

**PWCFP CT – May 2, 2015
Park Lake Presbyterian, Orlando
AGENDA**

10 AM **Call to Order/Lighting the Christ Candle:** Karen Hamilton, Moderator

Prayer/Devotional:

PW Purpose: Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves: To nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study, to support the mission of the Church worldwide, to work for justice and peace, and to build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and witnesses to the promise of God’s kingdom.

Welcome

Secretary’s Minutes: Laura Viau March 14, 2015
Approved and Ready for Posting

Treasurer’s Report: Jennifer Jonas
2014 Year End Summary (attached)
2015 Quarterly Expenses (attached)

Moderator Karen Hamilton

Vice Moderator Martha Kiser

Parliamentarian: Rosellyn Calvert

Communications Specialist: Abbie VanDenBerg

Search Coordinator: Brenda Tompkins

Interpreters:	Cultural Diversity:	Dildrinell Pratts
	Global Missions:	Barbara Joyce
	Justice and Peace	Jill Bolander Cohen
	Pres. Home/Schools:	Gayle Schmidt

District Coordinators:

District 1: Vacant

District 5: Jean Evans

District 2: Sandy Weil

District 6: Eleanore Kaney

District 3: Carol Potter

District 7: Beth Timmons

District 4: Vacant

District 8: Becky Stewart

Old Business:

1. 2015 Churchwide Gathering Minneapolis June 17-21
 - a. \$500 to share from Synod
 - b. orders for shirts
 - c. List of participants from Central Florida
 - a. Sandy Weil, Karen Hamilton, Rosellyn Calvert, Abbie VanDenBerg, Beth Timmons, Martha Kiser from CT
 - b. Marybell Streetman,
 - d. \$10 Target gift cards for American Indian Families Center - St. Paul
 - a. to Karen or Abbie by June 15th
 - e. Silent Auction donation of items \$25 or more
 - a. not participating
2. 2017 PWCFP Calendar finalized and distributed
3. Order for 2016-2017 Presbytery Calendars \$8
4. Synod shirt orders
5. August 22 - "Come to the Waters" Bible Study North Lake Presbyterian
 - a. devotional booklet samples distributed to CT, will be given to attendees in August
 - b. on YouTube - intro from Author to Come to Waters study

New Business:

1. Tabled - motion to increase support of the Columbia Friendship Circle
2. Mission Haven Challenge of \$150/church
3. 2016 Annual Gathering El Redentor Presbyterian, Oviedo.
4. 2016 Triennial Synod Gathering at Epworth
 - a. Planning team announced with Robin Powell in lead.
 - b. October 21-23, 2016

- c. Theme - Who is Jesus?
- d. Send suggestions for workshops, exhibitors etc. to Karen by June 15.
- 5. Asked if someone on PW would sit on CFP Nominating Committee
 - a. Gayle Schmidt has volunteered
- 6. Bible Study in August
 - a. Laura will work with Dildranelle to coordinate worship with El Redentor musicians
 - b. Laura and Abbie will work on a program for the day
 - c. Display table area will be available

Next meeting – PWCFP CT MEETING October 3, 2015

10:00 a.m. Maitland Presbyterian
341 North Orlando Avenue
Maitland, FL 32751

Prayer Requests and Closing Prayer:

We come humbly before you, Holy God, as confessing people that need spiritual renewal, confessing our shortcomings, confessing our willfulness, our false pride, our selfishness and all other sins that infect us. We know that we need a total reconstruction of our spirits that once came so fresh from your creative hand. Our minds need adjusting that they may be more in tune with the truths that come from you. Our emotions need to be fine-tuned that they may repel anger and resonate with kindness. Our hearts need to throb with sincere caring and love for all of your children of whatever race, whatever social standing. Our hands and feet need to be guided into your service. Sometimes we do not even treat the members of our own household with the love, respect and honor due them.

With our eyes, we see your love for beauty. With our ears we hear of your love of music. With our hearts we know your love for people. Give us eyes to behold your creation and hands to revere each part, give us ears tuned to tears and laughter, and give us a clean heart to act kindly and speak justly. God's love dries our tears; God's forgiveness picks us up; God's peace embraces us. Through Jesus Christ, renew us and our world. Amen

Extinguish the Christ Candle

Lunch Plans

Reports:

Moderator - Karen Hamilton

Plans are being made for our Annual Bible Study on August 22, 2015 at NorthLake Presbyterian Church. "Come to the Water" is the 2015-2016 Horizon Bible Study by Judy Record Fletcher. This study captures some of the Bible's 800 references to water from Genesis to Revelation. Rose Gorman is coordinating. Laura Viau will be our guest presenter for "Come to the Waters" as well as serve communion by intinction. Fliers for the event will

be completed by the PWCFP CT Meeting May 2 at Park Lake Presbyterian. Abbie will be formulating the flier for the event.

March 14 - moderated PWCFP CT Meeting at First Presbyterian, Titusville.

March 16 - sent the final Annual Gathering Bible Study expense report from Wekiva PW to PWCFP CT. Income/Expenses balanced out.

March 29 - attended the Maitland and Mt. Dora combined church choir presentation at Maitland Presbyterian "The Passion of the Cross".

April 3 and 5 - attended Good Friday and Easter services at Williamsburg Presbyterian Church, Williamsburg, Virginia.

April 10 - sent order for Synod logo items to Robin Powell.

April 12 - attended the Valencia Choir Spring Concert at St. Mark's,

April 14 - attended Presbytery Council Meeting at Wekiva Presbyterian.

April 14 - presented Lesson 7 of our current Bible study to St. Mark's evening circle.

April 15 - Columbia Friendship Circle dinner at Columbia Seminary.

April 16 - attended the "Come See Columbia" meetings at Columbia Seminary.

Seminary scholarship recipients for 2014-2015 Antonio Christie, Kate Watkins, hopes to raise \$52K to support 4 family recipients.

April 17 - 18 - attended the Presbyterian Women of the Synod of South Atlantic meeting at Roswell Presbyterian Church, Roswell, Georgia.

April 24 - attended the Latino Presbyterian Women gathering hosted by El Redentor. Ann Barnwell, outgoing Moderator of SOSA also attended. Cultural Diversity Interpreter, Dildrinell Pratts will give a complete report.

April 26 - Lay Leader at St. Mark's.

April 27 - met with Abbie to design August 22 Bible Study flier

Vice Moderator - Martha Kiser

3/14/15 attended PWCFP - Titusville

3/29/15 attended Maitland and Mt.Dora combined choir presentation at Maitland Presbyterian

4/13/15 met with Park Lake CT to share ideas on having a Festival of Table event

4/26/15 attended Mother/Daughter event at Wekiva and installed new officers

In addition I maintain the Prayer Chain on a daily basis for Wekiva Presbyterian

Parliamentarian - Rosellyn Calvert

Presbyterians Today Article re: Offering for Stewardship
67 Churches

Communication Specialist - Abbie VanDenBerg

- updated the Calendar of Events
- Corrected the Minutes from the Jan 10 meeting
- and created the first draft of the Bible Study registration form/flyer (see attached PDF)
I still need to revise the Bylaws Mega document with the rule change about scholarships.
This will happen this month.
Registration form for Bible Study will be distributed and posted after the meeting today.

Cultural Diversity - Dildrinell Pratts

emailed, need

Hispanic PW has 16th Encounter (Synod Gathering), hosted by El Redentor Ann Barnwell (Synod Moderator) and Karen Hamilton (CFP Moderator) attended Vice Moderator and Vice Treasurer elected, 80-85 people attended
Next year, March/April, likely Central Florida

Global Missions - Barbara Joyce

I attended the PWCFP CT meeting at First Presbyterian in Titusville on March 14.
Attended the Cuba Leadership Committee on March 31 at the Presbytery offices where we discussed the upcoming visits of Two Cuban Pastors and 1 Elder from the Central Cuba Presbytery. They are visiting first 2 weeks of June.
Jill Cohen and I are hosting an informational gathering and get to know you at Anchor Point in Apopka on June 4th @ 5:00 PM. This is open to anyone interested.
On April 7th I led the Global Mission Committee and the Mission Development Committee.

Peace and Justice - Jill Bolander Cohen

- I have attended all PWCFP meetings and gatherings in the last year.
- The Greater Orlando Human Trafficking Task Force has just celebrated two years.
- The Lifeboat Project has moved into the former Presbyterian Mt. Sinai church in Apopka. This beautiful location sits on four acres of big oak trees.
- Trader Mae's Booth to raise money - would like to collect new/gently used purses that can be resold, rather than furniture and other large items that are difficult to transport.
- Laura Viau and I are developing a new 1001 Worship community and it will be located at the Mt. Sinai property. 829 East Votaw Road, Apopka, FL 32703. This location will be called Anchor Point. There will be a "Blessing of the Property" service on Saturday June 13th at 10 am, all are invited. *Can bring purses to donate.*
- I recently attended Compassion, Peace and Justice Day, Ecumenical Advocacy Days and the Freedom Network human trafficking conference in DC. While there we lobbied Capitol Hill on Mass Incarceration and all forms of exploitation. I was contacted by and met with members of Health and Human Services (HHS), Department of Education (DOE), Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Victim Crimes (OVC), and The White House. They viewed The Lifeboat Project's Human Trafficking Awareness/Prevention App called ACT-Awareness Combats Trafficking. We have been invited back to DC to show the app again to more members of these agencies. I will return with the Developers ECS on May 18th-19th.
- Our app has recently received two silver medals from Horizon Interactive in gaming and education. We were also a finalist in the Serious Gaming Challenge. The app was picked up by Orange County Schools.
- The Lifeboat Project was chosen by the Rollins College Crummer School of Business for the MBA students to develop a marketing plan.
- The Central Florida Presbytery Justice and Peace committee which I chair, will combine the Immigration task force along with the human trafficking/domestic violence task force, we will be called the CPJ Committee-Compassion Peace and Justice. This newly combined committee will host a Florida CPJ Day May 20th-21st 2016 at Maitland Presbyterian Church. Staff from the Louisville office will take CPJ Day on the road and we look forward

to hosting this incredible event. All of the presbyteries in Florida will be invited. A "Save the Date" will be announced at the June presbytery meeting.

- The Lifeboat Project received a grant from the CFP Peacemaking offering to gather data in the Philippines on the need for shelter and programming for victims of human trafficking. Rev. Irma Balaba will conduct the data research over the next month. Irma was a PCUSA 2014 Peacemaker.
- In February, I was selected by the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship as one of two 2015 Peace seeker recipients. We will be honored at the General Assembly in Portland Oregon next year.
- Meetings being planned at Jimmy Carter Center Sept 2016, Justice and Peace Day for all Florida presbyteries in May 2016

Presbyterian Homes and Schools - Gayle Schmidt

This has been a quiet quarter. I will be attending the Committee on Preparation for Ministry gathering in May and placing materials in the June Presbytery packet. If you know individuals under the care of the CFP, please encourage them to apply for the scholarship.

Letter from Katie Steinberg to say thank you for financial support - sent a check to CFP. Will find out how much it was.

District 1 - Martha Kiser - No Report

District 2 - Sandy Weil

I still don't have a proper report for you, but I hope you can bear with me while I try to get my feet under me for this important task, as well as becoming Moderator of DeLand's PW, and acting already in my capacity as Bereavement Team coordinator for our Deacon board. So far, the local responsibilities have consumed the better part of my time, but please don't give up on me. I mean to make a go of this, given time.

I should have reported at our last meeting about our Gifts of Women Sunday. Although we didn't lead the service, we did present an Honorary Life Membership to a very deserving member of our PW, Mary Eggleston. Our Moderator, Shirley Carr, did a good job of detailing Mary's commitment to her church and PW, something I had seen for myself in the scant year I've known her.

On the home front at First Presbyterian DeLand, I am excited to report that there seems to be a groundswell of willingness to see ourselves as part of the larger Body of Christ in CFP and churchwide. I don't know how much of this should go in a public report just yet, but I have been encouraged by conversations with several of the leaders of the circles, as well as members, and I just hope and pray that in the coming year, we will see some growth and commitment in that area.

I was also thrilled when, at the last CT meeting at First Presbyterian DeLand, the group voted unanimously to set aside \$1,000 to help any woman or divide between any of our members who might want to attend this year's Churchwide Gathering in Minneapolis. Right away, one

member expressed both interest and regret, as she is already committed to an extended mission trip this summer. I'm still hoping to find at least two women who would have the time and money to commit to such an experience. Time is running short for this year, I know, but I'm still hoping.

District 3 - Carol Potter

To copy Sandy Weil, I am trying to establish working relationships with the churches in my district and have had mixed results. I have sent several letters which haven't been responded to for the most part, have called church offices with mixed results, and have actually had a few conversations and referrals.

As most of you on the CT, I am active in other church responsibilities which draw on my time, too. My results have been sketchier than hoped. However, I have forwarded materials that Karen has sent to be forwarded as soon as received. I also met with a committee of four from 1st Presby Leesburg for breakfast and had a pleasant, and promising discussion with them, to be followed up on. I have finally made contact with the new PW moderator of Howie in the Hills. I have talked with church administrators at Lake Square PC, Fruitland Park PC, and Wildwood PC. I will be recontacting the Bushnell church with which I had a good conversation with its pastor about a month ago, as well as the other churches in district 3. Haven't reached Clermont PC PW, but talked to someone on its staff. Will continue to seek out my nine churches over the Spring and Summer. The ones I spoke with are not using the Horizons materials...didn't like them and found them hard to work with.

I will be unable to attend the Churchwide Gathering in June after all, so will be returning the check at the May 2, mtg. in Orlando. Elder Kay Kennedy will accompany me to the meeting. North Lake Coordinating Team Salad Luncheon noon May 19, 2015
Dedicate birthday offering, dedicating least coin. Rose will install officers

District 4 - No Coordinator, No Report

District 5 - Jean Evans

I had eye surgery in March 11 th so I missed our meeting on the 14 th. Barb and Abby filled me in and gave me information handouts.

I have forwarded all information from Karen to my churches.

I attended a Maitland Pres PW Retreat at the McKay Tiger Head Ranch in Ocala on the 18th of April. A great day of fun and fellowship with about 25 women!

Looking forward to our meeting on Sat.

District 6 - Eleanor Kaney

Attended the meeting in Titusville

Helped with a luncheon at Park Lake that raised \$2250 for our Childcare Center.

Everything we serve is homemade.

Sent minutes to my churches and added a note about the \$10 gift card . No response.

Had a meeting at my home and invited Martha Kiser to share with us about their Festival of Tables. We want to try it as an event for all the circles to be together on September 8, 2015

(probably 6pm). We will share what each circle does and have our first circle lesson together.

I got 5 gift cards to turn in.

District 7 - Beth Timmons

District 7 churches received the information from our last meeting. I have spoken with the Moderators about how important it is to pass the information along.

District 8 - Becky Stewart

I attended a luncheon, given by First Presbyterian, Vero, honoring Connie Herr. After many years of service to PW, as Treasurer, she has passed the position on to someone else. First Presbyterian, Vero held their Annual Spring Fling which I attended. They also combined the PW Birthday event with a monthly Birthday Dinner hosted by the church. Around 100 people attended and they raised over \$300.00 for the Birthday Offering. I met with others, on the Gracious Witness Team for Palm Bay, at St. Luke's in Titusville to discuss meeting with their session in May. Dottie Baird and I attended a lovely luncheon to mark the end of their Bible Study at First Presbyterian, in Sebastian. Their events are growing in numbers, which is good to see. I have sent out several emails encouraging my churches to consider using the new Horizon Bible Study. I continue to forward all information, sent from Karen, to my churches.