PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN of the TRANSYLVANIA PRESBYTERY

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Our Presbyterian Women (PW) Coordinating Team (CT) meetings are usually held at the TRANSLYVANIA Presbytery Office. This allows us to interact with our Interim General Presbyter, David McKee and office staff, who are always there to help us with last minute copying, phoning, etc. The lighting of the Christ's Candle is much a part of our opening service. We light the candle so we can feel His presence with us during our meeting and extinguishing it at the end of the meeting, so that His spirit will go with us to our homes.

GATHERINGS were and are a great way of getting together. In 2006 Churchwide Gathering in Louisville, KY. was just fantastic. It was wonderful to see so many ladies from countries all over the world come together with us to share in the Creation of God's World. There were workshops for everyone. The morning and evening Plenary Session were outstanding. The distinguished speakers who knew first hand of the troubles in their land and the reality of people's lives it impacted. It is great going to Churchwide, meeting old friends and making new ones. The meals were very well planned. Good fellowship and good food, what more can you ask?? Our Dresden Plate Quilts were displayed at the Churchwide Gathering. Many good things were said about them. The beauty, craftsmanship and time went into their making. Thank you all.

The fall gathering was held at the Meadowthorpe Presbyterian Church in Lexington, KY., October 7, 2007. The ladies at the church showed their southern hospitality. The morning coffee hour was set with all kinds of pastries and fresh fruit, coffee, juices and cheese. There was a good number in attendance and we had several good speakers.

Our spring gathering was held a 2nd Presbyterian Church, Lexington, KY., April 22, 2007. We had speakers from the Lancaster PC, who spoke on Living Waters for the World (LWW), a Storyteller and my friend from Alabama, who did a flag routine. The offering that day was $666.00 and was given to LWW. The ladies in the kitchen outdid themselves. Again, the quilts were displayed by the ladies at 2nd Presbyterian Church. Four different churches have been asked to make banners. Second PC made one, "GRACE" and the Nicholasville PC made one, "FAITH." They are being displayed at the Coordinating Council meetings.

COORDINATING TEAM ACTIVITIES involve everyone. We share our family concerns, as well as ones in our church and community. We meet four times a year (within a month before and after each gathering) and have group or committee meetings as needed. PW Cluster Leaders keep us in touch with activities in their churches.

Karen May, our newsletter editor has stepped down, but Jan Scribner of Maxwell Street PC, in Lexington, picked up the torch. Barbara Snyder will be our HORIZONS/Resources person. Margaret Knapp is "Together in Service." This

was formally missions. Nell Jo Marshall, who does devotions at our meetings, will be leaving due to health problems. Carol Guerdan coordinates our directory. It is updated yearly and is ready for distribution before the fall gathering. Pat Render continues to keep us updated on concerns in social justice. Juanita Callahan is our Treasurer and Registrar. Shelley Phillips is our Recording Secretary and does a great job. We are very proud of Mary Weber in becoming the Synod Moderator. We have a full committee. There will be seven of us going to PWP training in Franklin, Tennessee. I pray we can work together and bring about God's love in such a way that we can all be blessed.

We work hard to keep lines of communications open WITHIN the PRESBYTERY. Our Moderator of Presbyterian Women has both voice and vote on the floor of the Presbytery. She serves on the Coordinating Council and also gives an update of PW at each Presbytery meetings. Several of our coordinating team members are voting members of Presbytery and/or serve on other committees of the Presbytery, Synod and of their local churches.

We continue to authorize scholarships to young people who ask and are accepted. Our Presbytery is committed to Burnamwood Camp and Conference Center in Irvine, Kentucky. Our young people from all the churches in the Transylvania Presbytery can attend summer camp there in the natural beauty of God's world. We also support Bellewood, home for children and Buckhorn. The churches in our Presbytery support the giving of the Least Coin, Birthday Offering, Stamp Out Hunger Program and many other programs/services.

We study, learn, and take what knowledge we have obtained back to our churches to share with members of each congregation. We can do this in Bible Studies, Ladies Circles, teaching a Sunday School class, and meeting with members in our homes or theirs.

Let us join in prayer, asking God to bring us into the LIGHT. "LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE" IN EVERYTHING YOU DO. With GOD all things are possible.

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