in Jacksonville that helps men and women, as well as teenagers, build back their lives after recovering from addiction through structure, housing, and a Faith-based treatment program. We collected more than \$950.00 to divide between Montgomery Presbyterian Camp and Conference Center and FLAPDAN. We had tours of the updated cabins at the camp and made greeting cards.

The Moderator is a part of the "Current and Emerging Ministries" Committee, and has attended meetings for this, representing your Presbyterian Women. The Moderator attended two SOSA meetings, virtually, on April 30, 2021, and one on October 29, 2021. She was privileged to install PW Officers at Marion Oaks Presbyterian Church, April 30, 2021, and at Murray Hill Presbyterian Church on December 8. The Moderator has also attended Virtual Meetings of the Presbytery, again, as your PW Representative.

At the Fall Gathering, the Moderator had two terrific women come forward to volunteer to serve on the PWPCT! Kathy Stanley (Kirkwood) volunteered for the Vice-Moderator / Planner Office, and Sharyn Kraemer (St. Giles) volunteered to serve as Treasurer! Recently, we have also added Vicki Frameli (Murray Hill) as Regional Coordinator for Jax Central, and our own Lois Morse, (Kirkwood) past-PWP Treasurer, has agreed to serve as the Kay Beckman Scholarship Coordinator. Oh, Happy Day! The new recruits have been approved by the PWPCT and have already started working! We still have way too many vacancies within the PWPCT, namely:

- Moderator
- Vice-Moderator/Moderator-Elect
- Secretary
- Historian
- Celebration Giving Representative
- Together in Service Representative (Beth Wood will be stepping down at the end of the year)
- Justice and Peace Coordinator

and Regional Coordinators for the Following Regions:

- Jacksonville Southwest
- Southeast Region
- Southwest Region
- West Region

She is hopeful and optimistic that God will move the heart of the right woman to serve in these vacancies. Presbyterian Women needs to continue to serve God with Fresh Faces and Fresh Ideas! Until a Vice-Moderator/Moderator-Elect comes forward, the current Moderator will continue to serve the Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of St. Augustine.

With the help of the Fabulous PW from Kirkwood, as well as my indefatigable Coordinating Team, on January 29, 2022, we held the 38th Annual Gathering of the Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of St. Augustine, on the gorgeous grounds of the Montgomery Presbyterian Camp and Conference Center. The weather was cold, cold, but the feelings and the Holy Spirit within the room was warm and welcoming. 68 Presbyterian Women (plus one young man), decided to trust God and smite the Devil in the face, defy the odds of the statistics, and assuring the health and safety of everyone, congregate. The Rev. Alexandra (Sandra)Hedrick lead our Worship time, with the message about the “Women in the Neighborhood” (the women of Bethlehem in the Book of Ruth) and the message from Ecclesiastes about how important it is for us to stick together: “Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil.” And “if they fall, one will lift up the other.” “If two lie together, they keep warm, but how can one be warm alone?... A threefold cord is not quickly broken”. We also focused on the story of Ruth, Naomi, and Boaz, and the support that they had from all of the Bethlehem women.

We shared Communion, too. Following the Worship we heard from Snowden McFall, who is a Motivational Speaker, who gave us ideas about how necessary it is to take conscience measures to take care of ourselves, in order to serve and worship God, beginning with Breathing. Breathe in through your nose until your lungs are full. Do it now. Hold your breath for five seconds, and exhale slowly through your mouth. Repeat throughout your day. Get at least 7 hours of sleep, and drink water, water, water.

Following Snowden's talk, we held our Business Meeting. We voted to approve the BYLAWS with the amendment that the wording in the Title, in the last section of the BYLAWS, will read: ****Special Rules for Electronic Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of St. Augustine Meetings****, as adapted from the Presbytery of St. Augustine. We voted on a new Budget, reflecting more funds to three of the Benevolences paid by the Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team, namely: PWPC(USA), an increase of \$500, SOSA, an increase of \$200, and to web support at the Presbytery level, an increase of \$100. We held workshops and shared lunch.

Put the date of August 27, 2022, for our Fall Gathering, and January 29, 2023, for the next Annual Gathering. Will your church volunteer to host the next Gathering?

Your Moderator is happy to serve God at her present capacity! She prays that God will continue to Bless the Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of St. Augustine.

In His Peace and Grace,

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