



*Presbyterian Women in the
Presbytery of Utah
Fall Gathering*

September 20 & 21, 2019

Friday 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Valley Community Church
46 E 200 S, Richfield, UT

Loving Conversations about Racism

Presenters: Loyda Kyremes and Carol Day

Registration Deadline: September 15, 2019

\$15 registration fee includes 2 meals

REGISTER TODAY!!

Please include in your RSVP:

Name

Friday and/or Saturday Attendance

Is This Your First Time to a Gathering?

Any Food Allergies

2 Ways to Register:

1. Tell your congregation's PW Moderator
2. Notify Carol Day at carolanneday@gmail.com,
801-368-9130 (cell/text)



We request that if you register, you please honor your registration amount of \$15 even if you are unable to attend the Gathering.

Moderator's Message

Dear Sisters in Christ,

I look forward to reconnecting with you in Richfield at the Valley Community Church for the Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Utah Fall Gathering. We will be taking up the issue of racism as a first step toward opening our hearts and minds to be able to love unconditionally. We are blessed to have Loyda Kyremes as our facilitator for "Loving Conversations about Racism." She is currently the Moderator of the Presbytery of Utah and has been bringing the issue to the commissioners as a time of instruction at Presbytery meetings.

In my life of white privilege, I have come to several intersections where racism stood before me waiting for me to pay attention. It has only been in the last year that at the Churchwide Gathering that I have begun to really try to come to grips with the issue. I had no knowledge of the Doctrine of Discovery that was presented at the last Presbytery meeting. The Doctrine of Discovery has been repudiated by the PCUSA. This doctrine states that explorers discovering a land without Christians present may take that land away from the indigenous peoples. Instead, PCUSA events will honor all indigenous peoples whose lands have been taken any time the church holds an event. Loyda will present information on the Doctrine along with concepts and conversation prompts from materials to clarify each of our roles as a body of Christ.

The 2020 Spring Gathering will be at Community of Grace, Sandy, Utah. We will be joined by the USAME Synod of the Rocky Mountains representative Jeri Joy. She will share her experiences of learning about Women of Great Faith, Courage, and Determination.

Blessings to you all,

Carol Day

Moderator of the PW in the Presbytery of Utah

2019 Fall Gathering Program



Loving Conversations about Racism

*Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will
grow to become in every respect the mature
body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.
Ephesians 4:15*

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The materials that will be used have been suggested by Adrienne Mathews, Director of Diversity at Weber State and member of Trinity Presbyterian Church. The purpose is to introduce safe and loving ways that we can begin to open our hearts and minds together.

Why attend PW Fall Gathering?

Get to know Presbyterian women from across the state.
Have a ladies weekend getaway.
Learn new things.
Have a quiet time with God.
Have a joyous time with God.
Enjoy God's grandeur of fall beauty.

Lodging in Richfield

Holiday Inn Express & Suites Richfield
20 West 1400 North
Richfield, UT 84701
1-877-859-5095

Comfort Inn Richfield
1070 West 1250 South
Richfield, UT 84701
435-893-0119

Quality Inn
540 South Main Street
Richfield, UT 84701-2848

Days Inn by Wyndham Richfield
333 North Main Street, I-70 & US 89
Richfield, UT 84701-2129

Super 8 Wyndham Richfield
1377 N Main St., I-70 Exit 40 to Main St.
Richfield, UT 84701-1861
1-800-536-1211

Fairfield Inn & Suites Richfield
990 West 1350 South
Richfield, UT 84701-0595

Hampton Inn Richfield
1100 West 1350 South
Richfield, UT 84701-7054
1-855-605-0317



Presbyterian Women

Thank Offering

In 1881 when Eliza Clokey of Springfield, Ohio, urged each woman to give one dollar over and above her usual mission contributions as a “thank offering to her Lord,” women responded and the Thank Offering was born. Today that giving continues. Presbyterian women have granted support to thousands of ministries worldwide and raised tens of millions of dollars for mission through the Thank Offering. The following are the Thank Offering Grant Recipients for 2019:

SYNOD OF ALASKA-NORTHWEST Olympia Presbytery Green Lantern Lunch Program
Summer Lunch Program \$30,000 www.greenlanternlunches.org

SYNOD OF THE COVENANT Maumee Valley Presbytery Firelands Presbyterian Church Now I
Lay Me Down to Sleep \$20,000 www.firelandschurch.org

SYNOD OF LAKES AND PRAIRIES East Iowa Presbytery Iowa WINS Immigrant Neighbors in
Need \$20,000 www.firstpresbyonline.org/iowawins

SYNOD OF LINCOLN TRAILS Southeastern Illinois Presbytery Fit-2-Serve Community Bridges:
Access for All \$25,000 www.fit-2-serve.net

SYNOD OF LIVING WATERS Mid-Kentucky Presbytery Center for Women and Gender Studies
Katie Geneva Cannon Legacy Memorial Conference \$16,200

SYNOD OF MID-AMERICA Giddings-Lovejoy Presbytery Room at the Inn Homeless Client
Safety Upgrades \$24,250 www.roomstl.org

SYNOD OF MID-AMERICA Heartland Presbytery Arab Christian Fellowship Walking Together
\$25,000 www.arabchurchkc.org

SYNOD OF MID-ATLANTIC Western North Carolina Presbytery Loving Food Resources Food
Pantry Renovation \$31,500 <https://lovingfood.org/>

SYNOD OF THE PACIFIC Cascades Presbytery Kenilworth Community Preschool Outlast
Outdoor Block Set \$8,125 www.kenilworthcps.org

SYNOD OF ROCKY MOUNTAINS Glacier Presbytery Missoula Food Bank and Community
Center Nutrition for Healthier Futures: Kids EmPower Pack \$20,000
www.missoulafoodbank.org

SYNOD OF SOUTH ATLANTIC Foothills Presbytery Cancer Association of Anderson Food for
Thought \$8,750 www.cancerassociationofanderson.org

SYNOD OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND HAWAII Los Ranchos Presbytery Agape Fish Fund Food as Medicine \$10,000 www.agapefish.org

CAMEROON Presbyterian Church in Cameroon Making Blood Available for Transfusion in Obstetric Units \$21,600 www.pcc.cm

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO Institut Médical Chrétien du Kasai Well for PAX Clinic \$20,000 www.imck.org

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC National Association of Women of the Evangelical Dominican Church Improvement of the National Camp \$21,500

GHANA AND SYNOD OF THE NORTHEAST Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Ghana and First Presbyterian Church of Fairfield, Connecticut Ghana Maternity Ward Partnership \$40,000 www.epchurchghana.org

MADAGASCAR The Church of Jesus Christ in Madagascar Chaplaincy to Marginalized People Mamonjy Project \$9,887 <http://www.fjkm.mg>

ZAMBIA Church of Central Africa Presbyterian, Synod of Zambia Health Department Cervical Cancer Prevention \$40,000 <http://ccapzambia.org>

The Thank Offering is received annually in the fall. This offering gives women a tangible way to express their gratitude for the special blessings in their lives. The Thank Offering will be due to Lynn Erickson, PWP Treasurer, **December 10, 2019**.



Make
Today
Amazing

Please read these minutes for approval at the September 21 business meeting.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN THE PRESBYTERY OF UTAH
MINUTES OF THE SPRING GATHERING, APRIL 19-20, 2019
SPRINGVILLE COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, SPRINGVILLE, UT
"Transformation"

The 2019 Spring Gathering began Friday, April 19, with registration from 5 to 6 pm, by Cottonwood PW members Sally Hoffelmeyer-Katz and Colleen Alter. Name tags were made by Jane Lee Vondette. Displays included the Martinpur book sales, Horizons, Kathleen Bowen's Haiti mission fundraiser, promotion for the 2019 PW Synod Gathering to be held in Sheridan, WY, and Sally Hoffelmeyer-Katz display on recycling and decomposition of various material types. Loyda Kyremes icebreaker involved questions about spring. Attendees revolved among tables to meet new friends and answer the questions. Dinner, a delicious potato bar with desserts, was prepared and served by PW Springville and PW American Fork ladies.

After dinner all participants assembled in the church sanctuary where we were welcomed by Moderator Carol Day. Jane Lee Vondette shared a devotional about transformation in faith and lit the Christ Candle. Verlane Siler welcomed first-timers: Eryn Gorang, Denise Heil, Wendy Holloway, Betty Ann Olmsted, Arianne Simo, Barbara Walsh, Peg Wyngarden, Shirley Ansley, and Edith Steinke. Then the ladies of Springville PW presented a wonderful skit highlighting outstanding women from their congregation, since its birth in 1877.

Karen Durrant introduced our speaker for the evening, Eryn Gorang, who works for United Way, in Granite School District at Woodrow Wilson School. The school serves a large refugee population. Eryn served a Fulbright Fellowship in South Africa and is continuing her education in Public Policy at Duke University this fall. Eryn's workshop focused on education policy for refugees in Utah, the challenges and assets new refugees present in schools, and strategies for how Utah can better serve that population. Small groups discussed scenarios of a refugee father, students and a teacher, how schools could better help and understand their needs. She also included information on ways to volunteer to serve refugees, which will be posted on the PW Utah website.

The evening ended with prayer and a homework assignment to review the 2018 Fall Gathering minutes.

Saturday, April 20, began with opening music led by Kathleen Bowen and accompanist Sylvia Sharman. Marilyn Collins lit the Christ Candle and shared a devotional on the phrase "God bless you" and encouraged participants to greet each other with that phrase. Several first-timers (included in the previous list) were recognized by Verlane Seiler.

The business meeting was opened by Moderator Carol Day at 9:40 am. Minutes of the 2018 Fall Gathering were approved as presented. Lynn Erickson presented the 2018 financial

report and the 2019 Budget. She explained several specific line items: a \$500 memorial to the Thank Offering for Mary VanScoyk, synod gathering scholarships, and hope that income be greater than the deficit budget presents. Projected income for 2019 is \$6,150.42; projected expenses \$6687.95. Lynn reminded all present that Birthday Offering donations are due June 10, as are second quarter pledge payments. Sally Hoffelmeyer-Katz offered special thanks and a gift to the women completing their terms on the Coordinating Team: Pauline Forster, Secretary; Karen Durrant, Newsletter; Eva Edwards, Horizons. She did not include herself, but she also deserves many thanks. Sally then presented the nominees for positions on the PW Utah Coordinating Team: Janet Wortley, Historian; Marilyn Collins, Secretary; Verlane Seiler, Vice Moderator (1 year), Sharon Fowler, Newsletter; Eva Edwards, Horizons; Linda Olson, Justice, Peace and Mission. Nominees were elected by acclamation.

The 2019 Coordinating Team members are:

Moderator, Carol Day (2021)

Vice Moderator, Verlane Seiler (2021)

Secretary, Marilyn Collins (2022)

Treasurer, Lynn Erickson (2020)

Networker/Search North, Mary Hargis (2021)

Networker/Search South, Loreen Heil (2020)

Pastoral Resources, Rev. Nancy Holve (2020)

Newsletter, Sharon Fowler (2022)

Horizons, Eva Edwards (2022)

Justice/Peace/Mission, Linda Olson (2022)

Website Administrator, Jane Lee Vondette (2021)

(plus all the PW Congregation moderators)

Carol Day presented information about the PW Synod Gathering, to be held in early August, in Sheridan, WY. Scholarships are available to cover registration and partial mileage.

A new Together in Service project is being promoted by PW -- personalizing pillowcases to be sent to children in Haiti. Information can be found online on the national PW website, the Utah PW website, and in *Horizons*. Flyers are also available from Marilyn Collins.

The 2019 USAME, taking place in July, will be in the New York finger lakes area, and will focus on women in the American women's rights movement of the early 20th century, and continuing issues affecting women in the area. The theme is "Standing on the Shoulders of Empowered Women." Jeri Joy of Sheridan, WY, is the synod representative and will present her experience at the Synod Gathering and at Utah's Spring Gathering in 2020.

The summer Coordinating Team planning meeting will take place in Springville on July 13. The 2019 Fall Gathering will take place in Richfield, September 20-21. Loyda Kyremes is in charge of the program, a focus on racism. It is hoped that Adrienne Andrews, Vice President for Diversity at Weber State University, will be a speaker. All present were invited to read the book "Anxious to Talk About it: Helping White Christians Talk Faithfully About Racism" by Carolyn Helsel, to prepare for the meeting. It is also an excellent resource for PW circle meetings.

In Announcement time, Nancy Holve reminded everyone that the distance from the Wasatch Front to Richfield is exactly the same as that from Richfield to the Wasatch Front. We expect her to drive it, so let's do the same! Marilyn Collins shared that the Synod and the national PW coordinating teams are looking for leaders in a variety of positions. Please contact her, and Lynn Erickson (a member of the PW Synod search committee) if you are interested in serving.

The offering from the worship service this afternoon will be shared between RockStarr Ministries and the USAME participant's account.

The business meeting closed at 10:30 am, and everyone moved to the fellowship hall for a break.

Snacks provided by First Presbyterian Ogden PW.

Following the break, Jane McCoy (Presbyterian Women's leader in Cedar City) led participants in an art activity, creating agamographs, which are pleated designs that, when looked at from two angles, show two different designs. Images are transformed by the angle of view. While participants were coloring their designs, Denise Heil presented a workshop on "Transformation: God's Plan in Action." Denise is the wife of the pastor in American Fork; she grew up in the Netherlands and has done mission work around the world. She explained at length how we can all be better disciples if we allow God to transform our lives, priorities, and actions. Following her presentations, all moved back to the sanctuary for a powerpoint and presentation by Laurin Crosson. Laurin is a survivor/leader in the movement to assist prostituted women escape to a new life; she runs a safe house in Provo. Laurin educated us all with information about the most vulnerable (those aging out of foster care), what the life of trafficked victims/survivors is like, and how society and our laws fail them.

Lunch was served at 1:30 pm. Thanks to the women of Community of Grace for our meal of chicken salad croissants, salad, and cookies.

Rev. Nancy Holve led worship to end the gathering. Her focus was John, 4-7-21 "Love One Another". The service included the installation of CT officers, using a liturgy from the March/April 2019 *Horizons* magazine, and communion.

Secretary, Marilynn Collins

Registrations: **44**; actual attendees **37**

Least coin offering: **\$3.29**

Hunger offering: **\$57.43**

Martinpur books donations: **\$9.00**

Worship offering (1/2 each to RockStarr and USAME): **\$422 total, split \$211 each**



Books at the Gathering

Each time Presbyterian Women in Utah gather for fellowship, learning, worship, and fun, we bring books to sell. Sometimes there is a rush to the table to see what others have brought. Sometimes a real treasure is found. All the proceeds from the book sales are sent to Louisville, KY, where they are deposited in a fund to benefit a library in a boys' school in Pakistan. The school was originally started by PC(USA) missionaries over 150 years ago and has been nationalized and reprivatized, but always serves as an important center for learning. PW in Utah is proud to be supporting the work of the school and the many reading and fluency efforts the library allows. So, bring your books to Richfield. Continue this important mission outreach effort (and clean off a few shelves at the same time.)



The PW of Utah Needs You

The following positions are currently open. Please give your consideration and prayers for the right women to bring energy and love to serve in these crucial roles:

Networker/Search: The Search Committee searches for qualified women to provide leadership for the coordinating team. The Networkers contact and visit the PWC groups in their area and share information about PW at all levels. They also help with installations of CTs at the PWC level and find out what their needs are. We currently need a representative in the Capitol Region.

Newsletter: Responsible for composing and emailing two newsletters/year centered around the Spring and Fall Gatherings.

Also responsible for composing and copying the printed programs for each Gathering.

In addition to the above named responsibilities, women will be part of the PCT and attend 2 coordinating team meetings and 2 Gatherings per year.

Please contact **Mary Hargis**, 801.773.7632 mkh.3@juno.com or **Loreen Heil**, 801.836.6577 heil2loreen@gmail.com if you are interested or know someone who is interested in serving in either of these roles.



Coming Events to Mark on your Calendar

August 9-11, 2019	PW Synod Gathering	Sheridan, Wyoming
September 20-21, 2019 - Richfield	Fall Gathering	Valley Community Church,
February 22, 2020 -	Winter CT Meeting	Springville
April 17-18, 2020 -	Spring Gathering	Community of Grace (Sandy)
Summer 2020 -	CT Meeting (Date TBD)	Springville
September 18-19, 2020 -	Fall Gathering	Trinity (Ogden)
Churchwide Gathering 2021		St. Louis, Missouri

NEED BASED SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN THE PRESBYTERY OF UTAH
FOR PWP GATHERINGS

**Application for Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Utah only

Name _____ Congregation _____

Home Address:

Street or P.O. Box _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Telephone Number: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Scholarship Request for travel expenses: up to **\$100** _____ (To assist with mileage at government charitable rate of 14 cents for round trip mileage, housing based on hardship and need and registration fee.)

Have you attended a PWP Gathering before? No _____ Yes _____ When _____

Have you previously received a grant from PW to attend an event? No _____ Yes _____

Will you be able to attend without a scholarship? No _____ Yes _____

Number of miles traveling to the Gathering _____ Will you carpool? _____

Whom are you carpooling with? _____

Will you be sharing a room with anyone/if so who? _____

Reason for Request: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Moderator's Endorsement:

Moderator's Signature: _____ Printed Name: _____

Application must be completed and signed by your PWC Moderator prior to sending to: **Carol D., 511 East 1700 North Mapleton, UT 84664 or carolanneday@gmail.com by 9/9/19**

