

The 28th Annual Gathering of Presbyterian Women January 30, 2016

The 28th Annual Gathering of Presbyterian Women in Central Florida met at El Redentor Presbyterian Church in Oveido, Fl, on Saturday, January 30, 2016.

Songs were song in English and Spanish at the beginning of the Gathering. The Christ Candle was lit by Dildrenell Pratts and Janira Colon.

Moderator Karen Hamilton called the Gathering together at 10:00am. The theme was "One Body, One Spirit". Jean Evans was appointed temporary Secretary due to the absence of Laura Viau who needed to fulfill her teaching elder duties at her home church.

Karen thanked El Redentor for hosting the Annual Gathering and welcomed PW representatives from 16 churches: El Redentor, First DeLand, Maitland, St. Mark's, Park Lake, Wekiva, Tuskawilla, North Lake, South Lake, First Presbyterian Titusville, Cocoa, First Apopka, Oakland, Hope Presbyterian, Glenwood Presbyterian, and First Vero. Everyone recited the PW purpose - some in English others in Spanish.

Rev. Carmelo Mercado presented greetings from El Redentor and explained that El Redentor in English means The Redeemer. Rev. Mercado expressed his gratitude for our PW sharing in Spanish traditions before reading the Old Testament scripture Isaiah 42: 1-7. The New Testament reading, James 1: 19-27, was given by Jill Bolander Cohen. The Gospel Reading, Matthew 4: 18-25, and The Power of Service was given by Abbie VanDenBerg.

Gayle Schmidt announced the recipients of the offering would be divided four ways with the theme of missions: PC USA in Cuba, PC USA in the Dominican Republic, El Redentor Food and Hygiene Red Bags mission, and El Redentor Dresses with Dolls mission.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion was given by Rev. Nancy Graham Ogne of Hope Presbyterian Church, Lake Nona.

Today was Nancy's birthday so everyone sang "Happy Birthday".

Business Meeting Minutes

The business meeting was called to order at 11:25 am by Moderator Karen Hamilton.

The minutes of the 27th Annual Gathering were reviewed by Martha Kiser and Jean Evans. Motion to accept by Jean Evans, 2nd by Jill Cohen. Unanimous vote to accept.

Slate of Presbyterian Women Nominees for Synod of South Atlantic was included in the Program for information since they could not be distributed in time for voting action and acceptance:

Rev. Jeanne Simpson - Church Employed Women
Josephine Pompey - Cultural Diversity (Racial Ethnic)
Francena Willingham PHD - Representative to Churchwide

Financial Reports for 2015 and the 2016 Proposed Budget were presented by PWCFP Treasurer Jennifer Jonas. All reports are included in the 2016 Annual Gathering program . Motion to accept 2016 budget was made by Abbie VanDenBerg, seconded by Jill Cohen, and accepted as presented.

The next order of business was the presentation for the PWCFP officers.
Kay Laws, First Deland and past District 2 Coordinator installed the officers.

Moderator	Karen Hamilton (2016-2018)
Vice Moderator	Gayle Schmidt (2016-2017)
Justice and Peace	Jill Cohen (2016-2018)
Presbyterian Homes/Schools	Kay Kennedy (2016-2018)
District 8 Coordinator	Becky Stewart (2016-2018)
District 4 Coordinator	RuthAnn Stearns (2016-2018)

The PWCFP Coordinating Team serves as the Search Coordinator.

2016 Presbyterian Women of Central Florida Presbytery

Coordinating Team Officers:

Moderator Karen Hamilton

Vice Moderator Gayle Schmidt

Treasurer Jennifer Jonas

Secretary/Historian Laura Viau

Cultural Diversity Interpreter Dildrinell Pratts

Global Mission Interpreter Barbara Joyce

Peace and Justice Interpreter Jill Bolander Cohen

Presbyterian Home/Schools Int. Kay Kennedy

District 1 Coordinator vacant

District 2 Coordinator Sandy Weil

District 3 Coordinator Carol Potter

District 4 Coordinator RuthAnn Stearns

District 5 Coordinator Jean Evans

District 6 Coordinator vacant

District 7 Coordinator Beth Timmons

District 8 Coordinator Becky Stewart

Search Committee Coordinator vacant

Communications Specialist (appointed) Abbie VanDenBerg

Parliamentarian (appointed) Rosellyn Calvert

Karen reminded all that March 6th is Gifts of Women Sunday. The program can be found in the November-December issue of Horizons magazine. The PW Birthday Offering program can be found in the January-February issue of Horizons magazine.

On December 1, 2015, there was a presentation of PW-PDA at the Central Florida Presbytery meeting held at Washington Shores. Karen is requesting that 2 members from each Church attend the Disaster Preparedness Training on March 19, 2016, at St. Mark's. It will be 8:30 am to 3:30pm. Karen and Pat Morgan, Certified Christian Educator, have been trained and certified by the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance PCUSA to conduct this training. Karen can be reached at [407-492-0386](tel:407-492-0386) or twc4078313626@earthlink.net Pat can be reached at [407-415-4958](tel:407-415-4958) or pmorganapce@gmail.com.

Registration forms for the 2016 Bible Study were included in the Annual Gathering Program. It will be held at Maitland Presbyterian Church on August 20, 2016. The theme is "Who is Jesus". Check-in begins at 9:30am and starts at 10:00am. Cost is \$10.00 by August 6 and late registration is \$15.00.

PW histories are due in tomorrow, January 31, 2016.

The 10th Triennial Gathering of Presbyterian Women in the Synod of South Atlantic is October 21-23, 2016, at Epworth by the Sea, St. Simons Island, Georgia. Registration information will be available in April, 2016.

Order forms for shirts with SOSA embroidery and/or PWCFP name badges are due June 30, 2016. Distribution will be at the Bible study.

Karen is attending "Out of the Darkness...into the Light" in San Francisco on September 22-30, 2016. It is about human trafficking, domestic violence and immigration. Karen will learn what they are doing to combat these issues and then share this information with the Presbyterian Women in Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina.

Compassion, Peace & Justice Florida Symposium by Florida Presbytery will be held at Maitland Presbyterian on May 20, 21, 2016. Keynote Speaker will be Rev. Noelle Damico, Communications Director, Hudson Valley River Presbytery on Friday night at the dinner. Rev. J. Herbert Nelson, Director, Office of Public Witness, PCUSA will be speaking at the luncheon. The workshops include human trafficking and violence against women, gun violence, immigration and asylum, hunger, racism, mass incarceration. For information, cost and registration you can call [1-386-589-9327](tel:1-386-589-9327) or via email at cpjflorida@gmail.com.

Business meeting closed and Christ candle extinguished by Dildrinell Pratts and all enjoyed a lunch prepared by El Redentor.

Afternoon forums included:

1. Mission Cuba- Transportation
2. Mission Dominican Republic
3. Mission Seminole County (Hygiene bags and Food bags)
4. Mission Anytime (Dresses with Dolls)

The gathering offering was \$666.88. Each of the forums will receive \$155.34. \$45.53 was received for 2 cents/meal.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Evans,
Acting Secretary
District 5 Coordinator