

To: Presbytery of Riverside
From: Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Riverside
Respectfully submitted by Debbie Law, Moderator
Subject: June 2020 Presbytery Report

"...but always seek to do good to one another and to all."

-I Thessalonians 5:15 NRSV

As our global community continues to manage the growing concerns of the coronavirus (Covid-19) and implement health standards for our communities, we as Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Riverside have made decisions for our Gatherings and in support of our PWCs using the safest and healthiest ways to remain as a part of the solution during this time. We remain in kinship with one another while using ZOOM, technology and other creative ways to ensure we continue to uphold our Presbyterian Women Purpose while practicing physical distancing and following shelter-in-place orders.

Our PWP and our PWC's have postponed or cancelled Spring Gatherings and Birthday Offering Celebrations. The PWP Spring Gathering, *All Things Hold Together*, would have installed PWP's new slate of leadership. Until a new date has been set, our current leadership will continue to serve PWP Riverside and we thank them for their continued support and service to Presbyterian Women. The 2020 Birthday Offering of Presbyterian Women celebrates the Center for Social Assistance to the Disabled, Family, and Children (Russia), GAP Ministries of Augusta, Georgia, Community Presbyterian Child Learning Center in Payson, Arizona, and Liberty Community Church in Minneapolis, Minnesota. PWP Riverside joins PW in the PC(USA) in working together to continue to help improve lives at home and around the world. We will continue to seek solutions while we determine new dates for our PWP and PWC's that work with all other gatherings and meetings within our Presbytery that have been rescheduled or postponed.

PWP Riverside PWC's have answered a call to service from Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of the Pacific to sew face masks. Presbytery of the Pacific sponsored a Gathering and Concert for Covid-19 relief and ministry on May 23rd, by ZOOM. Churches in their Presbytery are currently serving the unhoused population with food programs. POP wanted to give face masks to each of those churches to distribute to the people they minister to. Presbyterian Women in our Presbytery sewed and gave 90 face masks, as we connect in service and be in community with our PW sisters of the Presbytery of the Pacific.

PWC's around our Presbytery continue the Horizons Bible Study, *Love Carved in Stone, A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments*. Circles are meeting and discussing the lessons on ZOOM or members are discussing the lessons over phone conversations. As we begin to look ahead to next year's 2020-2021 Bible Study, *Into the Light, Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament*, by P. Lynn Miller, Presbyterian Women will be given the resources of four live lessons in June and pre-recorded lessons for future usage.

Acting faithfully to care for God's creation, Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery supported the creation of the Vine Street Community Park (First Presbyterian Church of Redlands). In collaboration with PW in the PC(USA)'s Eco-justice Initiative and with donations from our PWC's, we contributed to the purchase of plants for the community project.

July 31st, 2020 is PW Gives day! This is a day to celebrate and support all that Presbyterian Women make possible. PW continues to serve and tend our churches, our world and our PW. Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Riverside joins Presbyterian Women in the PC(USA) and the PCUSA as we pray with the light of God's love to a world in need of care and hope.

PWP Coordinating Team 2017 – 2019

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