



# Innovator

## Presbyterian Women in Grace Presbytery

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## Synod Gathering 2022 July 21-23

Thursday at 1 pm until Saturday noon  
Mark your calendars and plan to attend!

**Where:** St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church, New Orleans, Louisiana

With visits scheduled throughout the UPTOWN NEW ORLEANS area.

(Travel along the Avenue of Churches along St. Charles Avenue)

**Theme:** “Sabbath” with outstanding music  
Bible Study author, Carol Bechtel, will present her study in depth.

Plenary at Loyola University, great food, dorm and hotel housing.  
Visit the oldest Reform Jewish Synagogue outside the original 13 colonies.

**Registration:** Affordable at \$135—scholarships available



UPC—Greenville

The Grace Presbytery Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team met on Nov. 6th to plan the 2022 Spring Workshops and Fall Gathering. Seven ladies met at United Presbyterian Church in Greenville while others followed the meeting online. The Zoom participants are: pictured at right.



Zooming can be fun!

**Online newsletter:** <http://www.gracepresbytery.org/ministries/presbyterian-women/>



It is almost the end of 2021, and I approach it with mixed feelings. We have seen many changes, some good and some not so good. We have lost loved ones and gained new Sisters to work with. More groups are meeting for fellowship and Bible Study, then getting more involved in Mission projects, the need is soooooooooo great.

I have to Thank the groups that have sent in their pledges to our Joanne McClendon, who will be going off our team at the end of the year. She will be replaced by Charlotte Ray, who is being guided by Joanne, so there should be NO hiccups. We are able to make the commitments we voted on last year for 2021 and end with a cushion, just in case. But--- we will have monies for scholarships for the Synod Gathering in New Orleans come July 21/23 2022. There will be forms for you to fill out, and a lot of the groups have scholarship monies in their budgets for just such events. It is a great opportunity for growth for the group and for individual members. Watch the Innovator and the FaceBook page for information. Tulane University will have dorm rooms for \$50.00 a night minimum of 2 nights. Start talking it up and put the dates on your calendars.

Also do not forget the Spring Workshops coming in May. This is later than usual, but it allows for the information about the Bible Study to reach our Julie so she can do her usual great job of giving us a heads up on what to look for and study in 2022/2023. They will be in Tyler First, on the 14th and Belton First the 21, 2022. Hope to see you at one of these events, the Fellowship is the BEST, and the information so very helpful. Bettina has a fun hands on project for us to do for those crafty ones that enjoy doing things with their hands that help others.

And remember to mark the 22nd of October on your calendar for the Fall Gathering in Itasca. A lot is going on with the closing of the PCHS at Waxahachie and the kids all moved to Itasca, we need to find out about the great work that is being done at both places and what better way than visiting Itasca and getting the scoop?

During this season for remembering and being grateful for our freedom and the bounty we enjoy, then we go into the Advent season where we look forward with Great Joy, the Birth of our Saviour. it is my hope that each and every one of you, and yours have the very best of days and that I will see your smiling faces in the New Year and we can All work together for Peace. In His Service, Meg GarverHamilton

## PWs in the News...



United Presbyterian Church in Greenville installed their PW officers on October 16th. Officers are L-R Kathy Hogue, Time of Needs Chairperson; Kathy Derby, Circle Leader; Bettina Zvanut, Moderator; Jane Goulding, Secretary; Sharon Leonard, Mission Chairperson; Marci Fenland, Treasurer; Not pictured Rachel Lancaster, Co-Moderator.

"Passing the Torch" of Cluster Leader to Sylvia Hobdy ! Sylvia has done a great job as Moderator for PW at **St Andrew, Denton**, guiding our ladies and two Circles thru the Pandemic with ease, leadership knowledge, innovating ideas, interesting studies, mission projects and deep felt prayers and concerns for members experiencing hardships or celebrations while social distancing. Sylvia often sent beautiful and thoughtful emails of encouragement to all of our members and led us thru a very difficult, changing time. We feel closer and stronger with her leadership and know she will make an excellent counselor to churches given over to her care in Grace Presbytery. We wish her well and know that all the ladies on our Leadership Board will joy getting to know her lovely personality, sweet disposition, dedication to hard work, thorough thought processing and joyful outreach. Sylvia is a love and works well with everyone; she will really be an asset to our Team at Grace Presbytery. We have been over my books and her notes and questions over lunch, and we look forward to her reports and planning in the years ahead.



Introducing: Sylvia Hobdy !! Good Luck on her journey and knowing she will love every minute !! She has so much to offer and is always cheerful, uplifting, supporting and encouraging, inclusive and wise, following in the footsteps of Jesus.

Love

Nancy Merritt Brandimarte



**MISSIONS:** Cafe Justo is a Presbyterian Mission on the Arizona/ Mexico border in a Mexican town called Agua Pieta. The Presbyterian Church has a husband and wife missionary team who minister and enable services to migrants to bring them the Word of God, health care, and give them livelihoods on the border. This ministry is called Frontera de Christo and Cafe Justo coffee can be ordered at [www.worldnextdoor.org/cafejusto](http://www.worldnextdoor.org/cafejusto)

The African Team Ministries which is located in California. They import many beautiful items from Kenya and Tanzania that are made in villages there. The money goes back to the people in Africa who created the artisanal products. The products include handmade musical instruments, soapstone trays and figurines, wooden carved objects and beautiful jewelry using seeds and stones endemic to various areas in the country.

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Another important mission is Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. We will concentrate on two countries that have been hurt lately. First Haiti has been hit this summer by a presidential assassination, an earthquake, and a tropical depression. The earthquake on Aug 14th was a 7.2 magnitude and affected over one million children. Then two days later Aug. 16th, the island sustained a direct hit by Tropical depression Grace inundating the island causing misery for people whose homes had collapsed and landslides which caused further deaths. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is there and needs our contributions.

The earthquake was centered in the southern half of the country where the Haiti Educational Foundation

(HEF) builds and operates 34 schools. HEF was founded by Frances Landers, a Presbyterian,, who saw the need for schools for the children in Haiti. If you are interested in aiding these schools, go to <http://www.haitifoundation.org>

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The other country that has been hurt recently is the U.S.! Western Tennessee received very heavy rainfall on August 21st-15 inches in 12 hours. Creeks and Rivers overflowed and caused houses to float off their foundations. 271 homes were destroyed and 160 more had major damage. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is there and if you wish to contribute, go to [pda.pcusa.org](http://pda.pcusa.org). There are many other disasters that you can contribute to if you wish. You can browse PDA and see what disasters they are trying to ameliorate

**Don't forget:  
WANTED!! GRACE PRESBYTERY  
PW HISTORIES**

So what was your PW doing in 2020? (Don't forget to turn in your PW history!) Who were your leaders? Did you have circles, special events, field trips, mission projects? We'd love to have your PW history for the record!

Please use 8x11 inch, acid-free paper, if possible. Keep it short and simple. Include your church name and address, pastor's name, presbytery, synod, the year covered (school year or calendar year), the names of PW officers or contact person and address.

Include the number of women in the church, the number of circles and average attendance, life membership pins given (and to whom), PW reading or other awards and the highlights of the past year.

Add brief information about your church: the pastor, staff, session, members, highlights.

Make three copies:

- For your files (you may want to include photos and more detailed information there)
- For the Grace Presbytery historian: Eva Riggs, 4329 Quail Hollow Road, Fort Worth, TX 76133 (817-294-4978)
- For the Archivist Special Collections, John Bulow Campbell Library, Columbia Theological Seminary, PO Box 520, Decatur, GA 30031

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**Presbyterian Women Giving  
Jan 1, 2020 – Oct 31, 2020**

**Annual Fund (Mission Pledge)—\$521,054**  
**Thank Offering—\$215,278**  
**Birthday Offering—\$180,677**  
**Honorary Life—\$66,979**  
**Together in Service—\$11,430**



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**2021 25TH OF EVERY MONTH IS ORANGE DAY!!**

#### **DECEMBER**

5 International Volunteer Day; <https://www.un.org/en/observances/volunteer-day>  
10 International Human Rights Day; [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Human\\_Rights\\_Day](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Human_Rights_Day)  
18 International Migrants Day; [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International\\_Migrants\\_Day](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Migrants_Day)  
25 Christmas; [www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/christianyear/nativity-lord-christmas/](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/christianyear/nativity-lord-christmas/)

#### **2022 Mark your calendars!**

Spring Gathering/Workshops  
May 14 First presbyterian, Tyler  
May 21 First presbyterian, Belton

Fall Gathering  
October 22 at PCHAS, Itasca

#### **GPPWCT meetings**

February 19 in Mesquite  
June 11 in Waxahachie  
November 5 at FPC, Dallas

See <http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/justice> for the complete calendar and links to information.



## **Ways to Stay Connected**

*Patty Heeter, Communications Coordinator*

To find information, stay connected, and up to date you can go to [gracepresbytery.org](http://gracepresbytery.org), click on Ministries, then Presbyterian Women. Here you will find links to resources, forms to be submitted, past issues of the *PW Innovator* and upcoming events.

Our Grace Presbytery PW Facebook page that can be found by logging into your Facebook account and searching for "**Presbyterian Women of Grace Presbytery**". Feel free to invite all of your PW friends to join and post pictures and information about what your local group is doing. We will also use this page to post reminders about upcoming events.