



**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN THE PRESBYTERY OF LOS RANCHOS
ANNUAL REPORT JULY 2015 – JUNE 2016**

Theme: “One Body...One Spirit”

To do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God Micah 6:8

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Mission Financial Report for 2015:

Although our PW year and Coordinating Team terms begin in July and end in June, the Mission Pledges and finances are based on the calendar year from January through December.

Financial Report ending December 31, 2015:

Mission Total Received: \$17,290.51

Mission Pledges	11,080.50
Hunger	500.81
Birthday Offering	1,767.81
Thank Offering	2,678.96
Least Coin	877.43
Honorary Life	285.00
Memorial	100.00

In addition, \$10,000 from the Kathryn Bogie Trust, New Covenant Fund Investment Presbyterian Foundation, was distributed to:

Angel Interfaith Network	1,500
Interserve, The Faucetts	1,500
Rising Tide @ MKEC	1,500
Hope for Life Chapel, RV Ministry	1,500
Long Beach Human Trafficking Task Force	1,500
Norwalk Deacons' Sack Lunch Ministry	1,000
Power4Youth-Tutoring Program	1,500

Gatherings:

The Presbyterian Women of the Synod Gathering was also the **Fall Gathering** for the women of Los Ranchos Presbytery. It was held on Saturday, September 20, 2015, at the Placentia Presbyterian Church. The theme for the gathering was “One Body, One Spirit”. The speaker, Jeannie Hatfield, gave an overview of the *Horizons*' Bible Study “Come to the Waters.” Scholarship winners Linda Craig, Dana Monk, Judith Muller and Carol Nord also shared their remembrances of the Churchwide Gathering in Minneapolis in July. Each presbytery wore specific colors and an enjoyable “fashion show” was held during the luncheon. Los Ranchos' colors were orange or coral. See the Facebook photo album – <http://tinyurl.com/pwpsfall15fashion>

On Saturday, February 27, 2016, the **Winter Gathering** was hosted by the women of St. Mark Presbyterian Church in Newport Beach. The program theme “One Heart, One Love, One Community” was presented by Shari Stump, Synod Representative to the “Global Mission Experience to the Caribbean.” Shari was a guest on the island of Curacao. She is a member of the Covenant Presbyterian Church in Westchester in the Presbytery of the Pacific. Worship was led by Rev. Lynn Gifford of St. Mark Presbyterian Church. Her sermon topic was “Where Should We Look”, based on Habakkuk 1:2-4 and Philippians 4:8-9. Beryl Smith, Anita Coleman and Pat Klotz also participated in leading worship. *See the Facebook photo album – <http://tinyurl.com/pwstmarkw16>*

The **Spring Gathering** was held at the Norwalk Presbyterian Church on Saturday, April 23rd. The well-attended program “Stories of Water Today” featured keynote speaker and environmental advocate Eve Simmons providing us information on the current state of our water, the relationship of global warming and climate change. Worship emphasized the importance of water metaphor throughout the Bible and in our faith. Water is God’s creation; our body cannot live without it and our faith is nourished by it. *Shareable link for photos on Facebook: <http://tinyurl.com/pwpnorwalks16eve> and <http://tinyurl.com/pwpnorwalks16kj>*

Coordinating Team Meetings:

Coordinating Team planning meetings were held throughout the year in August, January, March and June. SEEDS, our PWP newsletter, was published quarterly by Editor Linda Becker of First Presbyterian Church in Santa Ana. Presbyterian Women has a link on the Los Ranchos website where the latest newsletter and other information are posted.

Synod Day of Action:

The Synod “Day of Action” was held this year on Saturday, February 13 at the First Presbyterian Church of Encino. Three workshops were available: “Robust Brainstorming” led by Ruth Mandernach, “Children and Parenting Trends” by Chantal Wahl and a program in the San Fernando Valley, “Advocacy with Abused”, by Sharon Mahseredjian. After lunch there was Q and A period with the three workshop leaders. The day ended with worship led by Ruth Mandernach and Lynne Jackson.

2016 Presbyterian Women of the Synod Summer Conference

The PWS summer conference at Chapman University in Orange is held during the years between the Churchwide Gathering held every three years. This year’s theme was “Who is Jesus? What a Difference a Lens Makes”. Keynote speakers were Rev. Judy Siker, author of this coming year’s Horizon Bible Study “Who is Jesus?” and Rev. Eugenia Gamble, author and spiritual leader. The dean of this conference was Los Ranchos’ Hagar Benitez. Los Ranchos’ Anita Coleman led a forum and workshop, Suzanne Darweesh led a workshop and Kathleen Julian was in charge of El Mercado. *Photos can be viewed on Facebook: <http://tinyurl.com/pwsummer16>*

Horizons Magazine Article

Anita Coleman, a member of our PWPCT, had an article in the May/June issue of *Horizons*. Her article titled “Forgotten Dreams and Fulfilled Promises” shared her experiences as a PW delegate to the Commission on the Status of Women at the United Nations in March. Anita will also be the Synod Representative to the Churchwide Coordinating Team for the next three years. She will attend meetings in Louisville twice a year.

Blessings and Peace,
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Anne Sivley, MAL Leadership Resources
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