



**Registration**  
**Synod of the Sun PW Gathering – July 15-18, 2010**  
**First Presbyterian Church, 1001 NW 25<sup>th</sup> St., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73106**  
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<b>Name (will be used on nametag)</b>		<b>Presbytery:</b>	<b>Church/Town</b>	
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<b>Mailing Address</b>		<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>ZIP</b>
Home Phone:		Business Phone:		Cell Phone:
e-mail		Dietary Restrictions:		
Emergency Contact Information ( <b>REQUIRED</b> ):				

**Please enclose check made out to PW Synod Gathering and mail to Liz Anzaldia, Registrar, PW Synod Gathering; 5234 Crestwick Dr.; Corpus Christi, TX 78413. There will be a \$10.00 processing fee for cancellations after June 1. No refunds after July 1. Registrations may be transferred.**

	Amount
<b>Gathering Registration.</b> Early Bird \$120.00 through June 1; After June 1, 2010 \$145.00. Includes workshops, leadership training, plenary sessions, and Friday and Saturday lunch and dinner (4 meals). <u>Does not include lodging or fees for afternoon options.</u> (See Page 2 for lodging information. Participant must arrange for lodging)	
<b>Friday Only Registration.</b> \$50.00. Includes Plenary Session, 2 workshops, afternoon options (excluding admission fees), evening message, Choctaw singers, lunch and dinner.	
<b>Saturday Only Registration.</b> \$50.00. Includes Plenary Session, 2 workshops, afternoon options, evening message, Native American Dancing and Drumming, lunch and dinner.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Less Synod Scholarship (See Page 2 for contact information. Generally covers registration. Application deadline June 1, 2010)	
<b>TOTAL ENCLOSED</b>	

Church, hotels, trolley and all optional venues are fully wheelchair accessible.

**Friday Afternoon Options**

1. **Presbyterian Urban Mission** ([www.urbanmissionokc.com](http://www.urbanmissionokc.com))
2. **Trolley Tour of Downtown Oklahoma City** ([www.bricktownokc.org](http://www.bricktownokc.org)). Cost of this trip is \$2 for a bracelet which allows you to ride a trolley with stops at various locations to see or visit and then re-board trolley. Optional Sites to visit during Trolley Ride (Purchase tickets at locations):
  - OKC National Memorial ([www.oklahomacitynationalmemorial.org](http://www.oklahomacitynationalmemorial.org)) – Adult \$6; Seniors (62+) \$5
  - Art Museum ([www.okcmoa.com](http://www.okcmoa.com)) – Adult \$12, Seniors (62+) \$10
  - Myriad Botanical Gardens ([www.myriadgardens.com](http://www.myriadgardens.com)) – Adult \$8, Seniors (65+) \$7
  - Water Taxi ([www.bricktownwatertaxi.com](http://www.bricktownwatertaxi.com)) – Adult \$8, Seniors (65+) \$7
3. **Oklahoma History Center** ([www.okhistorycenter.org](http://www.okhistorycenter.org)) – *Discover Oklahoma's unique American Indian History* – Group \$4.each

**Additional Gathering Options.** Please check your interests:

- Singing in the Gathering Choir
- Having morning devotion at the hotel.
- Bringing school supplies for Presbyterian Urban Mission Back-to-School Project (A good project for your local PW!) Monetary donations accepted. Make checks payable to Presbyterian Urban Mission)
- Helping build a *Heritage* scrapbook. As an individual, family, or church, tell your story of Native American Heritage using 3-hole 12"x12" scrapbook pages. Decorate, use pictures, compile a story. These pages will be combined in a scrapbook album at the Gathering and presented to the Oklahoma Historical Center. Contact Ava Morton for further information ([merrilmorton@cox.net](mailto:merrilmorton@cox.net))

**Leadership Training**

Workshops providing training for PW leaders (and potential leaders) will be presented as part of this Gathering by your Synod Coordinating Team and the national PW staff. The training is open to anyone, not just current officers. Please check this form if you plan to attend one or more of these workshops.

- "Making Calls for God" (Search Committees)
- "The Thread that Weaves Through" (Local Moderators and Cluster Leaders)
- "Horizons – More than a Bible Study"
- "Communicating in New Ways" (The e-World)
- "Discovering Ways to Bring Justice and Peace into the World through Mission Activities"
- "Blessings without Borders" (Treasurers)

**Lodging:**

Participants must arrange for their own lodging and roommate. The Gathering will be running a shuttle bus between the following hotels and First Presbyterian Church.

**Sleep Inn and Suites** \$79.99+tax (2 queens 2-4 people)  
5200 N. Classen Circle June 30 cut-off date  
OKC 73118 Code: Presbyterian Women  
(405)286-5400 complimentary breakfast

**Hawthorn Suites** \$79+tax (2 queens and sofa 2-5 people)  
1600 Richmond Square June 30 cut-off date  
OKC 73118 Code: Presbyterian Women  
(405)840-1440 complimentary breakfast

**Hyatt Place** \$99+tax (2 queens 2-4 people)  
1511 Northway Expressway June 1 cut-off date  
OKC 73118 Code: Presbyterian Women  
(405) 840-5557 complimentary breakfast

**Courtyard by Marriott** \$79+tax (King w/sofa 2-3 people)  
1515 NW Expressway \$89+tax (2 queens w/sofa 4-5 people)  
OKC 73118 June 17 cut-off date  
(405)848-0808 Code: Presbyterian Women  
Continual breakfast \$8.95 Full breakfast \$12.95

**Transportation:**

- I will be flying into Oklahoma City and renting a car.
- I will be flying into Oklahoma City. (You must arrange your own transportation from the airport to your hotel.)
- I will need a shuttle from hotel to church.
- I will be driving my personal car to Oklahoma City.
- I will be riding in a personal car with others to Oklahoma City.
- My church/group will be bringing a van to Oklahoma City. Group:
- My church/group will be bringing a bus to Oklahoma City. Group:

**For further information on the Gathering, contact**

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Harrah, OK 73045  
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[merrilmorton@cox.net](mailto:merrilmorton@cox.net)

**For Synod of the Sun PW scholarship application, contact**

Judith Foreman  
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**Tentative Schedule****Thursday, July 15, 2010**

1:00-5:00 Registration and reception at First Presbyterian Church, OKC. Shuttle bus will be traveling between hotels and church

**Dinner on your own.**

7:00 Opening Session and Worship (Shuttle bus available following service)

**Friday, July 16, 2010**

Breakfast at Hotels

8:00 Shuttle bus to church

8:30-9:00 Singing and Announcements

9:00-10:00 Plenary Session

Break

10:30-12:00 Workshop I

12:00-1:30 Lunch

1:30-3:00 Workshop II

3:00-6:00 Options (PUM, Bricktown, History Center)

5:30-7:00 Dinner

7:00 Singing and Evening Message

Choctaw Singers (Shuttle bus available following service)

**Saturday, July 17, 2010**

Breakfast at Hotels

8:00 Shuttle bus to church

8:30-9:00 Singing and Announcements

9:00-10:00 Plenary Session

Break

10:30-12:00 Workshop III

12:00-1:30 Lunch

1:30-3:00 Workshop IV

3:00-6:00 Native American Vendors will be at First Presbyterian Church.

5:30-7:00 Dinner

7:30-9:00 Native American Dancing and Drumming (Shuttle bus available following program)

**Sunday, July 18, 2010**

Breakfast at Hotels

7:30 Shuttle bus to church

8:00-10:00 Closing Worship and Installation of new Synod PW Coordinating Team

Have a safe trip home!

For copies of the informational flyer on this Gathering, visit the Ministries, Presbyterian Women section at [www.presbyteryofarkansas.org](http://www.presbyteryofarkansas.org). Information on workshops will be sent to participants prior to the Gathering.

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Presentations will center around celebrating Native Ministries that lift up culture and Christian beliefs. The challenge for Native Ministries is overcoming a history of having to choose one over the other. We do not believe that is what God intended when God created us with a "goodly heritage!"



**Martha Sadongei** (Kiowa/Tohono O'odham) is in her tenth year as stated supply pastor at Central Presbyterian Church in Phoenix, Arizona, the only organized urban Indian congregation in the PC(USA). A graduate of Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in 1996 and ordained in 1997, she taught thirteen years in the public schools as an elementary teacher prior to entering the ministry. She is active in Native American ministries in Grand Canyon Presbytery and has provided worship leadership at various churches and provides educational opportunities regarding stewardship, polity, worship and sacraments and membership. She has also been a consultant to various presbyteries and synods that have Native American churches or want to establish Native American ministries and need assistance in working more cooperatively with such constituents.

## TENTATIVE WORKSHOPS AND LEADERS

1. **Beadwork** is traditional in most Native American cultures. This workshop will include displays of various techniques for beadwork as well as completion of a small project. (small supply charge) **Janis McKinney** is a member of the Okla Achukma Presbyterian Church of Broken Bow, OK, who makes quilts, silver jewelry, beadwork, and Choctaw regalia.
2. **Blessings without Borders** (\*Treasurers). Celebrate through mission pledges, Birthday and Thank Offering, Life Memberships, and other special offerings. We'll explore the history and mechanics of PW giving. **Kathy White** of Hot Springs, AR, is PW Treasurer for the Synod of the Sun.
3. **Broaden Your Horizons: PW Teaching Tools.** Whether you are a seasoned Bible study leader or

4. new to the opportunity, talking about teaching tools and available and upcoming resources will broaden your horizons. **Susan Jackson Dowd**, PW communications coordinator, has served as PC(USA) national staff in Louisville since 1988.
5. **Conference Choir.** If you like to sing, come and be a part of our conference choir. **Kathy Moriarty** of Ft. Worth, long active at the presbytery and synod levels for PW, is the Music Director of this conference
6. **Discovering Ways to Bring Justice and Peace into the World through Mission Activities** (\*Justice and Peace and Mission Coordinators). This workshop will teach you ways to link your mission activities with justice and peace issues so that the women in your presbyteries can become more informed and involved in local, national, and international issues. **Jan Boydston** of Baton Rouge is the Synod PW Justice and Peace Coordinator for the Synod and for the Presbytery of South Louisiana. **Patti Nance** of Gonzales, TX, is currently serving as Mission Interpreter for the Synod PW.
7. **Divided Hearts: The Presbyterian Journey through Oklahoma History.** You will be fascinated with tales of our Presbyterian presence and mission work in what used to be called "the national mission field" drawn from the book, *Divided Hearts: The Presbyterian Journey Through Oklahoma History*. **Michael Cassidy** co-authored *Divided Hearts* with the late Danney Goble and has been a history professor and administrator at the universities of Missouri – Columbia, Kansas, Georgia, and Wyoming. **Marvin Kroeeker** has served as Chairman of the Oklahoma Presbyterian History Project Task Force.
8. **Dreamcatchers.** Dream catchers originated as a Native American art form but have become popular across all cultures with spiritual as well as artistic significance. We will explore their meaning and make our very own simple dreamcatcher. (small supply charge) **Deanie Amen** is a member of First Presbyterian Church of El Reno, OK, and is an elementary art teacher in the Oklahoma City Public District.
9. **Global Exchange from A to Z.** The Global Exchange Women allows Presbyterian Women

10. and women in another part of the world to visit each other's countries. What goes into selecting the countries to be visited and who will participate? What happens after a woman participates in the Global Exchange? **Karene Jones** is a member of the selection team for the next Global Exchange. **Dahlia Vela** and **Mary Beth Lysobey** participated in the 2008 exchange to Eastern Europe..
11. **Isaiah – The Fifth Gospel?** The book of Isaiah lives in the tension between the frightening drama of judgment and the all-encompassing forgiveness of a loving God. Sprinkled in and amongst these passages are tantalizing glimpses of the nature of the coming Messiah - so much so that early Christian writers called Isaiah the fifth gospel. **The Rev. Judge Pistole** is the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Alva, OK.
12. **Keyboard Connections: The Virtual World at Your Fingertips** (\*Coordinating Team Members). Are you twittering on the edges of the electronic age? New virtual communication tools are introduced continually-and many of them are useful for your work with PW and the church. **Susan Jackson Dowd** is PW Communications Coordinator
13. **Living Simply, Living Faithfully.** The U.S. constitutes only five per cent of the global population while we emit more carbon dioxide and produce more municipal waste than any other country. Join us on a path towards living faithfully as God's stewards of a whole and healthy creation. **Charlotte Wells** serves as Galveston Baykeeper, representing one of 193 Waterkeeper organizations defending their communities' right to clean water.
14. **Making Calls for God** (\*PW Search Committees) As part of the body of Christ, the PW search committees act as Christ's fingers, legs and ears, as we try to find the right place for every woman to serve to the best of her ability and talents. **Esperanza Guajardo** of San Antonio serves on PW CCT as the moderator of the Search Committee. **Sue Candler** of Lafayette, LA, serves on the Synod of the Sun PW Search Committee.
15. **Mission on our Doorstep: Dwight Mission and Goodland Academy.** Learn the historical roots of these very active entities of the Synod of the Sun,

as well as new developments and plans. More importantly, come learn how you may participate! **Allison Beaver Morris** attended summer camps at Dwight Mission and as college student served yearly on its summer staff. She returned to Dwight in 2002 as Program Director. **David Dearing** is the President/CEO of Goodland Academy.

14. **Mission Partnership – A Presbytery’s Vision and One Person’s Experience.** Get a glimpse into what it means to serve God in the sixth poorest nation in the world-Malawi. **The Rev. Judy Henderson**, a graduate of Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, went to teach at a fledgling Christian university as part of a partnership with Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery and ended up as in installed pastor in a Church of Central Africa Presbyterian Church.

15. **Prayer Works.** Based on the book *An Altar in the World* by Barbara Brown Taylor, this workshop will explore the calorie-burning works of prayer as found in the seasons of life. **The Rev. Nancy Smith** is the Bereavement Counselor and Coordinator for Frontier Hospice, Bethany, Oklahoma. **The Rev. Barbara Hunt** serves as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Chickasha, OK.

16. **Preserving Our History (\*Historians).** Learn to make our history exciting. Participants are invited to bring articles and pictures about their church or presbytery, and we will actually create a history report. **Joan Berglund** of Lincoln, Nebraska, is Historian for the PW Churchwide Coordinating Team.

17. **Recognizing Your Spiritual Gifts.** Scripture tells us that every believer has been given spiritual gifts for building up the work of the church. We will discuss the promise of scripture and learn some very simple ways to recognize your own spiritual gifts. **Sylvia Washer** is a retired church educator who served Mission Presbytery as Executive Presbyter for 14 years.

18. **Tell Me the Story Again.** Native American Ministry is a story to be told to help us remember who, what and where we are today as people of the Presbyterian Church, both Native and/or non-Native. Our Native American churches and chapels, 110 in all, are mainly located on

reservations or in rural areas, with ministry being one of isolation. Come. Let me tell you some of the story. **Sallie A. Cuaresma**, a Cherokee, is Associate, Native American Congregational Support, in Racial Ethnic-Women’s Ministry and Presbyterian Women, PC(USA).

19. **The Thread That Weaves Through (\*Moderators and Cluster Leaders)** This workshop is designed to share ideas on how Moderators and Cluster Leaders interact and work together to support and carry out the Presbyterian Women Purpose. You will have fun and gain insight and appreciation for your job as Moderator or Cluster Leader. **Francie Blue** is PW Moderator of Mission Presbytery and is a member of First Presbyterian Church, San Marcos, TX..

20. **Whacky Music.** Boomwackers are lightweight, hollow, color-coded plastic tubes, tuned to musical pitches by length. Whack just about anything and – boom – you’re making a joyful noise. **Kathy Moriarty** is the Music Director of this conference, and **Kathy White** owns a set of boomwackers.

21. **Words of Hope and Challenge – 2010-11 Horizons Bible Study.** *Revelation* is perhaps the most misunderstood and intimidating book of the Bible. We will take a look at this book, which is the subject of the 2010-11 Horizon study, following its focus on *Revelation’s* message which proudly proclaims, “In the end, God wins!” A Certified Christian Educator, **Mary Marcotte** serves New Covenant Presbytery as Associate General Presbyter for Discipleship and Leadership Development.

*\*Although open to all, workshops with an asterisk are specifically designed to train leaders in their PW positions.*

For Registration Forms containing fees, tentative schedule and optional activities and for a Full-Color Poster promoting this event, go to [www.presbyteryofarkansas.org](http://www.presbyteryofarkansas.org) Ministries, Presbyterian Women or contact your PW Presbyter Moderator.

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## Planning and Leadership Team

Director.....	Ava Morton
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Worship Coordinators.....	Martha Sadongei Barbara Hunt
Music Coordinator.....	Kathy Moriarty
Workshop Coordinators.....	Shelby Miller Rachel Koger
Registrar and Treasurer.....	Liz Anzaldua
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Local Hospitality.....	Mary Jo Walker
Native American Coordinators.....	Eveline Steele Jamie Batisse
Synod PW Moderator.....	Sheron Antczak