

***PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN THE PRESBYTERY OF SAN JOSE***

*Invites all Women to the*

**Spring Gathering**

***Connections . . . With God's Earth***

Foothill Presbyterian Church was the first "Green Business" in the Silicon Valley. We will hear what that actually means, and the changes the congregation has made in order to "go green." Writing in the July-August 2007 *Horizons* magazine, Pastor Ben Daniel explained that the process began when a parishioner "noticed a flyer from the city of San Jose, inviting businesses to participate in a new program of green certification. . . and with the blessing of the session made the proper inquiries. . . Before long, representatives from the city were performing an environmental audit of the church." You can read the complete article on pages 7 to 10 of *Horizons*.

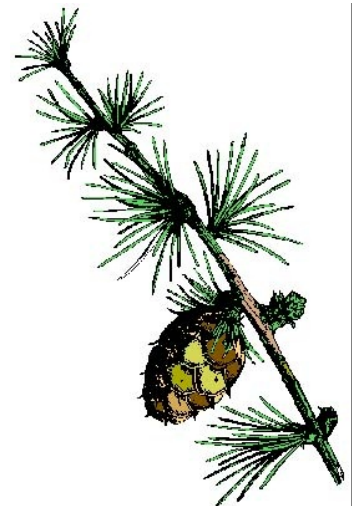
We will hear from member Marilyn Kromrey, who coordinates the community garden on some of the church property, and will take a tour of the garden. And member Anne Daniel will talk about being "Beyond Green," having a care for sustainable living by such means as using locally grown food where possible."

An appropriate dessert will be served.

Wear informal clothes, and be prepared to walk around the community garden.

***March 29, 2008, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.***  
***Foothill Presbyterian Church***  
***5301 McKee Road (at Toyon), San Jose***

***Information: Linda Hagan, (408) 255-5879***



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## **CLAUDIA'S COLUMN:**

### ***PW'S CONNECTION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY***

Last September, knowing that the General Assembly of the PC(USA) will convene in San Jose from June 21 – 28, 2008, PW at Covenant, Palo Alto, invited me to speak to them about how Presbyterian Women are connected to the General Assembly. Not knowing many details myself, I turned to Lea Lawrence, former Moderator of PW in the Presbytery of San Jose, for detailed information. (Thanks, Lea!) I include that information here so that all us of can be aware of our connection.

#### **Background:**

- Historically, Presbyterian Women and its predecessor organizations, have supported the mission and work of the PC(USA) and its earlier denominational structures since the 1800's.
- Major programs of the PC(USA) were begun by PW and its predecessor organizations and later adopted by General Assembly as programs of the church—support of mission personnel, the Peacemaking Program, the Hunger Program, Women's Ministries.
- Presbyterian Women is recognized as the "official" women's organization in the PC(USA). In this connection, PW has a Covenant with the General Assembly Council (GAC) that spells out our relationship with, and support of, each other. The Covenant is found in the PW Manual.
- The PW CCT Moderator attends the General Assembly Council (GAC) with voice and vote. Vice Moderators attend and attend committees related to their assignments on the PW CCT.
- In the new GAC structure, Presbyterian Women is lodged in the Racial Ethnic and Women's Ministries program area and is provided office space in the Presbyterian Center in Louisville, KY. The PW program and communications staff were previously employees of the

PC(USA) but, over the past 10 years, the PW Churchwide Budget has absorbed the salaries of all its employees.

PW supports the PC(USA) through the Churchwide Budget, that is adopted at the triennial Business Meeting during the Churchwide Gathering. The budget is funded by the Mission Pledges of Presbyterian Women members in our congregations.

**Therefore, because of its relationship to and support of the PC(USA), Presbyterian Women has a vested interest in General Assembly and the decisions that are made.**

#### **PW Churchwide Coordinating Team (CCT) at General Assembly:**

- ✦ Members attend each General Assembly and are assigned as "official observers" to all GA committees. Each CCT member will attend a General Assembly during her 3-year term. Each CCT member who observes a GA committee writes a report about that committee's decisions or threads of discussion that potentially impact PW, its programs, or future work of Women's Ministries.
- ✦ Prior to the Assembly, Women's Ministries staff and its groups (Women's Advocacy, National Network of Presbyterian College Women, Racial Ethnic Young Women Together), identify GA Overtures with potential actions that affect women and children, as well as concerns that PW supports through its programs (Hunger, Peacemaking, justice issues, mission, etc.). Our PW observers track these overtures through the Assembly committee process and to the floor of the GA.



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✦ Women's Ministries and CCT may ask PW Presbytery members to speak unofficially to their Presbytery GA Commissioners about upcoming GA Overtures affecting women/children/PW/women in the PC(USA), etc.

✦ CCT members, Women's Ministries groups, and others may sign up to speak about particular issues under discussion in GA committees at open forums.

✦ If any GA actions affect PW or Women's Ministries, representatives are invited to address committees.

✦ CCT members meet together each evening after the Assembly closes to report actions of the committees they've observed and strategize ways to support or defeat actions that may go to the full Assembly for vote. There is no official PW lobbying, but expressing viewpoints casually to GA commissioners known to CCT members and Women's Ministry staff can help inform.

✦ CCT members and PW staff attend Women's Ministries luncheons to hear speakers on GA issues and to be informed about the process of GA overtures.

**YOU** can be connected! **Volunteer**...find the contact person in your church. **Observe**...participate in all worship services, especially the opening and closing worship services, visit the plenaries and GA committees.

Watch for more information in the **Monarch Messenger** and your own church newsletters. This will be a once-in-a-lifetime experience!

Blessings,

**Claudia**



## 2008 Birthday Offering : “Light Will Break Forth”

Begun in 1922, the Birthday Offering celebrates Presbyterian Women's heritage of mission giving. The offering may fund up to five projects per year, but for 2008, the Creative Ministries Offering Committee selected only two projects so that the grants could be larger and make more of an impact in their communities. The grant amounts for the two recipients will depend on the funds contributed during 2008. **The goal for this offering is \$1.2 million.**

**The Presbyterian Church of Congo and The Presbyterian Church of Kinshasa**— Democratic Republic of Congo. Students in many rural areas of Congo study in unsafe conditions. The 2008 Birthday Offering monies will supply roofing for 19 schools, build five new structures, supply teachers with textbooks and teaching materials, provide motorbikes to educational supervisors and offer training seminars for instructors.

**Lakeview Presbyterian Church Weekday School Restoration – New Orleans, Louisiana**— In August 2005, during Hurricane Katrina, a break in New Orleans' 17<sup>th</sup> Street Canal floodway flooded Lakeview Presbyterian Church's Weekday School with more than eight feet of water. The Birthday Offering grant will be used to help rebuild the facility and expand its services, allowing the school to serve even younger children than before, in addition to its usual age groups. The grant also will be used to buy equipment suitable for the younger age group, replace equipment for the other groups and restore outdoor play areas.

To learn more about the Birthday Offering of Presbyterian Women, contact Cindy Goodman, 888/728-7228, ext. 5387, or Cindy.goodman@pcusa.org, or visit [www.pcusa.org/pw/birthday](http://www.pcusa.org/pw/birthday).

The Promotional Packet (PWR-08-451 is available from PDS at 800/524-2612. The January/ February 2008 issue of **Horizons** magazine also contains Birthday Offering information/Dedication service.

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***PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN THE PRESBYTERY OF SAN JOSE***  
***Annual Spiritual Nurture Retreat***

***Connections...with our Spiritual Mothers***  
***Celebrating God at Work through the Women in our Lives***

**Saturday, April 26, 2008**

**9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

*Presbyterian Church of Los Gatos*

**16575 Shannon Road - Los Gatos, CA 95032**

**Through reflection, worship and sharing our stories we will spend the day exploring:**

*What is a “Spiritual Mother”? We will create a definition and talk about some of the women of the Bible who we understand to be spiritual mothers.*

*Who are the spiritual mothers in our lives? (Using crafts, writing and spoken storytelling we will share some of our stories of spiritual mothers .)*

*Where and how is God calling us to be spiritual mothers today? We will identify the ways we are and can be spiritual mothers to others and encourage one another to use these gifts in our daily lives.*

**PRESENTER: The Rev. Evie Macway**

Evie Macway was ordained as pastor in the PC(USA) at Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church in 1983. She served as an associate pastor at Sunnyvale until 1987 when her first child was born. For the next 11 years Evie stayed home with her children and served as parish associate at Sunnyvale, working in various capacities within the presbytery. In 1998 Evie and her family moved to Louisville, KY where Evie received a call to serve as pastor at the Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church in Louisville, an urban church of 200 people. Last summer the Macway family moved back to California where Evie is again pursuing a call to be home with her children, this time before all of them are off to college. Evie has led retreats both here and in Kentucky and looks forward to the day with the women of the Presbytery of San Jose. Evie has four daughters ages 13 to 19. She enjoys quilting, knitting, swimming and reading.

**Registration information:** If your registration is received by April 7, 2008, it will be \$30.00. After that date it will be \$35.00. The registration fee includes lunch. Please call the Los Gatos church office at (408) 356-6156 for directions to the church.

**Questions?** Contact Claudia Hamm at (408) 356-6665.

## *Search Committee Seeks New PWP Coordinating Team Members*

### **Positions available for Class of 2010:**

#### ***Vice Moderator for Mission***

*Must enjoy planning, promoting and sharing PC(USA) and Presbyterian Women's mission and related projects with others. No experience necessary. On-the-job training available.*

#### ***Search Committee Member***

*Must love Presbyterian Women and encourage others in taking leadership positions on a **GREAT** Coordinating Team (CT) with other exciting and dedicated women. Experience on a PW in the Congregation CT preferred.*

### **Area Coordinator for Southern part of San Jose Presbytery – Class of 2011**

*Love of PW required with a desire to inform, offer helpful advice, and keep relationships with PW groups and churches in Gilroy, Gonzales, Hollister, Salinas, and San Martin.*

**Note for all positions:** *Election and installation at Annual Gathering, May 18, 2008, 2-4 pm, Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church. No pay available. Full benefits abound in friendships developed from sharing the joy of PW with others and engaging in meaningful work together.*

**Contact PWP Search Committee by April 30, 2008 for more information or to nominate outstanding women. Arm twisting available upon request.**

**Lea Lawrence (408.395.0901)**

### **2008-2009 Horizons Bible Study**

#### **Jubilee! Luke's Gospel for the Poor** By Dale Lindsay Morgan

In the nine lessons of **Jubilee! Luke's Gospel for the Poor**, Dale Lindsay Morgan highlights Jesus' message of jubilee, which calls for the reversal of the social order—the poor will be rich, the rich will be poor. The study also has suggestions for leaders, definitions, a bibliography, and other resources to enrich the Bible study experience.

Subscribers to Horizons magazine will receive the study as part of that subscription. Others may order the study separately. To place your order for the study (or to subscribe to **Horizons** magazine) call Presbyterian Distribution Service, 888/524-2612. Study books are \$6 and a **Horizons** subscription is \$18/year.

Dale Lindsay Morgan will lead the Bible Study at San Francisco Theological Seminary on September 13. Save the date.

**The Linkage** is the newsletter of Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of San Jose and connects women in the counties of Monterey, San Benito, Santa Clara and Santa Cruz.

You may receive **Linkage** by email by sending your email address to the editor. Or, look for **The Linkage** on the web site of the Presbytery of San Jose. [www.sanjosepby.org](http://www.sanjosepby.org).

**The Linkage** is also available through "snail mail." It costs \$1.00 per person per issue (\$4.00 per year) for printing and postage; currently there are about 135 people on the mailing list. Donations to help defray this cost are welcome. Checks payable to Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of San Jose (PWPSJ) and marked "Linkage" may be mailed to Linda Hagan, 7940 Fall Court, Cupertino, CA 94014-4114.

**The Linkage** is published 4 times a year. Editor is Alice Thorn, phone (408) 267-7584 or email [alice\\_in\\_blue@sbcglobal.net](mailto:alice_in_blue@sbcglobal.net).

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**June 21—28, 2008, General Assembly of the  
PC(USA) meets in San Jose.**

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