

**Notes from the Treasurer**

**Note to all Treasurers...**

It is beneficial to the treasurer to send in your contributions on a report form with the dollar amounts and their designations on it.

These forms are kept in a file for verification purposes. If you don't have any quarterly forms for reporting to the treasurer, please let the treasurer know and she will be happy to forward some to you.

Thanks to all of you.

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PWMP Treasurer,  
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# Mission Link

## Presbyterian Women of Mission Presbytery

Fall 2013

### Moderator's Minute

Greetings to all the Presbyterian Women in Mission Presbytery. I hope that your summer so far has been a relaxing, yet exciting, time for you. Many have traveled far and near and I give thanks for your safety.

Speaking of travel, our own Sherry Hardwick from New Braunfels was chosen to experience the USA Mission Experience in the Appalachians during the month of June. She will be available to come and share her experience with you for the next two years. Invite her to come and speak to your local congregations or at cluster gatherings.

Our most recent activity was the Spring Gathering at Mo Ranch. We had approximately 240 women registered with a good range of ages represented. We even had enough young women to be able to offer the Ropes Course. There were 16 workshops offered with subjects ranging from arts and crafts, bible study, new technology, journaling, our heritage, etc. If you were not able to attend this year, plan now to join us March 28-30, 2014. Remember, each church is eligible for two scholarships to cover the registration fee. Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church, San Antonio, has volunteered to be our host church for the 2014 Spring Gathering. Mary Ann Hester Zink and Sheila Clark will be serving as Co-chairs of the planning team. They are already hard at work and have some

really good ideas to make it a fun and informative weekend. The registration process will be handled through the Coordinating Team this year, so watch for instructions on where to mail forms, etc. as we get nearer to the end of the year.

The offering received at the Sunday morning worship at the Spring Gathering was designated for Pan American School in Kingsville and \$5,800 was collected and forwarded to them. We have been told this donation was used to cover pending costs for graduating seniors to enable them to complete their studies and receive their diplomas. Centsibility Boxes placed on the dining room tables collected approximately \$190, which was forwarded to the Presbyterian Hunger Program. The CT was also able to make generous donations to John Knox Ranch, Pan American School, and Presbyterian Children Homes from your Mission Pledges during this past year. Thank you for your generosity in sharing so others can be helped. Watch for the new Mission Pledge forms and information during August.

At our annual business meeting, a complete slate of officers was installed and we have no vacancies at this time. We have a good representation on the Coordinating Team as to age, ethnicity, and women who have never served on the CT before along with those with experience. If any of you have a desire to become a part of the

Coordinating Team, please contact our Search Committee. Carol Wise is Chair for the coming year.

With the help of scholarships offered by the Coordinating Team, many of you are able to attend the Synod PW Gathering held at Grace Presbyterian in Houston. MPPW will have one of the largest groups of members attending.

As you can see PW is alive and well in our part of Texas. The new *Horizons* bible study for this year, *An Abiding Hope, The Presence of God in Exodus and Deuteronomy*, looks like it will be a good one. Continue to invite women to become a part of your local PW group to develop strong friendships and work together to help others around your local area and the world as a whole. Find new ways to get more women involved. Also be sure to encourage all women to attend the Fall Cluster Gatherings.

I always remember you in my prayers and continue to ask God's blessings on each of you and PW.

Patti Nance,  
Moderator, PWMPCT



## Farmland Cluster

August 10  
9:30 am Breakfast  
Lunch at noon

Luling First Presbyterian Church  
Crockett and Pecan St, Luling TX  
(Enter the Fellowship Hall through the door that  
faces the fire station on Crocket street)

Offering to Presbyterian Children's  
Homes and Services  
(Presentation by Signe Frederickson of San Antonio)

Bring food for the LAMA food pantry  
(Presentation by Dayna Schmidt of Luling)

Door Prizes galore/Quilt give-away  
See you there!

### SAVE THE DATE!!!

## 2013 Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering Victoria Region



First Presbyterian Church  
312 Depot St., El Campo, Texas  
(979) 543-3658

Mark your calendars for Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup>!

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.  
Coffee and Refreshments will be served  
as we welcome everyone!

Overview of 2013 – 2014 *Horizon's Bible Study*  
An Abiding Hope: The Presence of God  
in Exodus and Deuteronomy  
*written by Janice Catron*

The Overview will be presented by  
Rev. Diana Whitley  
Pastor, Presbyterian Church of Gonzales

Our Lunch will be catered and the cost will be \$8.50!

\*\*\*Please RSVP to the church (979) 543-3658 or  
Aubin Sumers (979) 543-2949

## HILL COUNTRY CLUSTER FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF KERRVILLE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2013  
Registration and refreshments 9:00 a.m.

Worship  
Lovely Lunch  
Music  
Crafts  
Fellowship  
\$ 8.00

### GOD THE GARDENER

Caring for creation  
Begins and ends in a garden

We are absolutely blessed to have Rev. Dr. Fane Downs as our speaker  
and worship leader.

A presentation by Meg Scott Johnson with special offering going to  
Presbyterian Disaster Fund.

Presbyterian Women of First Presbyterian Kerrville cordially invite:  
Burnet, Brady, Boerne, Copperas Cove, Fredericksburg, Harper  
Ingram, Junction, Lampasas, Llano, Marble Falls, Menard, San  
Saba First, and San Saba New Hope and Pipe Creek, to join with us for  
a beautiful Cluster experience and an opportunity to share PW  
accomplishments and goals with one another.

Please make your reservations early with:

Salli Grissom, Cluster Meeting Coordinator  
813 Laura Belle - Kerrville 78028  
Sgrissom@windstream.net  
830-896-2119 (home) 830-285-2177 (cell)

Subj: Mark Your Calendars PW Fall Gathering August 17<sup>th</sup> 9 a.m.

### Austin Area Cluster PW Fall Gathering

It's new!      It's educational      It's fun      It's fantastic!

It's the Austin Cluster Fall Gathering; a **different experience** for all  
Presbyterian Women.

Workshops are back by popular demand

- Training for new moderators
- Journal project
- Strong for Life, exercising with bands
- Water conservation techniques
- Human trafficking
- Horizons overview and teaching techniques

### There is something for everyone!

Please **spread the word** so your church will be well represented.

- Print and post in church; include a sign-up sheet for car pooling
- Forward email to your church women
- Add the information to your church newsletter
- Put in your church bulletin
- Make an announcement during your church services

We'll be sending you more details later.

This year's gathering will be fun, educational, and a way to exchange ideas with  
other churches. Stay tuned for more details after you mark your calendars on  
8/17/13, 9-noon with lunch following.

Joyce Batty Teresa Junkin  
Austin Cluster PW Leaders  
(jbatty@austin.rr.com)



*We want to hear your story!*  
 The histories of our Presbyterian Women are an important part of our church and community histories.



Ready to share your church's story? We're looking for the histories of your PW group. What activities do you do as a group? As individuals? What roles do women fill in your church? How do you celebrate Christ's love in our world? Please contact Lis Wise: [liswise@yahoo.com](mailto:liswise@yahoo.com) with any questions. Pictures please – even just a snapshot of your last meeting or activity – would be greatly appreciated. A picture is worth a thousand words, but we'd love to have words & pictures to share with others in the Presbytery. Check out <http://missionhistorian.tripod.com> for additional information regarding submission options and information requested.

## *Valley Cluster*

September 14  
 8:30 am – noon  
 First Presbyterian Church  
 1102 Ash  
 Mission 78572  
 \$5 registration  
 per person

## **Corpus Christi Cluster**

Kingsville First  
 Presbyterian Church  
302 W Kleberg Ave  
Kingsville, TX 78363  
September 7  
Details to come

# HAPPY NEW YEAR <sup>PW</sup>

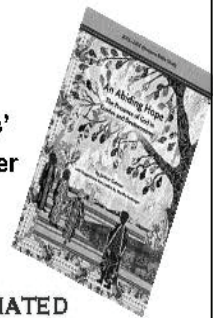


COME CELEBRATE  
 AT THE FALL GATHERING  
 OF THE SAN ANTONIO CLUSTER

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17  
 REGISTRATION AT 9 AM

Learn about programs and projects you can use:

- ▶ what you always wanted to know about the 2013 Horizons study
- ▶ introduction to EcoJustice project
- ▶ sample of new Floozies play 'The Matriarchs'
- ▶ information about local outreach and speaker opportunities



RESERVATIONS APPRECIATED  
 BUT NOT REQUIRED  
 Cost \$5

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**The Presbyterian  
Women of Mission  
Presbytery**

We're on the Web. Click on:  
[Http://missionpw.tripod.com](http://missionpw.tripod.com)

**Search Committee is always looking for volunteers.**

You will become a member of the Presbyterian Women  
Coordinating Team (CT) for  
Mission Presbytery. And let me add: we do have fun!!

The committee is especially looking for a historian, lower valley cluster leader,  
and upper valley cluster leader.

If you, or perhaps someone you know would like to serve, please contact the  
Search

Committee chair, Carol Wise,  
[cowise1@aol.com](mailto:cowise1@aol.com).

Come on join the fun and

Sharon Carson, Editor  
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## **MAKE A NEW FRIEND**

AT THE  
PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF MISSION PRESBYTERY  
SPRING GATHERING AT MO RANCH

MARCH 28-30

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*Send a photo of yourself for the new directory.*

*(Only pictures, names, and church affiliation will be published.)*

*send to: [marywyomin@hotmail.com](mailto:marywyomin@hotmail.com)*

