

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN HEARTLAND PRESBYTERY

The PWHP Spring Gathering March 30, 2019, will be at Osawatomie First United Presbyterian Church, which is part of the 3-church New Hope Parish, about 60 miles south of Kansas City.

The Horizons Bible Study Workshop with Eugenia Gamble on the Ten Commandments will be held at Village Church on August 17, 2019.

The Presbyterian Women in Heartland Presbytery Coordinating Team (PWHPCT) has reorganized itself a bit. Here we are:

Co-Moderators: **Shirley Nichols**, Heritage; **Gail Cunningham**, Second

Recording Secretary/Historian: **Judy Klamm**, Southminster

Treasurer: **Judy Robinett**, Southminster

Membership & Newsletter: **Pam Nitsche**, Southminster

Membership & Newsletter-Elect: **Cinda Atwater**, Osawatomie

Mission: **Ginny Wirtz**, Grace Covenant

Horizons, Search: **Chelly King**, Grace Covenant

Racial Ethnic/Corresponding Member: **Danelle McKinney**, Dakota Presbytery

At Large: Synod of Mid-America Moderator: **Glenda Watts**, Heartland Presbytery

At Large: **Dee Zak**, Grace Covenant

At Large: **Katherine (Kat) Friedel**, Rolling Hills

Our Spring Gathering in Leavenworth, Kansas, was led by the Revs. Danelle and Ron McKinney, and two of their children, who shared their Native American spirituality with us. They shared compelling stories of faith and life and they even led us in some native dances. Danelle's our corresponding member. We'd encourage all the presbyteries in the synod to invite her to share her story and insights.

In the summer Gail (and her husband Ed, her Sister Helen, and the Rev. Glenda Watts) hosted the Rev. Sylvana Apituley from Indonesia, including a trip to Haskell Indian Nations University hosted by Danelle and Ron. Then Sylvana and about 16 (?) of us went to the Churchwide Gathering in Louisville, where we were excited, delighted and spiritually enriched.

In October, we had a very informal Saturday morning coffee. 12 of us from six churches came together, and we shared our joys and (mostly) sorrows for a while (10-12am).

Global Exchange to Indonesia – Gail Cunningham

Many thanks to PW in the Synod of MidAmerica for choosing to send me as the PWSMA representative to the Global Exchange to Indonesia, 2017, *Building Bridges of Understanding*. What a wonderful experience it was for me last fall. The other side of the world has come to the forefront of my consciousness.

Though they are a vast minority in Indonesia, and proselytizing is against the law, the Christian Churches we visited were strong in faith and action. Their joy in the faith was powerful and contagious. That a country consisting of 17,000 islands inhabited by 256 million people with 700 native languages can function as a country is impressive. The Indonesian founding principle of *Pancasila, embracing Unity in Diversity*, was most instructive. Building bridges of understanding is a necessary component of Indonesian life.

My sisters on that journey were a delightful and enthusiastic group. I have been blessed to be accompanied by the Rev. Glenda Watts to each of my five Global Exchange presentations across the synod.



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