

# 2015 CHURCHWIDE GATHERING PROMOTIONAL PACKET



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*—1 Corinthians 12:12–27*



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## INTRODUCING!

Meet Minnie Moose, the mascot of the 2015 Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women!



## LETTER FROM THE CHAIR OF THE GATHERING PLANNING TEAM

July 2014

Dear PW Leaders,

On behalf of Gathering planners, I am pleased to extend a very warm and cordial invitation to each of you to attend the 2015 Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women, which will take place in Minneapolis, Minnesota, June 18–21, 2015!

The theme of the 2015 Gathering, “One Body, One Spirit,” is based on 1 Corinthians 12:12–27. We all share an identity in Christ, even though we have varied ideas and interests. Participating in the 2015 Gathering will give each of us the opportunity to share our ideas and interests, while we worship, learn, fellowship, renew former friendships, make new friends and have lots and lots of fun!

We will indeed be together as one body under one roof at Minneapolis’s Hyatt Regency, where attendees will have the option of participating in three educational opportunities on both Friday and Saturday. Choices include workshops, forums, mission tours and a variety of other offerings. Each day of the Gathering will begin and end with a plenary session that will include a spiritual reflection based on a small group Bible study resource being developed around the Gathering theme.

The Clothesline Project, which focuses on domestic violence, will again be part of the Gathering. The Spirituality Center will offer a place for quiet reflection and meditation. Friday evening will feature a combination dinner and plenary session that will include time with global partners and a light, fun program, followed by evening vespers. The Gathering definitely offers something for everyone!

We paid close attention to your comments on the 2012 evaluations, particularly about voting representatives being unable to participate in all Gathering activities due to the Business Meeting. We’ve made some changes so that the Business Meeting will take place Wednesday evening, June 17, and during the day Thursday, June 18. That means that the voting representatives will not have to miss any of the actual Gathering!

Join us in Minneapolis as we work together and share as one body in the spirit of our PW Purpose. We will nurture our faith; we will support the mission of the church worldwide; we will work for justice and peace; and we will build an inclusive, caring community of women (along with a few men and children)! I’m looking forward to seeing you and all of your friends in Minneapolis next June!

Blessings to each of you,

*Shelda*

Shelda M. Wills  
2015 Gathering Chair

*P.S. Visit the Activities Hall for books, exhibits and fun!*



## 2015 Churchwide Gathering FAQs

### What is the theme of the 2015 Churchwide Gathering?

The theme is “One Body, One Spirit,” based on 1 Corinthians 12:12–27 (NRSV). While the Gathering experience will explore the entire passage, particular attention will be paid to verses 12–13: “For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.”

### When is the 2015 Churchwide Gathering?

The Gathering begins on Thursday, June 18, 2015, and concludes on Sunday, June 21, 2015.

### Where will this Gathering be held?

The Gathering will be held all under one roof at the Hyatt Regency in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Optional field trips will visit local Presbyterian, mission-focused and cultural sites.

### Who attends the Gathering?

Christian women (and a few men and children!) from across the country and around the world come together for this triennial event. Past Gatherings have included people of all ages and from more than 20 countries.

### What happens at the Gathering?

Lots! Join in worship—enjoying uplifting music and gifted preachers—with sisters in faith from around the country and the world. Find inspiration in the plenary (large group) sessions, which highlight everything from Bible study to mission projects. Learn about your areas of passion and key issues in the world today through forums and workshops led by inspiring speakers. Get excited about the future of Presbyterian Women at the Business Meeting, where PW’s 2015–2018 leaders will be elected, a budget will be finalized and programmatic emphases will be chosen. Witness the installation of the newly elected leaders of PW’s 2015–2018 Churchwide Coordinating Team. Visit the many exhibits. Shop in the marketplace and bookstore. Take in some of the fun spots that Minneapolis has to offer.

### How much will the Gathering cost?

Full registration is \$395. This is less than in 2012! Hotel, travel and some meals are additional.

### Is there a discount if I only attend part of the Gathering?

Daily registration is \$125 per day.

### What hotel accommodations are available?

Housing and programming are all under one roof at the Hyatt Regency. Room rates are \$169 per room, per night, for one to four persons per room, plus tax.

### Are transportation services available?

For full-service air travel assistance, contact Roger Roy, Global Travel Alliance, at 505/892-2820.

### Are scholarships available?

PW Churchwide scholarships are not available for this Gathering. Consider applying for (or donating to!) scholarships through your PW in the Congregation, Presbytery or Synod.

### I’m a voting representative. When should I be available for the Business Meeting?

The Business Meeting will begin Wednesday, June 17 at 7 PM and will continue Thursday, June 18, 8:30 AM–5 PM.

### What else can you tell me about the theme?

“One Body, One Spirit” invites us to consider ourselves as one community in Christ. For all our varied gifts, we share an identity in Christ. The 2015 Gathering will be an opportunity to renew our faith and celebrate our shared identity.

### Where can I get more information?

The Gathering web pages ([www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering)), the PW Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/presbyterianwomenpcusa](http://www.facebook.com/presbyterianwomenpcusa)) and of course, *Horizons* magazine!

### Minneapolis, here I come! When can I register?

Registration opens on January 15, 2015. Look for a registration booklet in the November/December 2014 issue of *Horizons* magazine. (Not a subscriber? Call 866/802-3635 or visit [www.pcusa.org/horizons](http://www.pcusa.org/horizons).) After November 1, 2014, order registration booklets by calling 800/524-2612 or visiting [www.pcusa.org/store](http://www.pcusa.org/store).

### What materials are available to promote the Churchwide Gathering?

Use this promo pack for lots of ideas! Also, call 800/524-2612 or visit [www.pcusa.org/store](http://www.pcusa.org/store) to order a supply of

- registration books (CWG15001) and
- save-the-date magnets (item CWG15029; limit 50).

And, of course, your story of what the Gathering means to you is a powerful tool—share what the Gathering has meant to you with someone who has never been!



### Gathering Timeline

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#### 2014

##### July

Less than a year until the Gathering! Save just \$66 a month (\$16.50 a week!) from now until January 2015 and you'll have the cost of registration covered when registration opens.

##### August

Plan to promote the Gathering at fall synod and presbytery gatherings and PWC meetings!

##### September 15

Deadline for submitting a song for consideration for the Churchwide Gathering theme song. See page 5 for details.

##### October

Visit [www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering) for the most up-to-date information about the Gathering. Then send an

email to PW friends, sharing some of the reasons you found online that they may want to attend the Gathering!

##### November

Gathering registration booklets are available. Order yours (and a few for friends!) and start making your plans for the Gathering. Visit [www.pcusa.org/store](http://www.pcusa.org/store) or call 800/524-2612 and request item CWG15001.

##### December 25

Merry Christmas! Give the gift of the Gathering to someone you love!

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#### 2015

##### January 15

Registration opens!

Save just \$20 a week and you'll have the cost of your hotel bill, extra meals and excursions covered!

##### February 14

Ask your valentine to skip the flowers and give you the gift of the Gathering!

##### March

The March/April issue of *Horizons* explores feminism and empowering women. Presbyterian Women's events, like the Gathering, have empowered women to improve the world one baby blanket, one rally and one leadership role at a time. Register now to get empowered and inspired in a new way!

##### April

Find out who in your congregation, presbytery or synod is attending the Gathering. Maybe you'll want to drive

together or meet at the airport for your flight. If you haven't contacted Roger Roy for assistance with your flight, contact him soon: 505/892-2820 or [gtaror@yahoo.com](mailto:gtaror@yahoo.com).

##### May

It's not too late to register for the Gathering! There will be worship, community, education, fun and much more. Join us!

##### June

Pack your bags and head for the Gathering!

##### June 17

Business Meeting begins at 7 PM and will conclude June 18 by 5 PM.

##### June 18

The Gathering begins!





### Gathering Theme Song

Is there a song in your heart? Are you movin' your feet?  
Imagine One Body movin' to the beat.

We're lookin' for a theme song.  
Will you create one and send it along?

Experienced songwriters, budding musicians,  
we await your creative submissions.

Familiar melody\* or brand-new tune,  
we'll sing it together a year from this June.

As the bard says, Presbyterian Women is seeking a theme song that enhances the "One Body, One Spirit" theme for the 2015 Churchwide Gathering! Submissions should consist of original words and music (or original words to a tune in the public domain) that reflect the Gathering theme and scripture. Theme song submissions may also include *you* (or someone else) singing your song!

Submissions must be theologically sound, in keeping with the Reformed tradition, and must use inclusive language. Submissions will not be returned and there will be no remuneration. PW retains all rights.

#### Submissions

- Submissions must be received no later than September 15, 2014. Please email words and music to [pw2015theme@gmail.com](mailto:pw2015theme@gmail.com). **Be sure to include your name and phone number in the email.**

- You may also submit performances of your submission on YouTube (optional). Be sure to email the link to the video when you submit words and music to [pw2015theme@gmail.com](mailto:pw2015theme@gmail.com).
- If you prefer, you may mail your submission to PW Gathering Theme Song, c/o 1949 Radcliffe Drive North, Clearwater, FL 33763.

*\* Must be a melody in the public domain—that is, a tune that does not require permission and/or license fee to use.*

### Gathering Tote Bags

Keeping in mind good stewardship, Gathering registrations will not include a Gathering tote bag. Pack your favorite souvenir tote bag (or just a big purse!) and be ready to fill it with Gathering goodies.

If no Gathering is complete for you without a tote bag, never fear! For only a small fee, you can add a tote bag to your registration. And a very limited number of these tote bags will be available for sale at the Gathering.

### "One Body, One Spirit," Lots of Logo Wear!

In the age of customization, even your Gathering t-shirt can be custom-made! Presbyterian Women has created the "One Body, One Spirit" logo and from there, it's up to you!

Go to [www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering) and download the Gathering logo (black-and-white or color) and the permission letter, and let a local screen printer work some



magic in creating your custom logo item. Or create an iron-on transfer on your home computer! (You can purchase the materials at an office supply or craft store.) Create your own personalized item, complete with your name. Or get together with your PW group (in the congregation, presbytery or synod) to create an item that identifies you as a group. Add the Gathering logo to t-shirts, jackets, scarves, tote bags, hats, shawls, anything!

We're eager to see what you and your PW group (in the congregation, presbytery or synod) do with that logo!

And don't forget to take pictures of the creation process! Share them with other groups in your presbytery or synod. And post your pictures on social media (like Facebook or Twitter)! Or send them to [yvonne.hileman@pcusa.org](mailto:yvonne.hileman@pcusa.org) for posting.

### One Small Gift

Consider bringing a \$10 prepaid Target gift card to the Gathering for the American Indian Family Center (AIFC) in St. Paul. This St. Paul program supports Native American

families by valuing and strengthening the American Indian community and its culture. The AIFC runs the Wakanyeja Kin Wakan Pi (Our Children Are Sacred) Program, which provides direct services to Native American women during the prenatal and postnatal periods. Culturally-specific case management services help ensure healthy birth outcomes and good health for the mother and baby. Wakanyeja Kin Wakan Pi coordinates mothers' support groups and offers classes on parenting, nutrition and good health.

### Registration Timeline

The CWG registration booklet will be available in November 2014

- from Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery moderators;
- with the November/December 2014 issue of *Horizons*;
- from the PC(USA)'s Church Store, 800/524-2612 or [www.pcusa.org/store](http://www.pcusa.org/store); request item CWG12001.

It will contain all the information you need for selecting program options (workshops, forums, local tours, mission excursions, etc.), making hotel reservations and generally planning your Gathering experience. Registration will open (by mail, fax and online) January 15, 2015.

### Registration Options

Full registration—\$395

One-day registration—\$125

### Housing

All sleeping rooms for the 2015 Gathering will be at the Hyatt Regency Minneapolis. Attendees are responsible for making their own hotel reservations and finding roommate(s). Reservations may be made using the housing form in the registration booklet or through a link on the PW Gathering web page. Room rates are \$169 per room, per night, one to four persons per room, plus tax. These room rates also will apply 3 days before and after the Gathering. Make it a vacation!





## Spread the Word

We need your help to bring together Presbyterian women for the fun, nurture, education, leadership development, Bible study and so much more that makes up the Gathering! Word of mouth is the best way to encourage others to attend, so share your enthusiasm and share it often!

Use and adapt the following suggestions and resources to promote the Gathering. Customize them with any information that will appeal to your audience.

Include the dates, location and Gathering web address in all of your promotions. And don't forget that you can add the logo to any of your communications—see the art reproduction page or visit [www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering).

This Gathering web page will also have the most up-to-date details to include in your Gathering promotions. Visit often!

### Say It!

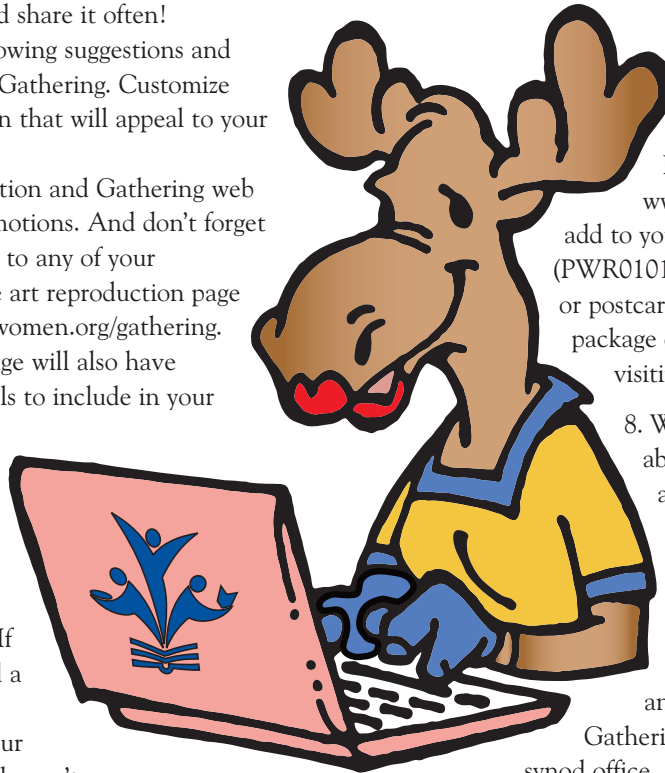
1. Tell your friends that you are going to the Gathering. If you have attended a Gathering before, tell them about your experience; if you haven't, encourage them to go on the adventure *with* you!
2. Invite five friends to go to the Gathering. Make it a point to say "Would you think about joining me at the Gathering" to just five women you think may be interested—a newly retired woman, a longtime friend who always looks through your Gathering souvenirs, a young woman who's new to PW?
3. Make announcements at PW and church meetings about the Gathering. Be sure to share the date, location, theme, cost and your personal testament about why you attend the Gathering. Urge people to talk with you if they have questions.
4. Recruit your pastor to help spread the news. Provide her or him with basic information, and make sure s/he knows who is the contact person in your church for additional information.

### Act It Out!

5. Don't be skit-ish! Recruit a friend to help you (or two friends, if you have stage fright!) perform the skit on

page 10 at meetings and promote attendance at the Gathering.

6. Develop your own skit to promote the Gathering. (And send it to Carissa Herold, [Carissa.herold@pcusa.org](mailto:Carissa.herold@pcusa.org), so she can share it with other dramatists!)



### Write It!

7. Send notes to five friends, inviting them to attend the Gathering.

Download the Gathering logo (from [www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering)) to add to your stationery, or order PW logo notecards (PWR01010a; \$9 plus shipping for a package of 25) or postcards (PWR01011a; \$4 plus shipping for a package of 50). Order by calling 800/524-2612 or visiting [www.pcusa.org/store](http://www.pcusa.org/store).

8. Write an article for your church newsletter about why the Gathering is important. Talk about your favorite events and programs at the Gathering, friends made or church/PW group work that began from inspiration at the Gathering. Be sure to include the Gathering website ([www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering)) and the dates and location for the Gathering. Send copies to your presbytery and synod office, and let them know they can use the copy in their newsletters! (Please also email a copy to [yvonne.hileman@pcusa.org](mailto:yvonne.hileman@pcusa.org); PW may use your story for promotions, newsletters or blogs.)
9. Send a note to women whom you know through Presbyterian Women. (See p. 9 for a sample note.) And don't stop with women in your congregation; look for other familiar names in your presbytery and synod directories.
10. Write a news release for your local newspaper, radio station and cable talk show host. Use information from this packet, and provide the names of local women who will be attending the Gathering.

### Pass It Out!

11. Provide fliers at every meeting you attend—in your circle, church, presbytery and synod. A flier is included in this packet and is downloadable from [www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering).
12. Post a copy of the promotional poster (p. 15) on your church bulletin board.



## TWENTY-FIVE WAYS TO PROMOTE THE GATHERING

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13. Make your friends Gathering fans! Using the template and instructions on pp. 19–20, make a Gathering fan for everyone at your next circle, presbytery or synod meeting.
14. Give out Life Savers® (candy) at meetings and explain how offerings taken at the Gathering help improve and save lives throughout the world.
15. Make copies of the crossword, maze and word find on pages 16–18 for a fun way to promote Gathering attendance.
16. Distribute Gathering “Save the Date” magnets (item CWG15029) at PW events; free, plus shipping (limit 50). Order by calling 800/524-2612 or visiting [www.pcusa.org/store](http://www.pcusa.org/store).

### Decorate It!

17. Create a bulletin board to promote the Gathering. Literally spell out “Attend the Gathering!” then add any resources, decoration, information or inspiration that you think will help. Tack up copies of the “Save the Date” magnet, flier and poster, along with a way to get in touch with local attendees or the main contact for Gathering attendance in your congregation, presbytery or synod.
18. Use props to decorate a Gathering table or display case.
  - Interpret the “One Body, One Spirit” theme with pictures of the many women who have committed to attending this one event.
  - Minneapolis is the City of Lakes and (with St. Paul) one of the Twin Cities, so consider water images or two of everything.
  - Minnesota is also known for moose—maybe you’d like to use the moose clip art (see the art reproduction sheet) or find stuffed or ceramic moose to add a playful take on Gathering attendance?
19. Add the Gathering logo to t-shirts, hats, scarves, pins, cell phone cases. Attendees are being encouraged to create their own Gathering logo items to identify themselves at the Gathering. Work with your congregation, presbytery, synod and/or mission team, justice network to create a special logo item to make your group stand out. See page 13.
20. Create “Minnie the Moose” antler headbands out of construction paper, and have a decorating party.
21. Make enlarged copies of the moose tracks (see the art reproduction sheet, p. 13), put them on the floor, and invite others to “Follow me to the Gathering”!

### Like It, Tweet It, Forward It!

22. Visit PW’s Facebook page, especially the events section, where you’ll see the 2015 Gathering listed. Or go to [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and search for “2015 Churchwide Gathering.” Say you’re attending, who and what you hope to see and if you’ve ever attended a Gathering. This will show up on your page as activity—promotion made fun and easy!
23. Tweet your excitement for the Gathering! Tweet to @PWPCUSA or hashtag your tweets with #pwgathering or #pwcwg15. Your followers will see your enthusiasm, and maybe get you retweeted?
24. Start a crowd-funded Gathering registration for someone in your church who would like to attend, but can’t afford it. Go to [www.gofundme.com](http://www.gofundme.com), another platform for collaborative fundraising, or keep track of financial commitments in a spreadsheet or notebook. Send emails to PW in your congregation, presbytery, or synod to support this participant.
25. Forward emails about the Gathering to all of your PW friends! If you’re not receiving emails from Presbyterian Women, email [Patricia.Longfellow@pcusa.org](mailto:Patricia.Longfellow@pcusa.org) and ask to be added to the email list.



### Announcement to speak and print\*

Presbyterian women from around the globe will gather in Minneapolis, Minnesota, June 18–21, 2015, to celebrate the theme “One Body, One Spirit.” Inspiring worship, Bible study, thought-provoking speakers and workshops on mission, leadership and spiritual growth will provide nurture and challenge for all who attend.

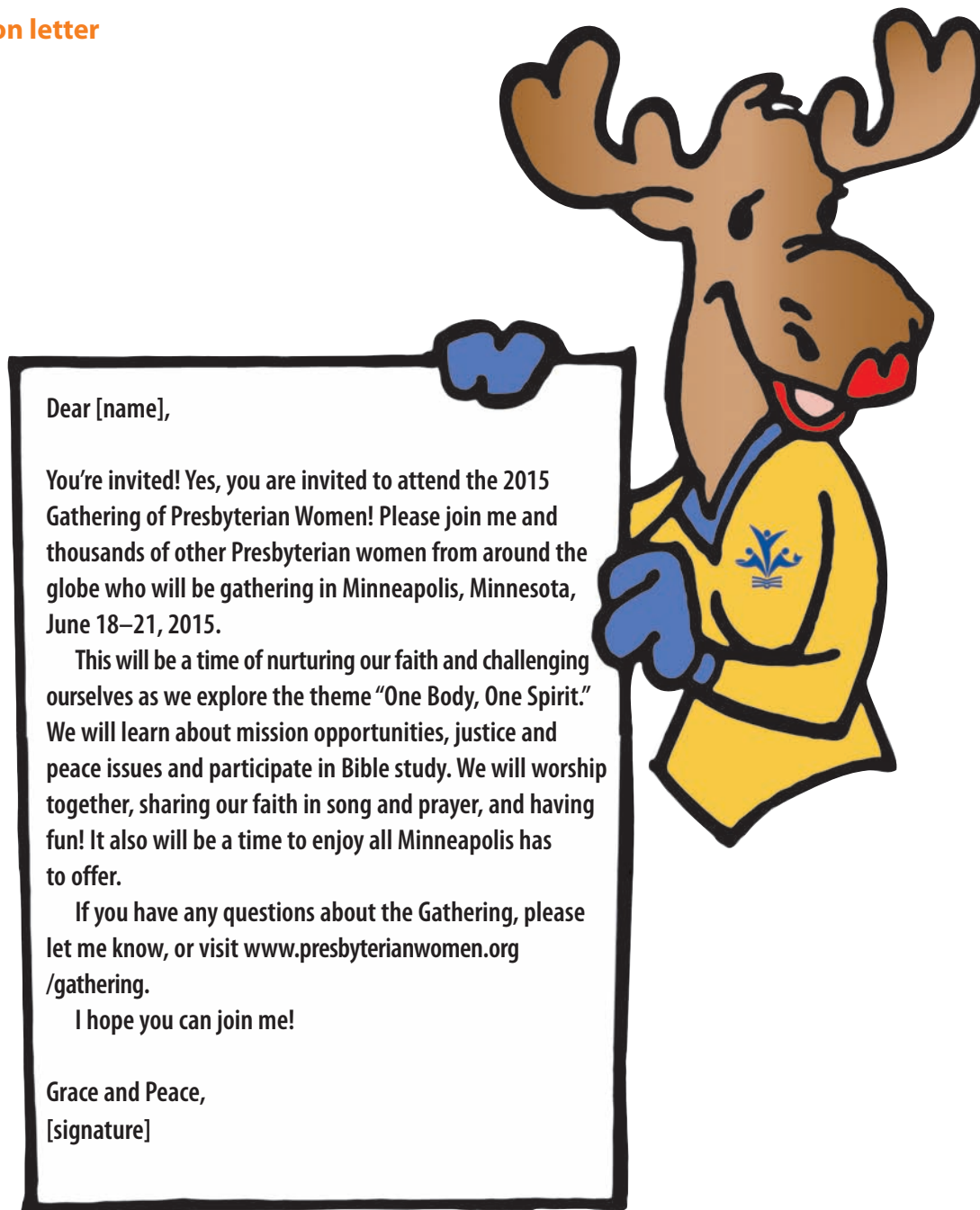
This also will be a time for fun and renewal with sisters in Christ!

For more information, visit [www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering).

*\*This can be a pulpit announcement, too. End with:*

Want to know more? Just ask me about it after worship, and I’ll be happy to talk with you about the upcoming Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women.

### Invitation letter





### Promotional Skit for the 2015 Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women

by Rhoda Fraiser

*Props: t-shirt, bat, baseball cap*

*Patricia stands on stage, wearing a t-shirt and baseball cap. She's holding a baseball bat and using it to do stretches.*

**Maxine:** *(walks in)* What are you doing, Patricia?

**Patricia:** Getting ready for the Churchwide Gathering!

**Maxine:** Is there a reason for the bat?

**Patricia:** Sure. The Gathering is in Minneapolis, Minnesota—the home of the Twins. Go, Twins! *(cheer gestures)* Win, Twins!

**Maxine:** But what does that have to do with the Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women?

**Patricia:** The theme is “One Body, One Spirit.” So I’m getting my body ready with stretches, and obviously, I already have the spirit. *(cheer gesture)* Go, Twins!

**Maxine:** Oh, Patricia, that’s not the idea. “One Body, One Spirit” is from the Gathering scripture, 1 Corinthians 12:12–13: “For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.”

**Patricia:** So, it has nothing to do with the Twins?

**Maxine:** No, although you might be able to see them when you are there. This is about a Gathering of Presbyterian Women, June 18–21, 2015. We will meet in Minneapolis to celebrate the Churchwide Gathering. Though we are many parts from many places, we are still “One Body, One Spirit.” There will be worship, singing, dynamic speakers, workshops and friends, old and new. And it’s a time to reflect, relax and be renewed. What more could you want?

**Patricia:** I’m in! I can’t wait to get the registration information. And I need to check the Twins’ schedule. Go, Twins! Go, Presbyterian Women!

*Patricia and Maxine walk off stage, chatting about the Gathering.*



## Commissioning Service

The following commissioning service may be used for synod and presbytery representatives to the triennial Business Meeting of Presbyterian Women and for participants in the Gathering.

*One person will be needed to read the parts of the presenter. Plan to have room enough for those attending the Gathering to come forward to face those assembled.*

### Gathering Scripture

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

—1 Corinthians 12:12–27

### Commissioning the Synod PW Moderator

*Presenter calls the synod PW moderator.*

(Name) is our synod PW moderator. She will represent (synod name) at the triennial Business Meeting of Presbyterian Women at the 2015 Churchwide Gathering. She will represent us and be our voice. She will share our interests and concerns. With careful study and thoughtful prayer, she will help determine the agenda and budget for Presbyterian Women for 2015–2018. (Name), please come forward.

### Commissioning the Presbytery PW Moderator and Voting Representatives

*Presenter calls the presbytery PW moderator and the voting representatives.*

(Name) is our presbytery PW moderator and (Name(s)) is/are our voting representative(s). They will represent (presbytery name) at the triennial Business Meeting of Presbyterian Women at the 2015 Churchwide Gathering. They will represent us and be our voice. They will share our interests and concerns. With careful study and thoughtful prayer, they will help determine the agenda and budget for Presbyterian Women for 2015–2018. (Names), please come forward.

*Presenter speaks to those who have come forward.*

You will be our voice and you will convey our concerns; you will be our heart and you will express our devotion; you will be our mind and you will reflect our mission. Please respond, “I do” to the following requests for service.

Do you willingly accept these responsibilities?

Do you promise to communicate our needs as you understand them?

Do you pledge to represent us well by interacting with other women from around the globe in Christian love and friendship?

Do you promise to attend the 2015 Gathering with enthusiasm and seek to experience all that it has to offer you, for your own benefit as well as that of Presbyterian Women?

You have now been commissioned as our representatives to the 2015 Gathering of Presbyterian Women. May you attend the Gathering with the knowledge that through our faith in Jesus Christ we are united in “One Body, One Spirit,” though we are many. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, know that the gifts you contribute to the Gathering will strengthen the Body of Christ for the sake of the gospel and the benefit of all.

### Blessing Gathering Participants

*Presenter to those assembled*

Will all others who will attend the 2015 Gathering of Presbyterian Women please come forward? (*pause as they gather*)

*Presenter to attendees*

You have a wonderful opportunity to be part of “One Body, One Spirit” at the 2015 Churchwide Gathering. We encourage you to experience the excitement of worshipping with Christian women from around the globe. Enjoy the music, lift up the needs of the world in prayer, ponder the issues and



challenges that will be brought before you, listen carefully to the message of unity in the Body of Christ and be delighted in learning new ways to express your faith. Empowered by the One Spirit, bring home with you new views of service and ideas to share with others.

### Closing

*Presenter to all*

Let us pray.

Oh, Holy One, we thank you for the blessings that we find in Presbyterian Women and for the opportunities it offers us to be in your service. We thank you for the excitement and challenges of the Churchwide Gathering. We pray, Lord, that you will find delight in the efforts of those who have planned the meeting.

We ask your blessings on these representatives who will attend the Gathering on our behalf.

Guide them in their decision-making. Be with them as they deliberate the issues, and help them to find just and peaceful answers to that which lies before them. Empower them to return home with energy to spread the hope that they surely will experience.

Open the eyes and hearts of those attending the Gathering to what you would have them see and do. We pray that the Holy Spirit will give them a voice to tell of their experiences and of the Oneness in the Body of Christ that they felt among the many gathered.

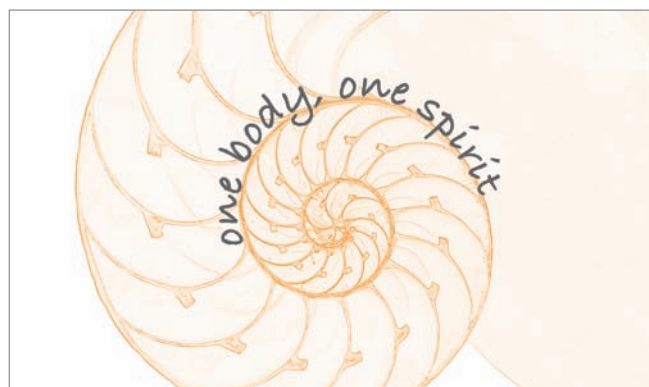
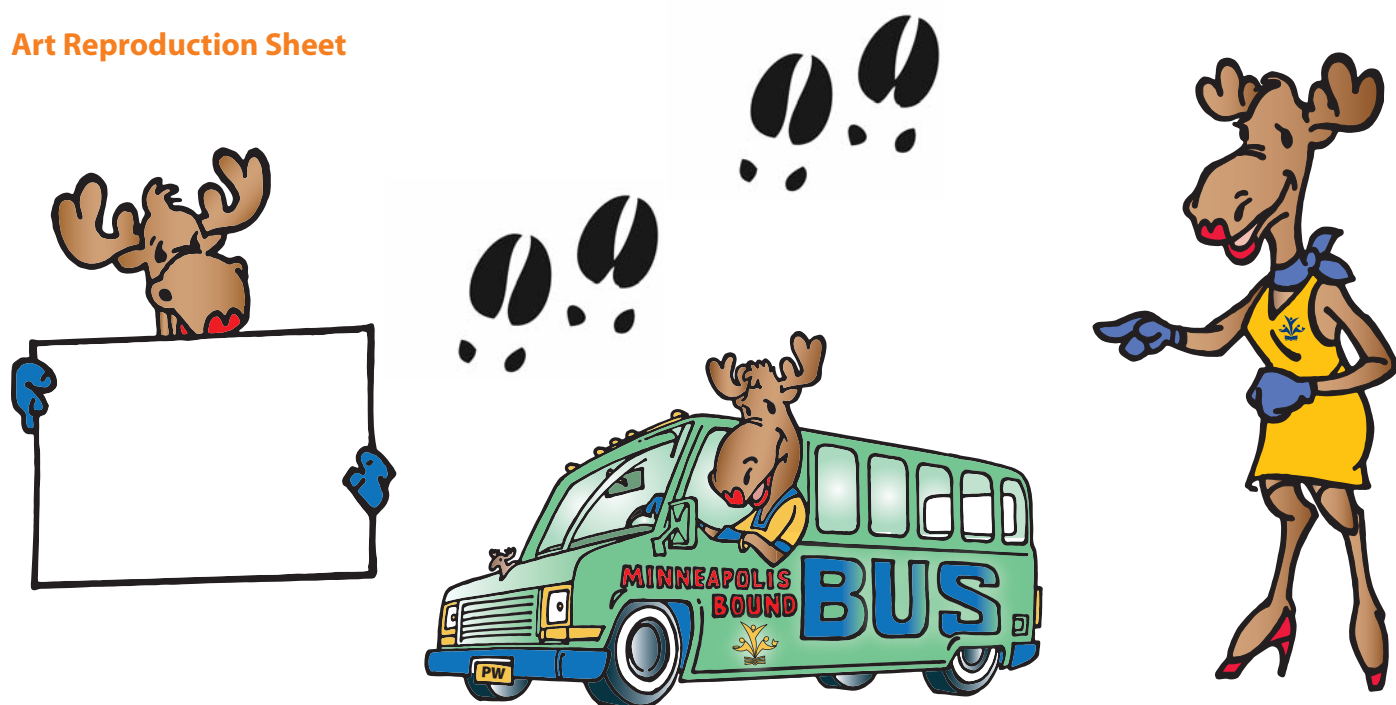
Bless all those gathered here, that we may be assured that through our faith in Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit we are One. In the name of our Jesus the Christ we pray. Amen.







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For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

1 Corinthians 12:12–13



## Ready to make a multitude of Minneapolis memories?

Plan now to attend the 2015 Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women!

[www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering)

### Here are a few details!

- The 2015 Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women will be held at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Minneapolis from June 18–21, 2015.
- Registration is \$395 (a savings from 2012)
- Single days are \$125. **Registration will open January 15, 2015.**
- Rooms at the Hyatt are \$169 per night (plus tax) for up to four people (also a savings from 2012!)





# DON'T MISS THE BUS!

Get on board for the  
2015 Churchwide Gathering  
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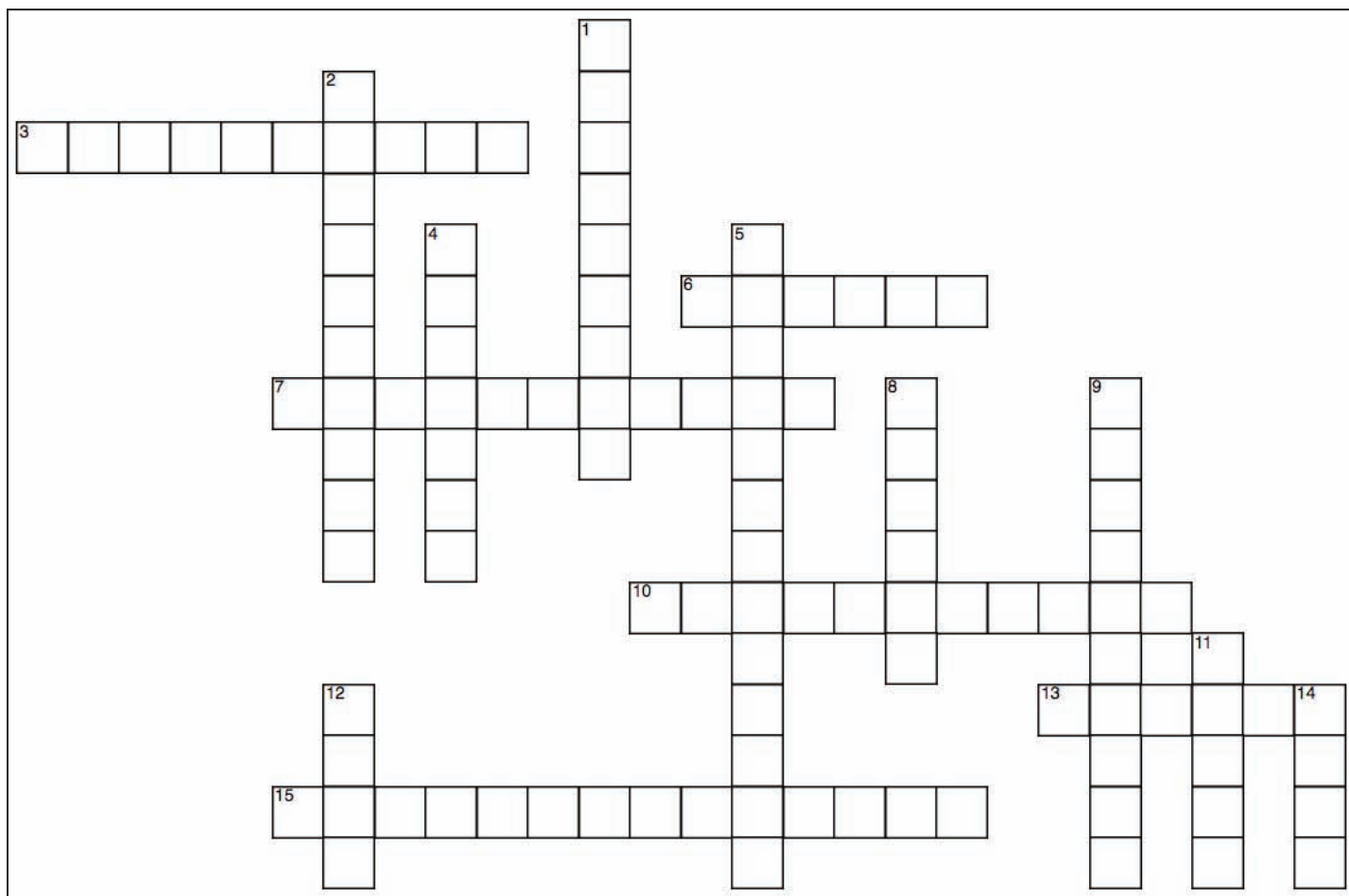


For more information, visit [www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering), the PW Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/presbyterianwomenpcusa](http://www.facebook.com/presbyterianwomenpcusa)) and, of course, *Horizons* magazine!



## Churchwide Gathering Crossword Puzzle

(solution on p. 21)



### ACROSS

- 3 Readers gathering together in these to discuss their shared reading experience.
- 6 These panel discussions explore issues of advocacy, peace, justice and mission.
- 7 The city where the 2015 Churchwide Gathering will be held.
- 10 This PC(USA) Church is within walking distance of the Hyatt Regency (*Nicollet Mall*)
- 13 The capital of Minnesota (and the writer of 2 Corinthians) (*two words*)
- 15 Our sisters from other countries who come to enjoy the Gathering.

### DOWN

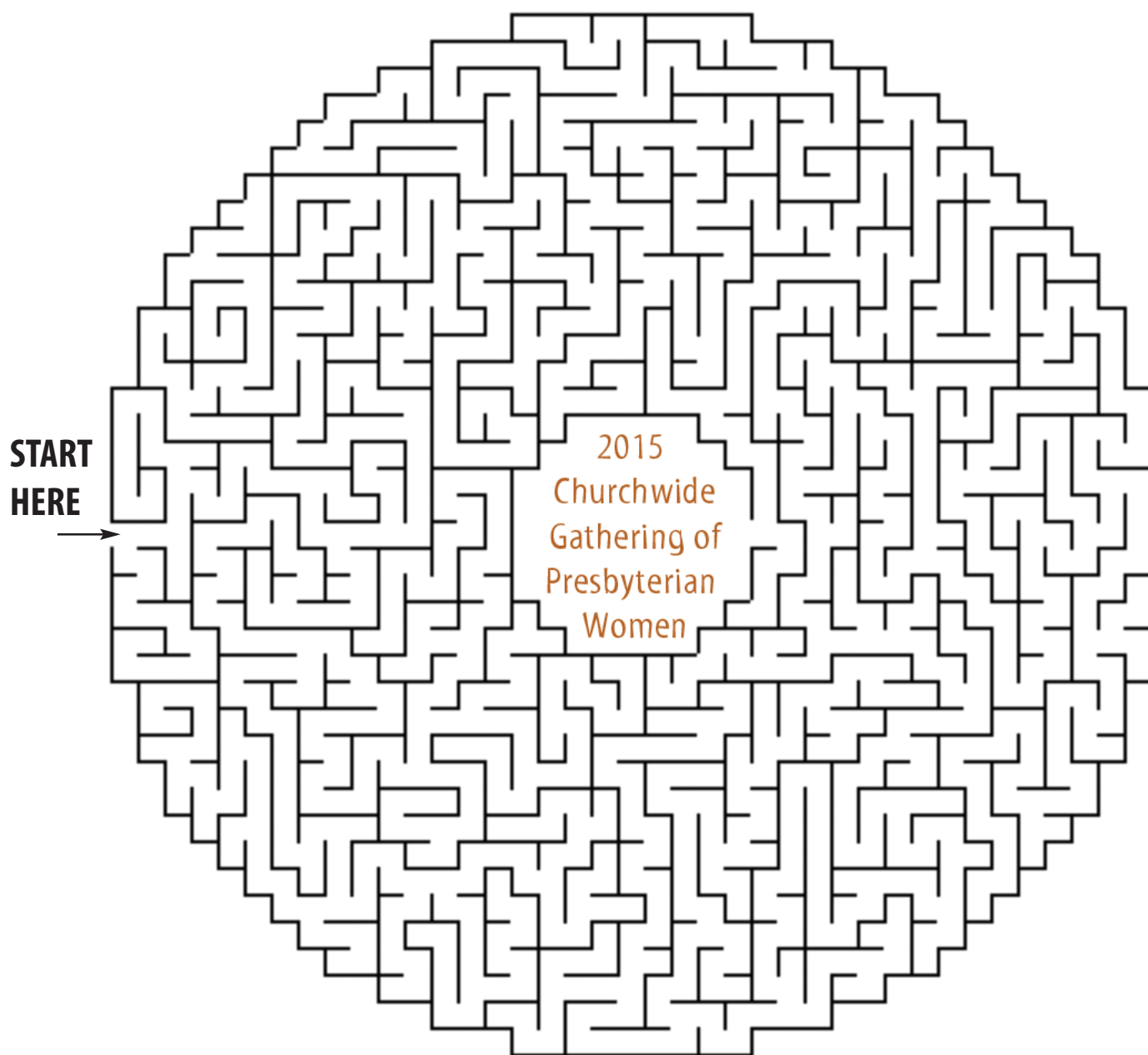
- 1 At the Gathering, you can learn new skills or acquire information by registering for these.

- 2 In our Purpose, we are empowered by the \_\_\_\_\_ (*two words*)
- 4 The sessions where we worship, listen to presenters, and sing, sing, sing!
- 5 These entertaining breaks in plenary where we learn about this bimonthly publication of Presbyterian Women.
- 8 One Body, One \_\_\_\_\_ (*2015 Churchwide Gathering theme*)
- 9 As Presbyterian women, we nurture our faith through \_\_\_\_\_ (*two words*)
- 11 Minnesota is the Land of 10,000 \_\_\_\_\_
- 12 More than 70 football fields' shopping at this tourist destination, \_\_\_\_\_ of America
- 14 Expert swimmers, the common \_\_\_\_\_ is the state bird of Minnesota.



## Find Your Way to the Gathering Maze

(solution on p. 21)





## Seek and Ye Shall Find Word Search

(solution on p. 21)

Y	M	V	U	N	Z	L	V	Y	L	J	Q	Z	B	B	M	L	Q	M	I	M	G	K	V
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### Find These Words:

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ANDREW ZIMMERN

AUGSBURG COLLEGE

BIBLE

BIRTHDAY

CELEBRATION

COMMUNITY

DISCIPLE

EXPLORATION

FAITH

GENERAL MILLS

HOPE

HORIZONS

JOY

JUSTICE

LAKES AND PRAIRIES

LOON

LUTEFISK

MALL OF AMERICA

MINNEAPOLIS

MINNIE MOOSE

MISSION

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PEACE

PILLSBURY

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Gathering Fan Template





### Be a Gathering Fan!

Make a fan to show your excitement (and build excitement in others) for the 2015 Churchwide Gathering. (The template and instructions also are available on [www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering).)

#### Materials

- 1 sheet of cardstock for each fan
- 1 sheet of printer paper for each fan
- A handle for each fan (Paint stirrers work nicely.)
- Spray adhesive
- Scissors

#### Instructions

1. Photocopy the fan graphic on page 19, making as many copies as you will make fans.
2. Following the instructions on the can of adhesive, spray the back side of the printout and attach it to the cardstock.
3. After you have burnished the image to the cardstock, cut out the fan following the dotted line. (Cutting just inside of this line will give you a nice clean edge.)
4. Adjust your paint stirrer to the length you prefer and attach it with the spray adhesive.
5. Set fan aside and let the glue dry.

Black-and-white and full-color logos and graphics are available on [www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering)



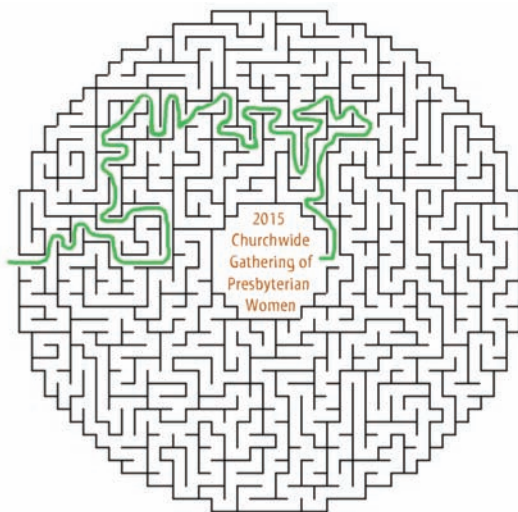


## Puzzle Solutions

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p. 18, Seek and Ye Shall Find Word Search

