



Janet McCormack tells how the Homedale Hispanic ministry began

## *Moderator's musings*

Dear Hearts:

Many thanks go out to the Rev. Marianne Paul and the women of Homedale and Adrian Presbyterian Churches. Marianne's two tiny churches are only 16 miles apart, located in the southwest corner of Boise Presbytery, one in Oregon and one in Idaho. Like all our churches the heads are getting grayer and the feet are getting heavier but their hearts are young and their minds are forward-thinking. Even though neither church has an active PW group they responded to an invitation to host the Fall Gathering and host it they did.

The Homedale church is actively shaping an Hispanic children's ministry, and it was a treat to all of us there to learn what they have accomplished and what they are look-

ing to the future to produce. Beginning with a powerful worship and ending with a delightful "fashion show" modeled by some of the young women in the youth group and dashingy escorted by the young men it was a spiritual experience for all in attendance.

It was a wonderful presentation of what a small group with big ideas can accomplish. Together they have learned that it is limiting to be afraid of failure so they have tried and tried again to serve a long-unnoticed need in the Homedale community. It is a mission story that needs to be told...hats off to Homedale.

In Christ's love.

*Joey*

## Mission Pledge Forms are Due

Mission pledge forms are due to Joey Mills by **November 15** (her report is due to Synod and Churchwide by December 1). This Celebration Giving is essential to support the work of PW and the PC (USA). You can even give individually. No amount is insignificant!

## *It's a beautiful day in the neighborhood!*

Our project involves reaching out to the children of the community of Homedale. In our statistical report this year Homedale was able to count 20 children who are a part of our Sunday school. Given that our average Sunday attendance, including children, has been about 40 recently this represents significant outreach. The children are an active part of the entire church. Some bring food to potluck dinners. They attend our fellowship events and are getting to know the adults in the church.

Special children's activities this past year have included attendance at a live musical at Treasure Valley Community College, picnics, art projects and bowling. Additionally we have a summer program offering swim passes to our children and a weekly study/activity. Every week the children sit in church for the first ten minutes and then go to Sunday school. This combination of Christian education, fellowship and cultural activities is intended to help children not

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### Buy One Christmas Gift, Get One Free!

*Horizons* currently has a special offer just in time for Christmas. You can now give one gift subscription to *Horizons* magazine and get one FREE! For just \$24.95 you can give two gifts for the price of one. This offer is valid through January 30, 2011.

Call now! 866-802-3635. Mention Dept. G1010C when ordering.

## Presbyterian Women Christmas greeting cards

This brand-new pack of 20 Christmas cards celebrates our life of purpose together as Presbyterian women and lifts up the work we do in the world as Christ's servants. The sale of these cards continues our tradition of giving as all proceeds will benefit PW's Mission Pledge, which supports the abundant work of Presbyterian Women and undergirds the work of the denomination. Each

card depicts the work we do through the world through the Mission Pledge: Birthday and Thank Offering, Global Exchange, Roma Development Project and more. There are two each of ten designs in a pack.

Order item PWR10445 from Presbyterian Distribution Service (PDS), 800/524-2612. \$20.

## It's a beautiful day (cont.)

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only grow in their faith, but also become thriving, well adjusted citizens.

We are reaching a number of "at risk" children. Many of their parents have either struggled with addiction in the past or continue to do so. Some have parents in jail or have abandoned the family altogether. Many speak English as a second language and some of the younger ones speak very little English when they come to us. Yet they are clear that this is their church. One of our girls asked if I could do "First Communion" with her so that she would be ready for her Quinceañera.

We are making a difference in their lives. One of our members works at the school. When we began this ministry she commented on how much trouble some of our kids were getting into. Two years later these same children were volunteering as tutors at the after-school enrichment program. We can also see that same maturation and socialization within the church. Recently one of our young girls began asking for a Bible. When we found a very nice children's Bible, we decided that each of the children should have one. I am hoping that they will take them home and show their parents!

—Marrianna Paul



## Subscription affliction?

Anyone who has visited the PC(USA) web pages over the summer knows that the website has undergone significant transformation. Such a big change can bring a challenge or two. For example, if over the summer, you subscribed to *Horizons* magazine and haven't received your copy, well, double-check your credit card statement because, chances are, your subscription didn't "take." You will need to re-subscribe.

The information you entered is safe—no worries as it is all encrypted. To begin again (and please do) just call toll-free

806/802-3635 or enter your subscription online at the new PW site.

Please make a note of the new web address for the PW website: [www.presbyterianwomen.org](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org). The new *Horizons* address is <http://horizons.pcusa.org>.

A direct link to many items you may need is available at the Boise Presbytery website: [www.presbyteryofboise.org/PresbyterianWomen](http://www.presbyteryofboise.org/PresbyterianWomen). Often you will get to your destination more quickly by going that route.

## 2012 Churchwide Gathering

Save the date! The 2012 Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women will be July 18-22, 2012 at the Gaylord Palms Resort and Convention Center in Kissimmee, FL.

PW is looking for clever ideas to promote the Gathering—skits, poems, cheers, songs, bulletin board ideas, art projects, workshops, games, hospitality gifts, ice breaker

ideas, apparel amendments, videos, whatever! Just make sure they are your ideas, not copyrighted.

Send your submissions to Carissa Herold, 100 Witherspoon St., Rm. 3063, Louisville, KY 40202-1396 or email [carissa.herold@pcusa.org](mailto:carissa.herold@pcusa.org).



## Takin' It to the Congregations training event

Participants from all sixteen synods attended the "Takin' it to the Congregations" national PW leadership training event September 24-26 in Orlando, FL.

With congregations as their focus, participants were introduced to a variety of tools that PW groups can use to assess their current situation, discover why programs may no longer be working, explore new possibilities to engage more women and identify components of their organization that need change or transformation.

While some material was presented in lecture style, many times interactive exercises were used followed by questions that applied to participants' own congregation's context. Participants were urged to modify the learning as needed.

Before leaving this event, participants had numerous opportunities to connect with each other as well as work with those from their own synods to develop plans to take the training back to their congregations. The enthusiasm was contagious.

If your congregation would like to receive help in assessing, planning, evaluating and organizing, contact Kathy Mattson (contact information is on the last page of this newsletter). She attended as one of three participants from the Synod of the Pacific. What an opportunity to have this available in our own backyard.

## PW now offers a TRIP program!

PW is now offering Transformation Partnership (TRIP), a new travel/study program, which provides opportunities for educational and transformational group travel building relationships with sisters across the country and the world. Participants will engage in mission partnerships of PW and the PC(USA), explore Reformed heritage and grow spiritually through personal and challenge and deeper understanding.

2011 TRIPS are:

- Russia—May 3-17
- Geneva, Switzerland—August 31-September 8
- Czech Republic, Hungary, Carpath Ukraine—October 5-21

Updated information is available on the PW website or by contacting Kathy Reeves at 888/728-7228 ext. 5402 or [katharine.reeves@pcusa.org](mailto:katharine.reeves@pcusa.org).



## *Horizons—a magazine with Spirit*

Most of you are well acquainted with our *Horizons* magazine and know that it has a very high rating and has received many honors. You also know that it is issued bi-monthly and is \$24.95 for a one year subscription. Two years is \$44.00 and three years is \$63.00 and subscriptions include a copy of the current Bible study. The magazine is full of wonderful articles of what is going on in PW all over the world and there are great pictures of people and events. And there are many things to help you in your own churches and ways we can all be connected. Each issue has a theme and the theme for the November/December issue is *Caregiving*. Following are a few of the things you will find in this issue.

One article examines the stress that usually comes with the role of caregiver, and offers suggestions for how caregivers can care for themselves. The writer of another article looks at the story of Jesus healing Simon Peter's mother-in-law, and reflects on new perspectives gained when she began caring for her own mother. Another writer encourages readers to care for themselves and shares suggestions for how congregations can care for not just the spirit, but the whole

person.

There is a Celebrate the Gifts of Women service for 2011, and another gives the recipients of the 2010 Fellowship of the Least Coin. There is much more for your interest and helps. Many of our churches subscribe to *Horizons* and place it in their church libraries.

So--find a copy if you don't subscribe as yet and read and enjoy and use it.

An added note: We had a very fine Fall Gathering on the topic of *Neighborly Mission*. We received a lot of inspiration and thoughts on building bridges from our churches to our neighborhoods. And, Kathryn Baker told us that she had done a requested interview regarding the PW in the Presbytery *PW Spirit Weaving* newsletter. Watch an upcoming issue of *Horizons* for this interview.

—Submitted by Phyllis Henry  
*Horizons Representative*

## *The Spirit of giving—notes from your PW treasurer*

Greetings from your PW Presbytery Treasurer: Wasn't that a fantastic Fall Gathering at the Homedale Presbyterian Church? Many thanks to Maryanne and the women of both Homedale and Adrian.

Down to the current money business: *2011 Blessings without Boundaries* Mission Pledge packets were supposed to have been mailed to the clerk of your church session. If you can't locate yours, contact our PWP moderator, Joey Mills who has pledge sheets. Or you can go on line to the PW website <http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/pw/> and click on "Giving and Funding" and then "PW mission pledge" "materials available..." You will find either PDF or Word forms to use. These need to be filled out and sent to Joey before November 15, 2010. Your PW organizations at Churchwide, Synod, and Presbytery levels rely on your generous pledging each year for support for their individual programs.

I want to remind everyone of the 2010 Thank Offering.

Every PWC moderator should have received a Thank Offering packet. Please conduct your Celebration for the Thank Offering early so we can send our donations to Churchwide by December 10.

All remittances should be sent to me, your PWP treasurer, and then I will forward them on to the appropriate places. Let me know if you need a new remittance form to copy and to use in this process and I will mail one to you or I can send one as an attachment via email.

If your PWC treasurer has changed this summer, please contact me with her name. If you have any questions, check your 2007 PW manual, or contact me or go online and research PW treasurer. You will find bunches of information. The 2007 PW manual can be ordered online also.

—Submitted by Kathy Mattson, PWP Treasurer  
*(contact information on the last page of this newsletter)*

## *The Spirit of mission*

First ever corneal transplant is performed at the United Christian Hospital

The first ever corneal transplant was conducted at United Christian Hospital (UCH) in Lahore, Pakistan. According to a press release of UCH, Mrs. Aziza Begum was blind because of central corneal opacity (phola) and cataract.

She was examined by Dr. Akash in the eye clinic at UCH. Dr. Akash brought the problem to the attention of the medical director of the hospital, Dr Immanuel Benjamin. After an initial examination, both doctors agreed that a corneal transplant was in order. However, this treatment is impossible without human corneal tissue, which is not available in Pakistan. Jackie Benjamin was scheduled to travel from the USA to Pakistan within a week so Dr. Benjamin asked his wife to bring the human corneal tissue from the USA for Mrs. Aziz Begum. Meanwhile, the hospital made all preparations for the operation and transplant. Associate Professor Dr. Abdul Hye with resident Dr. Akash readied for the operation. As soon as Jackie reached Lahore she came straight to UCH to deliver the graft. Soon after the doctors performed the corneal

transplant and cataract extraction. Mrs. Begum's vision was restored. All procedures were completed free at the hospital.

Jackie adds, "After receiving the request from my husband to locate a corneal graft to take to Pakistan, I contacted a member in the local Gem Lions Club and eventually made contact with the Idaho Lions Eye Bank. I picked up the corneal graft at the Eye Bank the Thursday morning of my flight to Pakistan (9/23/10). It was packed in front of me so I could answer 'yes' when asked by the airlines if I had packed my bag (the question was never asked). The corneal graft was in a 3"-round plastic container which fit into a molded Styrofoam holder. This was placed into a small ice chest with two bags of ice, and the chest was covered, sealed with tape, and placed in a cardboard carrying case, with handle. This container was not to go through the security check machine, so was opened at the Boise and Dubai airports. Burger King at the Dubai airport provided free ice to preserve the corneal graft. I arrived in Lahore at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 25, and the operation took place in the afternoon of the same day."



### Directories

In order to stay connected PW in the Presbytery publishes a directory each year. If you have not provided Kathryn Baker with your PW in the Congregation leaders, please send it to her right away. Her contact information is on the last page of this newsletter under "Search."

## *An update on flooding in Pakistan*

The people of Pakistan have suffered numerous natural and human-caused disasters over the past several years. Presbyterians have been in ministry there since before the nation of Pakistan was formed (1947). We stand with them today in their time of need. The recent floods have brought record-breaking destruction to the country, with more than 1,400 people dead and more than 1.5 M displaced. You can make a difference in brings God's healing to a nation torn by devastation.

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is responding through the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and working with our ecumenical partners to help meet emergency needs – providing

food packages, shelter material and non-food essentials. Emergency health services are also being provided. Over \$150,000 from the One Great Hour of Sharing offering was immediately used for these purposes.

If you want to give directly to the efforts for relief in the flooded areas of Pakistan, mark on the info line "DR000038 – Pakistan". You may be able to give through your local church, or you may mail your contribution to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

—Submitted by Jackie Benjamin, Mission Interpretation

## *The Spirit of justice & peace*

### Hotel Housekeeping

For many people, arriving at a hotel means it's time to relax and unwind. And comfortable hotel beds and pristine-looking rooms make it easy to kick back. They also make it easy to forget all the hard work that went into making them look so good. So before checking into your next hotel, consider the hotel staff.

**The same hotel amenities guests love, like lavish mattresses and stacks of pillows, actually make a hotel housekeeper's job a lot more difficult.**

The trend over the last couple of years has been to significantly increase the amenities in the rooms. The luxury mattresses are harder to lift, and some hotels have quadrupled the number of pillows on each bed,"

**There's a lot more to preparing for a new guest than making the bed and stocking clean towels.**

Have you ever arrived at your hotel early and huffed and puffed because your room wasn't ready? There's a good reason for that: Preparing a hotel room for a new guest can take twice as long as cleaning a room for a guest who is staying over. For a new arrival housekeeping has to go through the full inspection list, which may have around 100 check points. There are so many things that must be attended to that you wouldn't think of, including making sure the proper TV Guide is there, checking for stains on the amenity cards and ensuring the bed linens are completely wrinkle free."

**Many hotels are now offering green initiatives in their**



**rooms by letting their guests opt out of a daily room cleaning.** And while the eco-friendly programs seem great, in some cases they can deprive housekeepers of much-needed work—and pay. If 100 guests choose not to have their room cleaned, then the next day six to eight housekeepers might get a call that they don't have to come in to work. Since housekeepers are paid hourly, that's a problem.

**There is no standard hourly wage for housekeepers—even within the same chain.** Because of unions, hotel workers' wages vary widely. In a city like Chicago, where the majority of hotels are unionized, housekeepers make \$14.60 an hour. But in a city like Indianapolis, where there are no union hotels, a housekeeper at that same chain will be making about half that. There's a very wide range, and we've certainly seen places where people are getting paid more or less than that as well. On average, housekeepers clean 13 to 15 rooms a day, but it can be as high as 30 at some hotels. And they're expected to clean them all in one eight-hour shift.

**Most people don't tip housekeepers.** If people leave money on the dresser or table without a note, housekeeping won't take it because it isn't clear that it's for them. But leaving money on or underneath the pillow usually means it's for housekeeping, so always leave a note with your tip to be sure it gets into the right hands. While there's no standard amount for tipping, Members of the Churchwide Coordinating Team leave \$2 per person each day.

## *Katrina five years later*

With all the recent disasters—earthquakes, oil spills, volcano eruptions and tsunamis—we can easily think that the people of the New Orleans and Gulf Coast have recovered from Hurricane Katrina. There is still much work to be done. Many homes have had to be completely gutted and rebuilt from the inside out due to severe mold. The work has been slowed, in some part, by time spent to make insurance claims and to get the coverage dollars flowing in the right direction.

"Coming Home: Katrina Five Years Later," a DVD showing how volunteers have been affected personally and have impacted the lives of those they help is available. The film very clearly shows the amount of work yet to do. It runs about 55 minutes in length and is available at no cost online from the Church Store (Item # 2541210007), or call 1-800-524-2612. This would be excellent programming for family nights, mission committees, PW groups and youth groups.

## Three 2011 Birthday Offering grant recipients chosen

The Creative Ministries Offering Committee met in Louisville in August to choose recipients for the 2011 Offering. They chose three projects, all of which involve building or renovation, thus laying a foundation for the work of the projects involved.

**Menaul School**, an ecumenical, multicultural environment in Albuquerque, will refurbish an existing dormitory to reestablish a residential program for international and domestic students. The school also will purchase a van for student transportation. A historically Presbyterian racial ethnic institution, Menaul School exists to provide students from all backgrounds an excellent college preparatory education.

**The Women and Children Succeeding** program (WACS) in Anderson, South Carolina, will renovate a cottage to be used as a training center and for centralized staff offices. WACS provides assistance to people in need while guiding them toward independent function within their own resources. The grant will allow WACS to strengthen the existing program and improve the current participant's accessibility to the program's resources.

**In Sudan, "Bring Peace Now"** will strive to bring transformational education to Jon-

glei State and South Sudan. The award will build a dormitory, support training and help coordinate the translating and publishing of illustrated children's books. One of the goals of the program is to reduce illiteracy by providing educational opportunities that facilitate healing, bring about change in cultural attitudes and behavior, and foster empowerment for women.

### 2010 Offering

The 2010 Birthday Offering recipients have been awarded their first installments. The Kindergarten and Childcare Center Primary School Development in Kirkuk, Iraq, was sent \$200,000 to expand their facility and add a primary school. Peace Presbyterian Church in Louisville, KY was sent \$100,000 for their R.I.S.E. (Reach-Improve-Strengthen-Empower) Project. The project provides services specifically to children, youth, adult and families identified as at-risk or in need of support during a transitional period.

Both projects will receive the second installment of their awards in the spring of 2011. Together we do wonderful work. Thanks, Presbyterian Women!

Do you need ideas for promoting the Birthday Offering in your church? Contact Cindy Goodman, 888-728-7228, ext. 5387; cindy.goodman@pcusa.org.

Promotional materials may be ordered after January 1 from Presbyterian Distribution Service, 800-524-2612.

Visit [www.presbyterianwomen.org](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org) and click on the Giving and Funding link to learn more.

## Supplementary materials!

*Revelation in Context* by Karen Russell—provides four short exercises on some of the more challenging theological concepts raised in the book of *Revelation*. Available for free download.

*Eyewitness News—Revelation Edition: Live Interviews with John of Patmos* by Dale Lindsey Morgan—nine seven-minute radio spots

that correspond to the nine lessons of the Bible study. (HZN-10-103; \$7.50)

Order these and other supplemental resources at 800-524-2612. or go to <http://horizons.pcusa.org/bible.htm>



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## Searching...searching

After the first of the year your Search Committee will be looking for women to fill available leadership roles. We will be seeking women to fill positions in:

- Spiritual Growth
- Mission Interpretation
- Justice & Peace
- One member of the Search Committee

We have also been operating for some time without someone to fill:

- Historian



- Leadership Development

In order for PW to function at the presbytery level we need women who are willing to step out in leadership. This can mean a real opportunity for growth and friendship as women work side by side to help interpret and carry out the Presbyterian Women purpose.

Some current leaders are qualified to serve another term. If you are asked to continue, consider saying "yes." If you are asked to come onto the CT as a new member, consider saying "yes." You will be greatly rewarded!