

News and Information About Presbyterian Women and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)



Widening the Circle

In 2000, Presbyterian Women established a permanently restricted endowment fund called the Widening the Circle Fund. This fund ensures financial resources for emerging programs that are vital to women in the church. Memorials and honoraria can help grow

this fund and support the work of Women's Ministries. Consider celebrating PW's twentieth anniversary with a gift that will secure women's programs in the future. Talk with your financial or tax advisor about what donation plan could work for you.

An envelope was included in the November/December 2007 issue of *Horizons* for setting up regular donations or for a one-time gift. For more information, or to donate, please contact Women's Ministries, 888/728-7228, ext. 5362, or visit www.pcusa.org/women. Contributions should be sent to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Foundation, Widening the Circle Fund, Account # 1020058979, PO Box 406863, Atlanta, GA 30384-6863.



Participate in Ecumenical Advocacy Days

On March 7–10, 2008, hundreds of Christians will participate in the 2008 Ecumenical Advocacy Days in Washington, D.C.

The goal of this conference, themed "Claiming a Vision of True Security," is to strengthen the Christian voice for a more just and peaceful world and to mobilize for advocacy on a wide variety of U.S. domestic and international policy issues. In 2007, nearly 900 participants gathered, witnessing to the strong commitment of the ecumenical community to seek justice through advocacy.

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Washington Office has been a sponsor of Ecumenical Advocacy Days since its inception in 2003. The event includes worship, theological reflection and opportunities for learning and witness. Speakers at this event will include Mark Lomax, pastor of First African Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, Georgia; Lisa Schirch, conflict analysis and resolution expert; and Vicken Aykazian, president-elect of the National Council of Churches.

The registration fee is \$160 before February 15; it is \$175 February 15 and after.

Learn more or register at www.advocacydays.org.



Honorary Life Memberships

PW's Honorary Life Membership (HLM) Program offers groups the chance to honor faithful service to church or PW work and to help fund the Leadership Development Grant Program. Beginning January

1, 2008, groups can purchase the new 10K gold HLM pin (\$250) or the sterling silver pin (\$95). Honorees will receive the pin and a certificate acknowledging their faithful commitment. The funds generated by this program become grants that help Presbyterian Women attend conferences or workshops or participate in other leadership activities.

For more details, visit www.pcusa.org/pw or contact PW's HLM program assistant, pw_pcusa@pcusa.org or 888/728-7228, ext. 8014.

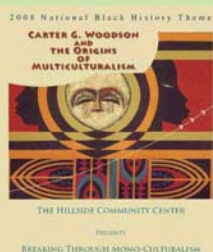
Don't forget to visit www.pcusa.org/horizons to get the free resource, "Make the Most of Your Magazine!" You'll find suggestions for how to use the articles in this magazine for personal reflection or group discussion.

Correction

In the November/December 2007 issue of *Horizons*, the department “Working for Justice and Peace” included a misprint. The first paragraph under “More Violence, More Peace” should read:

“Violence, like many cancers, is a chronic disease. To confront either requires the antithesis of passivity—thoughtful response. Gandhi, Jesus, Martin Luther King Jr. and now nameless Palestinian and Israeli nonviolent protestors have shown us that civil disobedience is not for the fickle or weak. Some peacemakers die, but fewer than in war. The mutually self-destructive violence exchanged between Israel and suicide bombers makes the truth as clear as day-glow graffiti: violence only breeds more violence.”

Also, the Celebrate the Gifts of Women service insert in the November/December 2007 issue begins on the inside right, moves to the inside left, and ends on the back of the insert.



Celebrate Black History Month

To educate all Americans about the contributions of African Americans to the growth and development of the United

States, Carter G. Woodson established the first Negro History Week in February 1926. He selected February to commemorate the birth dates of two men who were influential in the lives of black Americans—Frederick Douglass (February 14) and Abraham Lincoln (February 12). The celebration was eventually extended to the entire month of February, and is now called Black History Month.

The Association for the Study of African American Life and History has created a resource kit around the theme for 2008, “Carter G. Woodson and the Origins of Multiculturalism.” The kit includes a magazine, posters and CD-ROM. Visit www.asalh.org or call 202/865-0053 for more information.

Your community may have an event or programs planned for Black History Month. Check your local paper or library for more information.



Gathering Songwriter(s) Needed!

Is there a songwriter lurking deep inside you? Have you sensed God calling you to use your creative spirit for the benefit of Presbyterian Women? If so, then you may be the person Presbyterian Women needs! Songwriters are invited to submit songs to be considered for the theme song of the 2009 Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women. The theme for the 2009 Gathering is “God Will Do Wonders Among You” and is based on *Joshua 3:5*.*

Rules and Guidelines

1. Submissions should consist of original words and music (or original words to a tune in the public domain) that reflect the gathering theme, the chosen scripture and biblical concepts of the wonders of God in our lives and in the world.
2. Submissions must be theologically sound, in keeping with the Reformed tradition, and must use inclusive language.
3. Submissions must be original and not used at any time prior to the Gathering, July 11–15, 2009.
4. All submissions become the property of Presbyterian Women.
5. Presbyterian Women will pay no remuneration to the songwriter.
6. Presbyterian Women reserves the right not to select any of the entries.
7. Submissions are due no later than August 1, 2008.

Mail to:

PW Churchwide Gathering Theme Song Contest
c/o 6200 Camphor Street
Metairie, LA 70003

No copies of submitted entries will be returned.

*Members of the plenary team will sing all of the songs submitted, with the names of the writers and composers blocked out, so that the songs will be judged on their merits alone.