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I hope you have enjoyed the summer and are ready to get back to our PW life. Summer is an amazing time of restoration and a time to enjoy slower times with family. I remember my Welsh grandmother saying that we don't really need a rest just to rest...what we are longing for is a change to our daily life and that in itself will be restorative. I know better now that she was and is still correct in her opinion.

The summer has had some events. Your Coordinating Team has been hard at work on planning for both the PW Fall Workshop and the Presbytery PW Retreat. Read on for more information about those. We held a training session for church moderators, treasurers and district leaders on July 27th at Hillside Presbyterian Church. We had a great group of leaders there who continued their learning and ours as they asked questions of us and each other. It was a wonderful day and I would like to thank all who helped make it a success.

I do hope you are ready to get moving quickly again and ramp up for the Fall. We have an amazing lineup of people for you to come hear and learn from in September at our Fall Workshop. It will be held on September 28th at Clairmont Presbyterian Church. Our theme will be **Matthew 25**. To learn more, take a few minutes to watch the video on the PC (USA) web page:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25/>

We will be spending some quality time understanding the opportunities right here in our backyard and learn about ways we can personally get involved in helping our communities become the person Jesus was referring to in Matthew 25.

"Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

September 28th @ 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Clairmont Presbyterian Church

See the flyer on Page 2 of PathWays for registration information.

God's best,

Gwynne

Upcoming events:

Presbytery Fall Workshop—Sat., Sept. 28 ———>>> See page 2

PW Synod Gathering—Fri.—Sun., Oct. 25—27 —>>> See page 3

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**Please read and share this
information with all
Presbyterian Women**

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Registration Form
 Presbytery of Greater Atlanta
 Presbyterian Women
 Fall Workshop

Saturday, September 28, 2019

9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Clairmont Presbyterian Church, 1994 Clairmont Road, Decatur, GA

Registration Fee \$15—includes lunch

Keynote speakers

- Everything You Need to Know About Palestine—Rev. Dr. Fahed Abu Akel
- Memorial Drive Ministries—David Roth, Executive Director

Workshop selections

Session One (select one):

- Building a Middle School in Haiti; Claire Barry, La Gonâve Haiti _____
- Peacemaking Partnership; Karen Turney _____
- Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children, Street Grace _____

Session Two (select one):

- Taking Care of Yourself— Amy Refecca, Attorney _____
- Casa Materna; Barbara Gifford _____

Name: _____ Church: _____

Email: _____

Mail registration form and \$15 payment to PW—Greater Atlanta, Barbara Wilson, Treasurer, 6447 Sycamore Drive, Hoschton, GA 30548

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WHAT: PW Synod Gathering

WHEN: October 25-27, 2019

WHERE: Epworth by the Sea, St. Simons Island, GA

WHO: All women from South Carolina, Florida, and Georgia
(that means YOU!)

WHY: To experience Presbyterian Women from a new perspective.

Hear the *Horizons* Bible Study author live and in person.

Participate in several of over 20 "explorations."

Be enriched, inspired, and renewed.

HOW: Go to <https://pwsosa.com/2019-synod-gathering/> for detailed descriptions and Registration Forms.

Invite a friend (or two or three).

Register NOW and avoid a late fee!

QUESTIONS: Send an email to:

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District

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Alpharetta
 Alpharetta
 Centro Familiar
 Cristiano (NWC)
 Covenant
 Ebenezer Brazilian
 Four Pointes (NWC)
 Mount Vernon
 Northminster
 Northwest
 Peachtree
 Roswell
 Saint Luke's
 Trinity-Atlanta

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Alpharetta:

- PW held its Spring Gathering with lunch on June 29th at the church. The speaker was Rev. Dr. Katie Crowe and the topic was "Centering Prayer." Rev. Crowe is Senior Pastor at a Presbyterian Church in Durham, NC.
- New PWCT leaders and committee coordinators were installed in June. A planning meeting to determine goals for PW for the coming year was held during the summer.

Mount Vernon:

- PW is sponsoring a Fall Retreat on October 6th after church for all women of the church to be held at Lost Corner Preserve in Sandy Springs. Our featured speaker is Eleanor Barron. Lunch will be provided.
- On August 25th there was a churchwide fall kickoff barbecue to welcome the church's new pastor, Barrett Abernethy, who was installed during the worship service.
- Our outgoing Resource Development leader, Dee Bradford-Smith, has agreed to continue to produce and publish our quarterly newsletter for PW. This has been a great way for us to let all the women of our church know what is going on in our presbytery as well as some of our churchwide activities in which PW participates and sponsors.
- With our residual funds we were able to give to Columbia Friendship Circle, Clifton Night Shelter, Mission Haven and Family Promise. On behalf of our Circle of Grace, we gave to Street Grace and Drake House. We were also able to provide gas cards for Family Promise.
- Many of our PW were able to host and provide food for our Family Promise guests who stayed with us from July 13—21.
- We would especially like to thank our interim pastor, Susan Haynes, for her participation and support for our ideas and programs.

Peachtree:

- PW's Annual Gathering was held May 7th, and special guest was Senior Pastor Dr. Rich Kannwischer, who installed our leaders for the coming year. He and other church staff members joined us for lunch.
- Also on May 7th, we recognized our new Honorary Life Members: Trisha Williamson and Cathy Williams. Trisha is the M&M's Circle Chair, our Membership Chair and an Elder. Cathy is our Communications Chair and creates our Newsletter, webpage and Facebook page. Both women have held other leadership roles in PW and at church.
- During the summer months, we encouraged our members to remember to bring small toiletry items from vacation travel for our annual churchwide Covenant House Personal Care Drive in September. We focus on the following items for homeless young people living on the streets of Atlanta: toothbrushes/toothpaste, dental floss, mouthwash, razors/shave cream, soap/body wash, hand lotion, deodorant, hair products, lip balm, feminine products, tissue packs, etc.

Saint Luke's:

- Moderator, Diane Lemaster and Vice Moderator, Jenny Troha, attended the July Moderator training. Lots of great ideas were discussed along with great fellowship.
- Membership Coordinator, Stephanie McGoldrick, has conducted the successful recruitment and registration during the month of August in the church lobby on Sundays. We currently have three circles all using *Horizons* "Love Carved in Stone" and two Bible Moderators attended the August workshop at Columbia Seminary.
- Circle meetings will begin in September. Outreach projects will continue with donations to our Little Saints Preschool Program in September. Other offerings this fall are Thank Offering, Thornwell, Santa Claus Express, and Columbia Friendship Circle.

PathWays Publication Schedule		
Issue	Deadline for Articles	Publication Date
Winter	November 15	December 1
Spring	February 1	February 15
Email articles to marymckeemartin@gmail.com Contact: 404-345-8597		

District

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Buford
 Cristos Para Todas Las Naciones
 Ebenezer Ghanaian (NWC)
 Fairview + On the Way (NWC)
 Hamilton Mill
 Johns Creek + Atlanta Good (NWC)
 Lawrenceville
 Norcross
 Oglethorpe
 Pleasant Hill + Church in Motion (NWC)
 Shallowford

Buford: Circles provided lunch and snack for Presbytery of Greater Atlanta’s staff retreat held at the church. After last year’s PW Bible Study (God’s promise to always be with us), the Brunch Bunch Circle took this to the world, putting together 50 gallon zip lock bags with toiletries and a Bible verse for the homeless that members might encounter.

Fairview: July Book Club discussed The Forgotten Garden by Kate Morton.

Lawrenceville: On June 2nd an Honorary Life Membership was presented to Barbara Thompson. PW summer activities included a night of Bunko in June. On July 14th, PW sponsored a churchwide luncheon with the offering going to Mission Haven.

Norcross: The Women of Norcross will be opening their annual Pumpkin Patch on September 29th. They will be welcoming visitors through October. Proceeds will be divided among local organizations like Norcross Cooperative Ministries.

Oglethorpe: In August the book club discussed Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng. On August 10th the women participated in Foodstock: Rise Against Hunger, a meal-packing service which assembles dehydrated meals for children in need across the globe, at Dunwoody United Methodist Church gym.

Pleasant Hill: Volunteer on the first Friday of the month at Clifton Night Shelter and collect toiletries and clothing donations for residents. Collect food and volunteer at Hands of Christ Duluth Co-op. Volunteer and collect quarters for Laundry Love program which offers free laundry services for low income families. Volunteer at the Rainbow Village by making meals provided to families during the week, participate in Big Recess Program, and serve as tutors in After School Program.

Shallowford: PW will be starting their activities in September including the *Horizons* Bible Study.

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Atlanta Taiwanese
 Crossroads
 Eastminster
 Good Shepherd + El Buen Pastor (NWC)
 Memorial Drive + Chin (NWC) + Shalom (NWC)
 Monroe, First
 St. Andrews
 Westminster

Eastminster:

- Several Eastminster PW members participated in a work week at Thornwell in July.
- In August, a member attended the *Horizons* Bible Study course with the author at Columbia Seminary.
- Circles will start up in September.
- PW is planning the Thank Offering Luncheon for the end of September.

First Presbyterian, Monroe

- The two circles (one day, one evening) will meet jointly on September 9th for a covered dish supper and to receive their study books for the upcoming year. They will be using Tish Warren’s book Liturgy of the Ordinary: Sacred Practices in Everyday Life.
- Martha Hansen, an Honorary Life Membership award recipient in spring of 2018, passed away in the spring. Her adult Sunday School class has renamed itself in her honor – a wonderful legacy for this remarkable Presbyterian Woman!

Memorial Drive:

- This group will use the *Horizons* Bible study as their curriculum for the upcoming year. They have opened the study to everyone in the church – one brave man has joined them!
- PW contributed significantly to the church’s hosting of the August Presbytery Meeting. The church’s partnership with Memorial Drive Ministries was featured.



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Clairmont
Columbia + Atlanta
Mizo (NWC)
Decatur
Emory+ The Well
(NWC)
Hillside
North Decatur
Oakhurst
Trinity – Decatur

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Clairmont:

- PW will host the Presbytery PW workshops on September 28th. All are encouraged to attend.

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Church of the
Resurrection
Conyers + Iglesia
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District

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Kelley:

- A work day was held on Sunday, August 18th. The "Jeans for Jesus" day featured a mid-year congregational meeting, fried chicken pot luck luncheon, followed by clean-up time. The congregation is preparing for their Homecoming celebration on September 8th.

McDonough:

- PW is off to a productive and spiritually focused new year with the first PW meeting being held on Sunday, August 11th, and PW will continue to meet on second Sundays.
- During 2019, PW held the Bi-Annual Women's Spring Tea at the home of Coordinating Team member Jean Foster. We had 84 women of all ages participate.
- Objectives for the year are supporting Santa Claus Express, holding our 10th Inspirational Rally in the Spring of 2020, and through the work of the circles, supporting Friends House, Haven House, Relay For Life, selecting an Honorary Life Member and supporting the blood bank.

Stockbridge:

Highlights of Stockbridge's community outreach are:

- Alcoholics Anonymous Support Group meetings are held in the Fellowship Hall three times each week.
- Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops meet at the church.
- Stockbridge Presbyterian hosts a small Haitian ministry group that meets on Sunday afternoons at 5:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.
- The church serves as a drop-off and pick-up point for four routes in north Henry County for the Meals on Wheels Senior Services.

El Nazareno (NWC)
Fayette
Jonesboro, First
Morrow
New Life
Philadelphia
The Summit of South
Fayette



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El Nazareno:

- PW is very active. See highlights of their activities in the Racial-Ethnic Liaison report on page 8.

Philadelphia:

- PW continues to support Securus House and collected over 1700 various paper goods for the home. In July a large donation of school supplies was made to Kinship Care.
- Philadelphia recognized Fred Rohbach as "Man of the Year" for his service on Father's Day.
- The last Sunday in July, PW provided muffins for local teachers during their pre planning session.

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 Greenville
 Hogansville Ebenezer
 LaGrange
 Loyd
 Manchester—Warm
 Springs
 Newnan
 Peachtree City

Loyd:

- PW held their annual Women's Retreat at the Pine Mountain Club Chalet Resort on August 23rd and 24th. They enjoyed devotions, lessons, and good fellowship and found and kept lasting friendships.
- PW will sell tickets for the annual Men's Boston Butt sale in the fall

Peachtree City:

- Each month a group of volunteers go to Midwest Food Bank in Peachtree City to inspect, package and bag food and non food items that are given free of charge to non-profit organizations.
- Each week a group of women knit and crochet afghans for the Prayer Shawl Ministry. Afghans are given to people who have surgery or are ill.
- Members volunteered on Wednesdays and Thursdays during the summer to make sandwiches and deliver lunches for the county summer lunch program which provides lunches for those children on free and reduced lunch during the school year.
- In August collected 2,000 school supplies for Oak Grove Elementary School in Peachtree City.
- On Monday, August 26th we held the annual potluck kickoff dinner for the women of the church. We introduced our circle leaders, what they are studying and when they meet. Pastor Morgan provided games/mixers.

**Saving Stamps?**

Several PW groups continue to save stamps but struggle with finding an agency that uses them to support their ministry. Cherokee PW has let us know about Alliance Stamp Ministry, located in our Synod in Fort Myers, Florida. Their newsletter is:

<https://www.alliancewomen.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/WEB-Stamp-Ministry-2019.pdf>

District

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 Bremen, First
 Carrollton
 Church of the Master
 Radcliffe
 Rice Memorial
 Tallapoosa
 Westhills

Radcliffe:

- Each Monday at 7:00 p.m. PW holds a Prayer Ministry to pray for members of the congregation and others.
- PW completed the *Horizons* Bible Study on "God's Promise: I am with you," and celebrated with a pot luck lunch at the church.
- On March 23rd the PW Book Club met to discuss the widely acclaimed book, *Becoming* by the former First Lady of the United States, Michelle Obama.
- On March 30th Radcliffe women traveled to Newnan, Georgia to the Fried Tomato Restaurant for a buffet lunch. We had fun and good fellowship with thirty-four women and several men.
- On April 27th Radcliffe women presented a Jazz Brunch featuring "Music from the Heart Ensemble" led by Justin Clay.
- Women's Day on May 5th was held with the theme: "Living God's Call: Women Standing Up for Human Dignity." The speaker was Rev. Dr. Jane Kagia, staff chaplain of Emory St. Joseph Hospital.
- PW is looking forward to resuming its backpack ministry with Harper -Archer Elementary School on September 11th.

Rice Memorial:

- PW is preparing for their Women's Month Celebration in the month of September. All events will be at the church.
- On September 7th, there will be a prayer breakfast with speaker Sheila Louder.
- On September 15th, the Women's Day celebration will begin at 11:00 a.m. with speaker Sister LaShundra Weathersby. She is a speaker, chief of staff and first lady (married to Pastor Roderick Weathersby) at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church located in southeast Atlanta.
- A women's luncheon will be held on September 28th at noon.

Aijcast(NWC)
Atlanta—First
Central
Druid Hills
Kairos
Morningside
North Avenue
Ormewood (NWC)
Pulse (NWC)
Rize (NWC)
Rock Spring
Transformation (NWC)



District 10

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Central:

- Circle meetings resume in September.

Druid Hills:

- The Circles held their wonderfully delicious Salad Supper on June 11th. New and returning leaders were installed by Pastor Shelli Latham. PW will resume meetings in September.

First Presbyterian, Atlanta:

- PW continues to publish a newsletter for PW members at FPC.
- The women participated in the Church Family Retreat from August 30th to September 3rd in Montreat, NC.
- PW will resume meetings in September.

Kairos:

- Members are actively engaged and serving many of the Friends of Refugees programs.

Morningside:

- Morningside's Women's Roundtable will meet on August 26th. Their speaker will be Amanda Kemery, Director of Children's Ministry. This will be an opportunity for them to hear from Amanda about her faith journey and get to know her better. She began her call at Morningside on July 1st.

North Avenue:

- PW will resume meetings in September.

Rock Spring:

- On July 21st there was a special service and reception at Rock Spring. Dr. Barbara (Bebe) Cheshire was honored for her devotion and service to the church and community. Her family is part of the founders of the church and she is the longest continuous member of Rock Spring.
- Circle meetings will resume in September.

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Canaan Korean
Good News Garden
Hanbit
Korean Central
Korean Community
New Presbyterian
Church of Georgia
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On Sunday, December 23rd El Nazareno Presbyterian Women installed their first group of women leaders. Sheila Louder installed the leaders and afterwards a Christmas program was held that included native dishes prepared by the women. Installed were: Moderator-Sandra Diaz Donata; Vice Moderator-Rocio Flores; Secretary-Claudia Flores; Assistant Secretary-Dora Sandoval; Treasurer-Claudia Sanchez; Historian-Lulu Zarate; Spiritual Leader-Martha Hickman.

The Spiritual Leader was given the PW *Horizons* Bible Study in Spanish. The symbolism of flowers in a vase was used to show how each leader is different but brings her specific gifts and talents to the leadership team. It was emphasized that no member is more important than the others in a garden, bouquet, or team. They were charged to pray, respect, and listen to each other, and to let their work be guided by scripture and love.

On May 5th, PW of El Nazareno served foods from their culture after worship celebrating the congregation's 10th anniversary. Guests were Sheila Louder, and Rev. Lindsay Armstrong, Presbytery Consultant.

Becoming the Beloved Community:

REMEMBER THE 400

400 Years!

by Sheila Louder

The mission of “400 Years” tells the true story of those Africans who landed on the shores of the

Americas 400 years ago. The goal is to implement and support initiatives that right the wrongs of this dark past and commence the healing process. It is hoped this commemoration will bring together individuals and organizations dedicated to creating a positive regional impact of healing the racial divide.

The first Africans (“20 and odd” per historical records) arrived at Port Comfort, Virginia on a privately owned English ship, “White Lion,” the latter part of August 1619. These African enslaved people were sold and served as indentured servants and involuntary laborers in the English colonies.

The commemoration of the 400th year since the first Africans touched the shores of America is an opportunity to acknowledge this historical event. In spite of it all, our obligation is to celebrate the achievements of slave captives and their descendants. We must set the stage to move forward and towards racial reconciliation.

On February 28, 2017, Congressman Bobby Scott, representing the 3rd District of Virginia introduced the 400 Years of African-American Commission Act. The 115th Congress of the United States voted to enact the Commission. President Donald J. Trump signed the bill (H.R. 1242) into law January 8, 2018. The bill allows for highlighting the resilience and contributions of African-Americans as well as acknowledging the painful impact that slavery has had on our nation. The bill also allows for planning activities to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the arrival of African-Americans in the United States and recognize the contributions they have made to the economic, academic, cultural, social and moral well-being of this nation. The Commission will terminate July 1, 2020.

Every American is invited to find a commemoration event through July 2020 or create an event in their community or congregation so that the processes of healing and racial divide can end, cultivating a society where peace and prosperity reign for ALL.



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FOCUS ON CELEBRATION GIVING:

2019 Thank Offering

In the fall of each year, Presbyterian Women receive the **Thank Offering**. This offering provides much needed financial assistance to 20 to 30 programs each year chosen after much consideration by the Creative Ministries Offering Committee of Presbyterian Women. For 2019, 18 applicants were chosen for funding. Twelve of the projects serve people in the United States and six are international. More than 40 percent of the selected projects are related to health ministries serving the most marginalized members of God’s community. One of this year’s recipients is located in our “backyard”—Foothills Presbytery—Cancer Association of Anderson, South Carolina. This new program provides all kinds of support for cancer treatment-related expenses, mental and emotional support for patients and their family members, as well as education programs that promote healthy lifestyles, ways to prevent cancer, and a mobile mammogram van. Practical assistance about obtaining gently used wigs, hats, breast prostheses is also available. You can read more about the work of this organization as well as information about all the 2019 recipients in the July/August edition of *Horizons*. Or visit the PW website-- www.presbyterianwomen.org/thank.

This year, to help you promote the Thank Offering, 2019 Thank Offering bulletin inserts are now available as a free download from the PW website. You can print these inserts as a hand out for your circle and/or congregation members. Monies collected for the Thank Offering should be transmitted to *Barbara Wilson, Treasurer, Greater Atlanta Presbytery PW, 6447 Sycamore Drive, Hoschton, GA 30548*.



Mission Haven

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FUN! FUN! FUN!

On June 20th, our missionaries, management team, and individual donors gathered for an all-the-fixins' picnic. Missionaries shared what they're doing and voiced their great appreciation for Mission Haven.



RENOVATIONS

YAHOO! This summer apartment 2B received a new bathroom thanks to a year's fundraising by Presbytery of Mississippi and a beautiful kitchen through contributions by various presbyteries.



DID YOU KNOW?

Some of our management team helps take care of our grounds: lawn care, mowing, pest control, storm clean-up, etc. If your church is local and you're looking for a hands-on mission this fall, you could adopt a flower or shade bed, etc. Contact Alice Day at: aliceday1@bellsouth.net.

WOW!

Check our website (missionhaven.net) for our NEW ONLINE GIVING!



Thornwell

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Thornwell welcomed the Thornwell Charter School (TCS) and its 154 Kindergarten through 6th grade students to the campus on Monday, August 19th! As part of the state-wide South Carolina Public Charter School District, the Thornwell Charter School serves five counties, in addition to eligible elementary age campus residents and Family Teacher children.

Doors opened at 7:15 a.m., complete with a "Red Carpet" in the student drop-off area lined with Charter School Staff, student athletes, and cheerleaders from Presbyterian College to welcome the students and their accompanying families to their first day of school.

It was heartening to see the excited faces of the children, parents, and staff as they gathered in the Gillam Center for the Performing Arts (school auditorium) for an introductory welcome by TCS Principal, Dr. Hugh Wilson, who was sporting a super hero cape and suit complete with LED flashing shoes! Cheers from students and gathered parents could be heard well outside the auditorium doors as Dr. Wilson rallied the students to prepare for a great year of learning ahead.

In addition to the main educational building, the renovated Turner Dining Hall also opened. Thornwell's own Dining Services department operates the dining hall and prepares approximately 330 breakfasts, 280 lunches, and 330 snacks each school day!

The gymnasium is still undergoing renovations and is expected to be complete by mid-September but the transformation taking place is already evident on the outside with the new ADA accessible entrance, doors, and gym windows.

Thornwell continues to be the big beneficiary of the renovations as the facilities continue to serve as a year-round hub for the Child Development Center, after school Learning Center, Read Right, and summer Momentum programs, all of which provide important educational services to Thornwell's residential children and youth. Soon the Laurens County Community Theatre will return to the Thornwell campus for their performances.

Justice and Peace

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What is a Red Flag Law?

In the United States, a red flag law is a gun violence prevention law that permits police or family members to petition a state court to order the temporary removal of firearms from a person who may present a danger to others or themselves. A judge makes the determination to issue the order based on statements and actions made by the gun owner in question. Refusal to comply with the order is punishable as a criminal offense. After a set time, the guns are returned to the person from whom they were seized unless another court hearing extends the period of confiscation.

Such orders are known by various names, including "Extreme Risk Protection Orders" (ERPO) (in Oregon, Washington, Maryland, and Vermont); "Risk Protection Orders" (in Florida); "Gun Violence Restraining Orders" (in California); "risk warrants" (in Connecticut - the first in 1999); and "Proceedings for the Seizure and Retention of a Firearm" (in Indiana). As of August 2019, 17 states and the District of Columbia have passed some form of red-flag law. The specifics of the laws, and the degree to which they are enforced, vary from state to state. Georgia does not have a red flag law nor is there a federal law. To date, red-flag laws have been upheld against Second Amendment challenges, although the amount of case law on the subject is limited.

Red flag measures have been used in situations far different from the mass shooting scenarios they were originally intended to prevent. Most often, guns have been removed from people who were seen as threats to themselves or to their families, or who were suffering from judgment-impairing illnesses like dementia or alcoholism, rather than posing a threat to large groups or public gatherings.

Far from being a political issue, gun violence is an epidemic that affects church communities profoundly. Last year, more than 40,000 American deaths and countless injuries traumatized families and neighborhoods, and the church is where the bereaved and the shell-shocked come to find peace, understanding, and a place of rest for their lost loved ones.

Sources - Wikipedia; New York Times article by Timothy Johnson on August 6, 2019; Presbyterian Peace Fellowship website - Gun Violence Prevention



AMIS

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AMIS staff and numerous volunteers met with 17 student advisors from nine area colleges and universities to acquaint them with AMIS programs and activities coming up. Most of our students join AMIS programs through their contacts with these advisors. We anticipate 75 - 100 students will sign up for the AMIGO program this fall and we need volunteers to sign up to meet an international student, have coffee or a meal with them, invite them to a church function or on an outing with your family. To learn more about being an AMIGO, please go to our newly redesigned website, www.amis-inc.org, click on volunteers, then on Connect.

Our 42nd annual Welcome Reception for students and volunteers will be Saturday, September 21st at Spelman College Sister's Chapel, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., with entertainment by the Morehouse Glee Club. This is a fun and free event where students can meet AMIS friends and volunteers and other international students as well as find out more about upcoming AMIS activities.

YOU ARE INVITED

42ND ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AND SCHOLAR
 WELCOME CONCERT & RECEPTION

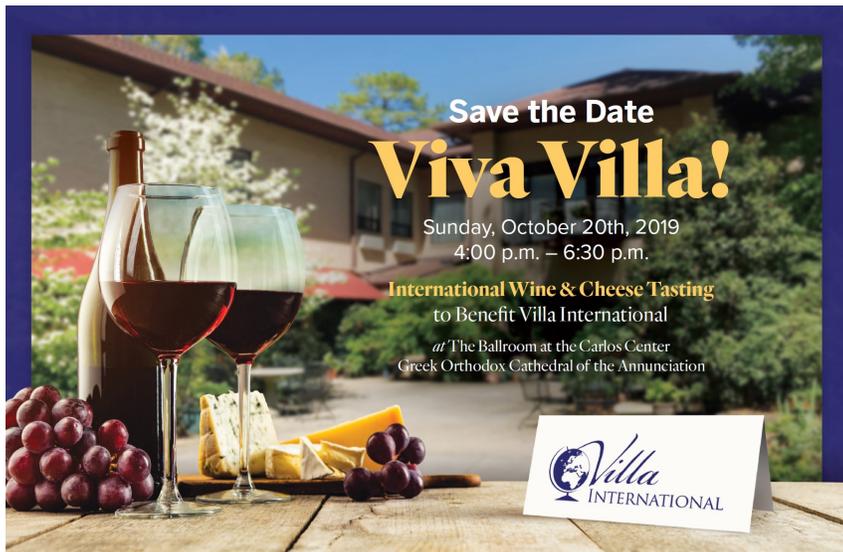


SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2019, 2-4 PM

SPELMAN COLLEGE SISTER'S CHAPEL

Blessings on all PW groups as they begin their study of *Horizons* "Loved Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments." There are free resources available on the PW web site, including monthly blog posts by the author.

<https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/bible-study/>



Villa International

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Please join us for the 15th annual Viva Villa, a tasting and pairing of international wines and cheeses and silent auction to support Villa International. Viva Villa raises funds for improvements to our facility and scholarships for international guests working to improve health around the world. Come celebrate with Villa friends and family and help ensure the continuity of our nearly 50-year history.

Tickets are \$100 per person; all proceeds benefit Villa International, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that offers an affordable, temporary residence for international researchers, scholars, and medical professionals. For more information and to buy tickets, visit www.villainternational.org, email info@villainternational.org, or call 404-633-6783.

Search Committee

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It is time to start thinking about women to serve in the exciting work of the Presbytery PW Coordinating Team.

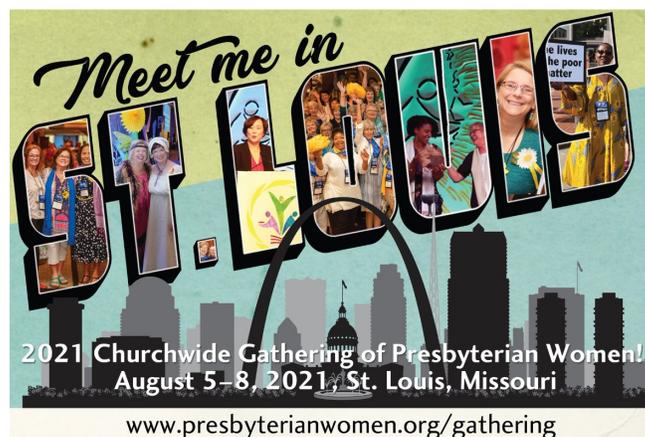
Nominate yourself or a fellow PW for:

- District Leader 2, 4, 6, 8, 10,12
- Historian
- Justice & Peace Coordinator
- Missions Coordinator
- Racial-Ethnic Coordinator
- Resources Coordinator
- Search Committee (2 members)

The job description of each position is posted on the PW web site: <https://www.atlpcusa.org/pgapw>.

The nomination form is included as Page 13 of PathWays.

SAVE THE DATE!



PW Calendar—2019—2020

Date	Event
September 21, 2:00 p.m.	AMIS Welcome Reception, Spelman College
September 28, 9:00 a.m.	PW Fall Workshops, Clairmont Presbyterian
October 20, 4:00 p.m.	Viva Villa fund-raiser for Villa International, Greek Orthodox Cathedral
October 20—21	Presbyterian Homes Auction & Golf Tournament, Atlanta Athletic Club
October 25—27	Synod PW Gathering, Epworth by the Sea
November 1	Church Women United World Community Day, Peachtree Christian Church
November 9	PWP Coordinating Team meeting, Presbytery Office
January 31—February 1	Presbytery PW Retreat, Columbia Seminary



**Nomination Form for PW Coordinating Team Leaders
Presbytery of Greater Atlanta**



The Search Committee nominates Coordinating Team (CT) leaders to support PW groups in the presbytery. In addition to their specific duties, CT leaders attend four planning meetings per year, the Annual Gathering in March, and occasional training events or workshops. We seek the wisdom, knowledge and input from all. Consider women in your midst with special talents, leadership ability, and a passion for PW, or nominate yourself to serve others.

Please print or type: Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ GA Zip: _____

Telephone: Home: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

Church: _____ PW District #: _____

Please use separate sheet or back of form to list:

Positions held in Presbyterian Women (use back of form if needed)

Skills and Abilities:

Additional information

Position(s) in which interested in serving: _____

Have you discussed the position and her willingness to serve with the nominee? _____

Demographic Information: Presbyterian Women is committed to giving full expression to the rich diversity of our membership. Providing some information about yourself will help the Search Committee to fulfill this commitment to inclusiveness and representation. Please complete the questions below as you feel comfortable.

Age Range: _____ 20 – 35 years _____ 36 – 50 years _____ 51 – 65 years _____ over 65 years

Culture or Ethnic Heritage _____ Language(s) Spoken _____

Physical Limitations _____

Submitted by: _____ Telephone: _____

Email: _____@_____

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