

2017 Summer Gathering Fees

The Full Registration fee, which includes 3 nights lodging plus 8 meals, is only \$395.00!

The complete fee schedule is provided on the attached Registration Form.

Registrations postmarked by April 20, 2017, will receive the special Gathering "Etta" swan ornament at registration.



All attendees must complete the Registration Form and submit with payment before your registration can be processed and confirmed.

Moms and Kids Program

Certified childcare will be available for participants who wish to bring their children to the Gathering. Childcare service does require pre-registration.

Childcare services will be available as follows:

Thursday Evening	6:30 pm – 9:30 pm
Friday	8:30 am – noon 1:30 pm – 5:00 pm
Saturday	6:30 pm – 9 pm 8:30 am – noon 1:30 pm – 5:00 pm
Sunday	6:30 pm – 9 pm 8:30 am – 11am

Childcare is not available during scheduled meal times.

Some scholarships are available to assist with lodging and meals expenses for children attending with their Moms.

Please contact Mary Lou Cox @ 540-499-2585 or at cwmcox@htcnet.org to receive Registration and Medical information forms for attending children, as well as scholarship information for the *Moms and Kids Program*. Registration forms are required by May 2, 2017, in order to participate in this program.

What to Bring to the Gathering!

- **Tote bag** (extras will be available if needed)
- **Personal water bottle** to fill with wonderful Massanetta Springs water. We want to reduce our carbon footprint! (extras will be available if you forget.)
- **Bible** and the **2018 Horizons Bible Study**. Don't have one yet? The Bible Study will be available at the PW Horizons booth in the Gathering Place!
- **Notebook and pencil/pen** to capture all the wonderful things you will learn and experience at the Summer Gathering!
- A copy of Waking Up White, and Finding Myself in the Story of Race by Debby Irving. Read before the Gathering.
- **Comfortable clothes and shoes**. Also pack a jacket as the nights could be cool. The weather in the Shenandoah Valley changes daily. AND plenaries have AC this year.
- **Umbrella**. . . just in case!
- **A hairdryer**
- **Extra money and checks** for the Gathering Mission Offering, Cents-ability Hunger Offering and those purchases you'll want to make from the exhibitors at the Gathering Place.
- **Eyes to see God's beautiful creation that surrounds us, ears to hear His word and openness to His presence as we gather as Presbyterian Women.**

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Synod of the Mid-Atlantic



2017 Summer Gathering

June 15-18, 2017

Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

Hebrews 12:1



Featuring

The Rev. Denise Anderson
The Rev. Lynn Miller



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WORKSHOP OPPORTUNITIES!

Workshop A: Friday, June 16, 10:45 a.m.-12:00 noon

- 1. Horizons Bible Study-** The Rev. Lynn Miller -2018 Horizons Bible Study, Cloud of Witnesses: The community of Christ in Hebrews. Lynn will share ideas and tips for effectively leading the Bible Study.
- 2. We Choose Welcome-** Carolyn Thalman, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Responding to the refugees at our door. Learn how refugees come to the U.S. from the Middle East, Central America, etc. and how they are, or are not, welcomed. Hear how PDA is responding to the refugees at our doors.
- 3. What's in your Treasury?-**Rhonda Martin, Financial Manager PW in the PC (USA), Inc. Overview of the new Treasurer's manual and responsibilities of treasurers in the congregation, Presbytery and Synod. Good for all leaders to address all things PW! Download the manual and bring it with you.
- 4. Challenging Racism, Materialism and Militarism- Racial Ethnic Dialogue Panel.** New strategies & long-term solutions to address these triple threats to realize racial transformation in our communities.
- 5. Stand for Freedom: How to Counteract Human Trafficking** – Sabrina Dorman-Andrew, New Creation VA. An in-depth look at trafficking along with ways you can make an impact right where you are.

Workshop B: Friday, June 16, 1:30-2:45 p.m.

- 1. Waking Up White Conversations-** The Rev. Denise Anderson, Co-Moderator of the 222nd General Assembly (2016) of the PC (U.S.A.)- The Co-Moderators are urging Presbyterians via their "One Church, One Book" project to read and discuss Waking Up White and Finding Myself in the Story of Race by Debby Irving. The conversations about race have been in silos but the hope is that conversations will broaden to include groups of different backgrounds and races.
- 2. Stories from the Ages: Intergenerational Dialogue for Everyone** Hillary Mohaupt, *Horizons* writer. Baby boomers, generation Xers, and millennials- we all work well together, except for when we don't. An intergenerational dialogue will be an opportunity to listen, share and hopefully laugh together.
- 3. The Belhar Confession- Celebrating the Faith We Share-** Betty Dax Great confessions invite Christians to come together, affirming and celebrating the beliefs we share. The Belhar Confession was written as a Christian response to apartheid in South Africa. Explore this confession as a vehicle to celebrate worldwide Christian unity.
- 4. Children In Crisis: Why We Do What We Do-** Jack and Lora Morgan, Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands – Learn the root causes of the breakdown of the family structure, where children go when they are removed from their home and explore the current state of the Foster Care System. You'll hear the stories of young people succeeding against overwhelming odds.
- 5. Energizing PW-** Mary Cook Jorgensen. Go beyond the ice breakers and fun and games. Explore ways to open your PW groups to new members while revitalizing the current membership.
- 6. We Choose Welcome-**Carolyn Thalman, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. (see workshop A2)

Workshop C: Saturday, June 17, 10:45 a.m.-12:00 noon

- 1. Horizons Bible Study – The Rev. Lynn Miller.** (See workshop A1)
- 2. Honoring Jesus' Call: Welcoming Central American Children Fleeing Violence,** Luis Cardona. This workshop will remind us of our moral obligation as children of God to offer refuge, safety, and love

- 3. Building Bridges to the LGBT Community** – W. Bryce Hayes, James Madison University. Explore ways to engage members of the LGBT community in the ministry and membership of your church. Leadership training suggestions will also be shared as we become more inclusive in the body of Christ.
- 4. What's in your Treasury?** – Rhonda Martin, Financial manager PW in the PC(USA), Inc. (See workshop A3)
- 5. The Belhar Confession – Celebrating the Faith We Share** – Betty Dax. (See workshop B3)
- 6. Children in Crisis, Why We Do What We Do** – Jack and Lora Morgan, Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands. (See workshop B4)

Workshop D: Saturday, June 17, 1:30-2:45 p.m.

- 1. Building Bridges to the LGBT Community** – W. Bryce Hayes, James Madison University (See Workshop C3)
- 2. Energizing PW** – Mary Cook Jorgensen. (See Workshop B5)
- 3. Honoring Jesus' Call: Welcoming Central American Children Fleeing Violence,** Luis Cardona. (See workshop C2)
- 4. Stand for Freedom: How to Counteract Human Trafficking** – Sabrina Dorman-Andrew, New Creation VA. (See Workshop A5)
- 5. Stories from the Ages: Intergenerational Dialogue for Everyone** – Hillary Mohaupt, *Horizons* writer (See Workshop B2)
- 6. Waking Up White Conversations,** The Rev. Denise Anderson (See Workshop B1)

Friday and Saturday Options: 3:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. daily

- 1. Breathe!** – Alanna Brewton, Breathe, LLC – yoga for everyone. Dress comfortably and bring a mat and a towel.
- 2. Make a Joyful Noise!** – **Gathering Choir** with Lindsay Sensabaugh
- 3. Getting Out of Auto!** – Michael Martin, MeMemories Photograph Let your creativity take hold. Bring your cameras and your flash.
- 4. Quilting in the Spirit! Fabric Circles Make Hexagons** – Carol Winkler, Moderator for PW Churchwide Coordinating Team. Make a 20" flower garden pillow top. Bring 1/3 yard of 4 different fabrics for flowers, 4-8" contrasting squares (flower centers) and 1 yd. solid colored fabric for joining flowers and pillow back. Bring scissors, needle, and thread to blend with your flowers.
- 5. Praise His Name With Dancing!** - Terry Dunevant. Liturgical dance. All levels, shapes and hearts welcomed. Wear yoga pants and a T-shirt, or something that allows freedom of movement.
- 6. Witness? Me? YES, US** – Joan Berry. Walking, drawing, or using a hand labyrinth is about conversations with God that involve "listening". Come and seek that walk and talk with the Spirit.
- 7. Massanetta Work Group – Massanetta Staff** Enjoy a part of God's creation for a while and help Massanetta at the same time! Spend some time painting, working in the flowerbeds, or helping somewhere else that will make a difference in Massanetta's summer mission. Bring clothes you can get dirty in, and work gloves will also be useful. Tools, brushes, etc. will be provided for all work needed. Project specifics available about two weeks before the Summer Gathering.

Note: Find more in-depth information on these workshops on our website at www.pwsynodmidatlantic.org and Facebook at PWSGG.

Registration Questions? Please contact Peggy Sisson, Registrar, at 301-332-2492 or peggy@sissons.org

Mission Focus

Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands (PCHH) has been selected and approved as our Gathering Mission Offering Recipient. Since 1919 the Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands has provided love, sanctuary, guidance and support to children that have been removed from their homes and families. In addition to your Mission Offering donations, you can also support the children by bringing the following items to the Gathering:

- 1. Prepaid Visa or MasterCard (\$25 max.)**
- 2. Walmart gift cards (\$10)**
- 3. McDonalds Gift Cards (\$10)**
- 4. Wendy's Gift Cards (\$10)**
- 5. Laundry detergent (pods only!)**
- 6. DVD Movies (PG 13 or below only)**

Learn more about PCHH by visiting their website at www.pchh.org



Mission Offering checks should be made payable to : PWSMASG