

To: Presbytery of Riverside
From: Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Riverside
Respectfully submitted by Debbie Law, Moderator
Subject: June 2018 Report for the Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Riverside

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*“Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace,
that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”
-Hebrews 4:16*

Through our Presbyterian Women/Horizons Bible studies Presbyterian Women are reminded that our gifts of ministry bear the promises of God in Jesus Christ and that our offerings to God extend beyond the gifts we give on the Sabbath. The gifts include the various means of giving that are available to Presbyterian Women with our circles, our presbyteries and our synods. As the spring season arrives, PW celebrates the 2018 Birthday Offering, “Welcome to this Place”. PWC’s will gather to celebrate the creative opportunities we have to demonstrate hospitality through giving. In 2018, PW will answer the call to show Jesus’ love to the world by offering our prayers and financial support to three projects that support the critical need for shelter and hospitality in the areas they serve. Birthday Offering gifts will be offered to Cottage Village of Cottage Grove, Oregon, Village of Grace Center for Physical and Spiritual Health of Tegucigalpa, Honduras, and The Dwelling Place of Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota.

Representation from the Presbytery of Riverside: Kelsey Law(FPCSB), PWS Mission MAL/PWP Hunger MAL, was a PC(USA) delegate to the 62nd Commission on the Status of Women at the United Nations in New York (March 2018). The priority theme of CSW 62 was “Challenges and Opportunities in Achieving Gender Equality and Empowering Rural Women and Girls” with the review theme of “participation and access for women in the media and information/communication technologies”. Joined with the Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations and a twenty-person delegation, Kelsey attended UN side events, parallel events and Ecumenical Women’s worships. Kelsey gave a presentation and offered discussions on her CSW62 experience on April 7th to F.A.N in Redlands.

Presbyterian Women in the Congregations:

Beaumont First Presbyterian Church: On May 12th, PW hosted Jenny Mambu, our PW participant to the 2017 Global Exchange to Indonesia. Jenny spoke of her experiences in Indonesia and the community of her Indonesian hosts.

Calvary Presbyterian Church: In April, Joan Stolard shared with her PWC about the World Day of Prayer, its history, mission and meaning, its host country, and the World Day of Prayer Service at First Presbyterian Church San Bernardino on March 2, 2018.

Desert Hills Presbyterian: PW held their annual PW Luncheon and Fashion Show on May 19th.

Hemet First Presbyterian Church: PWC reports a very successful annual spring rummage sale and very fun luncheon/fashion/talent show. PWC continues their mission to knit and crochet prayer shawls for the community.

Redlands First Presbyterian Church: PW hosted PW Mission Day on May 9th. Hygiene kits were assembled and sanitants were made to be given to an international medical task force and distributed in June 2018.

San Bernardino First Presbyterian Church: PWC will welcome guest speaker, Nick Cataldo, to their Birthday Offering Gathering on June 4th, 6:30 p.m.. Mr. Cataldo is a local historian, published author and contributor to The Sun newspaper.

Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Riverside will join our Sisters in the Synod on June 2nd, for the Synod Spring Gathering/Day of Service, “Educate A Child, Transform the World” at Northminster Presbyterian Church in Diamond Bar. PW of the Presbytery will help provide materials, equipment and resourceful hands to complete the mission project for Little Dresses for Africa.

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