



The PWSnews!



News from the Presbyterian Women of the Synod of the Trinity

Welcome Newly Installed PWS Leaders

We would like to congratulate and thank those who were recently elected and installed to the Administrative Team of Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Trinity at the PWS 2023 Summer Gathering!

Joyce Johnson – Moderator

Joyce is from Kiskiminetas Presbytery and recently served an extended term as our Treasurer. She is married, recently retired, has 2 adult children with 6 grandchildren. She is an active community volunteer and enjoys crafts.

Rev. Jane DeFord – Vice Moderator for Programs

Jane is from Donegal Presbytery. Jane is a retired Pastor but is still active & involved. She is married with 3 adult children. She has served as Presbytery Moderator and previously served as our Synod Representative to the Board of Directors.

Rev. Dr. Betsy McCormick – Spiritual Enrichment

Betsy is from Northumberland Presbytery, currently serving in Donegal Presbytery as a staff chaplain at Penn State Holy Spirit Medical Center in Harrisburg. She has served 14 years as a mission co-worker and 20 years as a pastor in the US.

Holly Kithcart – Peacemaking/Hunger

Holly is from Huntingdon Presbytery. While they have dissolved the Presbytery Coordinating Team she has tried to stay in touch & active with Presbyterian Women. She has served as registrar for several regional gatherings of the central region.

Susan Nesti – Hospitality, 1 year, unexpired term

Susan is from Redstone Presbytery. She is married with 3 daughters, loves to cross stitch & sew and binge movies.

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Synod PW Search Committee Request

The Search Committee is already at work seeking nominations for the following positions on the Administrative Team:

- Treasurer
- Hospitality Coordinator
- Mission Coordinator
- Racial Equity & Women's Intercultural Ministries
- Search Committee

These are 3 three year terms. While each position has a special skill set, we must find individuals who work well together as a team and are as geographically representative of the Synod as possible.

Please send the name, address, phone number, and email address as well as the position for which you are recommending someone along with your name, and contact information and a brief statement of why you think this person would make a good person to fill this position to Sue Mummert, search chair, at

suemummert.pw@gmail.com with **Synod PW Search in the subject line**. Thank you for your help with this important work!



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Susan is retired from her work with the Intermediate Unit and is a 7-year breast cancer survivor. She has previously served as our hospitality coordinator, Vice Moderator for Programs, and most recently as our PWS Moderator.

Jean Bigger – Search Committee Member, 1 year

Jean is from Lackawanna Presbytery. Jean is a retired special education teacher focused on visually impaired students. She recently served as our secretary and has attended gatherings at all levels: regional, Synod, & Churchwide.

Carolee Atkinclouse – Search Committee Member, 3 years

Carolee is from Redstone Presbytery. She is a retired business educator. She is married and living on a farm. She has previously served as our secretary and our hospitality coordinator.

2024 Mission Project Call for Applications

This is an URGENT announcement to solicit applications for the 2024 Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Trinity Mission Project. Please publicize this project solicitation within your PW Circles, PW groups and congregations in your Presbytery. The nominated project should be a project outside the Synod of the Trinity, if possible – National or International.

Send one typed copy of the completed application to:

Judith Jerry, 450 Stevens Drive, Apt. 204, Pittsburgh, PA 15237 via the US Postal Service.
Additionally, send a copy via email to me at peabody636@verizon.net.

The deadline for submission of the application is September 1, 2023.

If additional time is needed, or if there are any questions please do not hesitate to contact me (Judith) at the above email or phone at 412-415-3523/412-420-0345.

The 2024 Mission Project Application is attached at the end of this newsletter.

PW Resources Online

Did you know that there are various resources for your PWP, Congregation and Circle online? You can find help & ideas, Horizons Bible Study resources, and sign up for news and information on the PW website at <https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/>

AND - Join the PW Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/presbyterianwomenpcusa>
PW is also on **You Tube** and **X (formerly known as Twitter)** with links on the website



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2023 Presbyterian Women Summer Gathering Highlights

The 2023 PW in the Synod of the Trinity Summer Gathering met in July at the Penn Stater Hotel and Conference Center in State College, Pennsylvania. Attending were 69 women, including a number of first-time participants, from across the Synod.



Speakers for the general sessions were, the Rev. Forrest Claassen, the Synod Executive of the Synod of the Trinity, Susan Jackson-Dowd, Executive Director of the Presbyterian Women, Inc., the Rev. Cheri Harper, Mission Associate for Presbyterian Women, and Angela Regan, founder and Executive Director of Welcome Home SIS (System Impacted Survivors) our 2022 and 2023 PW Synod Mission Project. Gathering music was led by PWs Patti Hart and Hazel Johnston.

The Gathering offered three sections of small group workshops, most of which were led by PWs from around the Synod with topics exploring, Horizon's Bible Study, PW 101, I Love the Sing the Stories, Disaster Preparedness, Stories of Hymns, Sister Act (about Welcome Home SIS), and a Racial Wealth Gap Simulation.

At the business meeting, we approved changes to the by-laws to update Administrative Team coordinator position titles in keeping with current titles. Additionally, we elected new leaders to the administrative team who were installed at the Tuesday evening program.



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2023 Presbyterian Women Summer Gathering Highlights (continued)

The Mission team provided hands on mission activities for Gathering participants to make Christmas cards for incarcerated persons, and fleece knotted blankets for a local project.

During the Gathering participants had the opportunity to bid on 12 baskets provided by each Presbytery. The silent auction baskets raised \$800 and an additional \$725 in donations for our 2023 Mission project, Welcome Home SIS.



The Hunger Fund collection raised nearly \$236. The Contingent Offering collected \$955. Gathering participants also contributed \$358 to PW's Build a Bouquet campaign in celebration of Mary McElroy whose generosity helped many PW's in the Synod bloom. Learn more about the Build a Bouquet Campaign at <https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/giving-funding/give/build-a-bouquet/>

The Gathering concluded with a Blessing of the Hands service and closing worship and communion led by the Rev. Rebecca Tanner.





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2023 PWS MISSION PROJECT - Welcome Home SIS

The 2023 PWS Mission Project will continue to support the **Welcome Home SIS -A Safe Space for System Impacted Survivors** project. The project, located in Ohio, helps women who have been released from incarceration rebuild their lives for successful re-entry into society. It is a Christian-based transitional housing and re-entry program, that receives NO government funding, to help women who are more likely to be homeless when released from incarceration. Since 2020, the program has helped 30 women and 19 children, including 8 women and 3 children between January and June of this year (2023). They break down the help needed into several categories:

Immediate Needs: Transportation from prison to the house, Clothing (usually women come out of prison with only their prison sweats) and a nice lunch.

Basic Human Needs - safe housing (rent) and food. The women begin to pay rent after they get a job.

Critical needs for Re-Entry: **Dignity Bags** with nice girly hygiene items; **Identity Package** for State Identification Card and sometimes birth certificates; and **Advocacy/Benefits** to help with case management and career specialists.

Get Fresh Garden program to help provide fresh fruits and vegetables.

For more information about Welcome Home SIS visit their website

<https://www.welcomehomesis.org/> and check out their YouTube videos.

PWC Mission support should be sent to PW Presbytery Treasurers by Dec. 15, 2023.

PWP Treasurers should send PWP Mission Project support to Diana Stiles by December 31st.

2024 PW Churchwide Gathering Save the Date - August 8-11, 2024 in St. Louis, MO



Countdown to Churchwide Gathering with information on registration, hotels, etc.

<https://www.2024pwcwg.org/>

ATTACHMENT 1: 2024 Mission Project Application

July, 2023

TO: PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN ADMINISTRATIVE AND COORDINATING (PW IN PRESBYTERY MODERATORS) TEAMS

SUBJECT: P.W. SYNOD OF TRINITY 2024 MISSION PROJECT

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The deadline for submission of the application is September 1, 2023. If additional time is needed, please contact me. If there are any questions, do not hesitate to contact me at the above email or phone at 412-415-3523/412-420-0345.

Judith A. Jerry

Synod of the Trinity

Mission Interpretation Coordinator

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN - SYNOD OF THE TRINITY

Mission Project Application

2024

(Application must be typed)

Organization Name: _____

Project Name: _____

Project Address: _____

Website: _____

Presbyterian Women Contact: _____ Title or Position _____

Presbytery: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Start-up Date for Project: _____

Questions to be Answered

1. Provide a mission statement from your organization and a purpose statement that directly relates to the proposed project. (A mission statement is defined as a cross between a slogan and an executive summary. It should say who your organization is, what you do, what you stand for and why you do it)

2. Briefly list the activities of your request and how it will meet basic human needs. (Please limit to 150 words)

3. This is a creative project less than three years old ____ This is an existing project moving in a new direction ____

4. Briefly explain how a one-time grant will help this project and assist the persons served. Describe how this will impact the lives of women, children, youth and young adults, racial-ethnic persons or persons with a disability.

5. What expected changes, either long-term or short-term, would receiving this funding allow?

6. Specifically how would funds received from Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Trinity be used?

7. How will the program continue once the received funds are depleted?

8. List other sources of funding being sought for this project:

Funding Source	Amount Requested	Assured to Date	Date Decision Expect
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

9. Describe your process of evaluation and accountability.

10. Identify dates of previous funding request(s) to Presbyterian Women and outcome.

Date	Amount of Grant	Name of Project	Birthday or Thank Offering, etc.
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

11. Attach a project budget, in US currency, that shows specifically how the money will be spent.

12. Attach any available pictures (preferably black & white) of the current circumstances or structures and pictures or drawings of the proposed project.

Name of person submitting application

Name of Board chair or other responsible person

Address _____

Address _____

Telephone (____) _____

Telephone (____) _____

Email _____

Email _____

Signature (required)

Signature (required)

Date _____

Date _____

Relationship to Project _____

Relationship to Project _____

7/25/2023