

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



"May the God of peace grant you peace at all times in all ways."

-2 Thessalonians 3:16

Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Riverside gathered for our Fall Gathering on October 13, to host 2018 Presbyterian International Peacemaker, Rev. Roceni Bakian, from the Philippines. She is one of the 10 PCUSA International Peacemakers for 2018. The International Peacemaking Program make it possible for leaders from our partner denominations and partner organizations around the world to visit the PCUSA. Presbyterian Women in the Congregation of Beaumont First Presbyterian Church graciously hosted the Gathering. PWC's from Beaumont FPC, Hemet FPC, Redlands FPC, San Bernardino FPC and Victoria PC joined together to listen to Rev. Bakian's stories of ministry and witness and the challenges and issues of peace and justice in her home nation. Rev. Bakian also shared with us the longtime relationship Presbyterians have with the United Church of Christ of the Philippines. The Gathering gave PW a broader sense of God's inclusive family and an enriched and renewed global witness. We were reminded that the path of peace does not end. To affirm our purpose to Presbyterian Women, we continue to pursue peace so that we may work for justice and freedom and inspire to a greater faithfulness with one another.

Representation from the Presbytery of Riverside: Congratulations to Gayle Timilone of Redlands First Presbyterian Church on being selected to participate in the 2019 USA Mission Experience. In July 2019, Gayle will represent PW in the Presbytery of Riverside and in the Synod of Southern California and Hawaii, to the USA Mission Experience, "Standing on the Shoulders of Empowered Women". Gayle will travel with a group of Presbyterian Women to the Finger Lakes Region of New York. The delegation will learn about the issues confronting migrant workers and Native Americans, attend the Women's Convention at the National Women's Hall of Fame, and explore the rich history that Presbyterian Women have in the Women's and civil rights movements. Following the Mission Experience, Gayle will serve as representative of the Synod for two years.

Presbyterian Women in the Congregations:

Hemet First Presbyterian Church: PWC will host their November luncheon on November 9th. The program will host Kelsey Law, CSW 62 Synod Representative, where she will present a report on CSW, Ecumenicism, and Fellowship of the Least Coin. PWC and HFPC Men's Group will partner for a Fall Sale on November 16th-17th. The Sale event will also offer lunch hot dogs and hamburgers grilled in the Church court yard. The PWC Christmas Bazaar will be held on December 7th-8th.

Redlands First Presbyterian Church: PWC will host the Thank Offering Gathering on November 10th.

San Bernardino First Presbyterian Church: PWC will present "Time To Shine", their Luncheon and Fall Fashion Show on November 3, 2018. PWC will hold its Annual Alternative Market in December.

Victoria Presbyterian Church: The members are exploring the use of the Horizons Bible Study.

We reaffirm our commitment to the Purpose of Presbyterian Women and our covenantal relationships to building an inclusive caring community that strengthens the PCUSA. Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Riverside will join our churchwide Sisters in the 2018 Thank Offering "Diverse, Yet One In Christ". Since 1888, Presbyterian Women have joyfully expressed gratitude for God's blessings for sharing their blessings with those in need at home and around the world. The Thank Offering funds programs that provide education, safe housing, clean water, health care, help for prisoners, justice for women and more. Our PWC's hold their Thank Offering celebrations in the fall.

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Pictured: PWP Riverside Fall Gathering, Beaumont Presbyterian Church

