



****REGISTRATION Packet****

PW Synod Gathering

June 16-19, 2022

**Hilton Garden Inn
1132 Larsen Park Rd
Sioux City, Iowa 51106**

**PW: Better Together
Tied Together With Love**

Ecclesiastes 4:12 (NIV)

A cord of three strands is not easily broken



What to expect at the PW SLAP Gathering/Better Together:

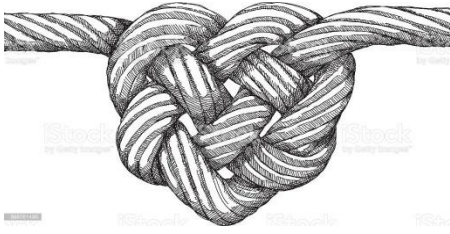
(Presbyterian Women of the Synod of Lakes & Prairies)

Experience a time of hope, praise and fellowship. This will be a time to grow your faith. It will be a place where having time to be with God/Creator and other women is a priority. It will be a time to reconnect, renew and grow. The Gathering will explore the PW Purpose in a variety of ways. Plenary (entire group) sessions and keynote speakers will focus on specific points of our purpose. Workshops will provide information about a wide range of topics, including PW missions. A hands-on mission opportunity will be a time to sew school bags. Giving from your hearts and wallets will allow you to support Lila Mae House, All About You Adoptions, Marion Medical Mission and the Dr. Susan LaFlesche Picotte Center.

Even more enticing is that the Gathering will give you a chance to lift your voice in praise by being part of the Gathering Choir; you will meet and make new friends; you will share laughter, smiles, hugs and tears; you will gather new ideas for your local PW group; you will enjoy great food and hotel accommodations located along a beautiful river walk. But best of all will be the many unexpected blessings happening all around you and to you. Please come join us!



Start each plenary by hearing the word of God from our Worship Leader Rev. Danelle Crawford McKinney. Danelle is a member of the non-geographic Dakota Presbytery, currently working at Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, Kansas where she resides with her husband Ron and teenage son Ronston. She has 2 adult daughters Alethia Oatman from Idaho and Madison McKinney from Lawrence, KS. She brings a unique outlook to our Gathering as she helps us to ponder God's calling through her eyes and experiences that will guide each of us to understand our own calling.



Mission Opportunities:

Hands-on Mission Activity:

Sewing school bags for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Gift of the Heart School Kits. Bring 1 yard *per participant* of kid-friendly durable fabric, thread, notions for decorations, your skills to sew, cut, press and help! Don't sew?? Teachers will be standing by to help.

\$10 gift cards donated to

Lila Mae's House – Sioux City, IA

Mission: To provide a safe, healthy environment where adult survivors of sex trafficking can rest, heal, recover and develop life skills necessary to become empowered, independent, and self-sufficient women. *Program:* Adult women who've been victimized through sex trafficking often see themselves as worthless and expendable. Lila Mae's House seeks to help women develop the skills to regain control over their lives.

All About You Adoptions – Sioux Falls, SD (2020 Thank Offering Recipient)

Mission: Our mission is to empower everyone involved in the adoption process.

Purpose: To empower those experiencing an unplanned pregnancy; To create a forever family for waiting children; To build families through adoption

Bags of books:

Bring what you'd like to donate (no more than 5 books per participant). Buy gently used books. Proceeds to go to PWS Native American College Scholarship Fund (PW Synod)

Gathering Choir:

Music leader Rev. Kristi Holler and musician Pat Penn will be gathering any women interested in singing at the Sunday morning closing Worship. They've selected "Singing to the Lord ALL the Earth!" (1 Chron. 16:23) for the Gathering Choir!

Gathering Offering: Divided between

Dr. Susan LaFlesche Picotte Center

Dr. Susan LaFlesche Picotte, the first Native American to receive a medical degree, built a hospital on the Omaha Reservation in 1913. The hospital is currently being restored to include a medical clinic, cultural and educational spaces, as well as an outdoor amphitheater and community gardens. Dr. Picotte had many connections to the Presbyterian Church, serving as a Sunday School teacher and interpreter at First Presbyterian Church in Walthill, NE, so it is special that we now have an opportunity to help make this restoration project possible.

Marion Medical Mission

Marion Medical Mission seeks to share the love of Christ with the extreme poor in Africa by providing all in need with a sustainable source of clean, safe drinking water.



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On-site Vendors:

Touch of Hope—Books, Bibles, Cards, Unique Gifts, CD's and DVD's for Christian Living (Sheldon, IA)

Beyond Joy---Pottery

Others

Local areas of interest: River walk just outside the hotel, Sargent Floyd River Museum, Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center, Chief War Eagle Monument, Marketplace Mall, Tyson Events Center, Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center, Adams Homestead & Nature Preserve, Cone Park, LaunchPAD Children's Museum, Hard Rock Casino, Winnebago Casino.

Suggestions as you make your plans:

Ask someone to attend with you

Encourage women from your congregation to attend

Provide scholarship assistance to help women attend

When your family asks 'what do you want for Christmas?' ---reply a trip to the Synod Gathering and a Gathering buddy!

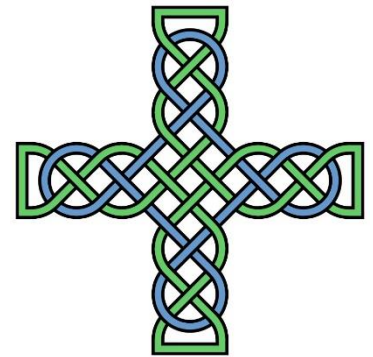
Ask someone to chauffeur you to the Gathering

Think about using your skills to help and teach others basic sewing skills making PDA school bags

Read up on the Mission Opportunities and make plans for your participation

Pray for the Gathering Team, Leaders, Hotel staff/facilities, travel

Consider local support for your attendance \$\$: *You'd like to attend but are short of personal funds? Request support from your local PW group (some groups set aside funds for this purpose).*



Items to bring to the Gathering:

- 1 yard of kid-friendly fabric and notions to sew PDA Gift of the Heart School bags
- 3-5 gently used books you'd like to donate and shop for other gently used books
- \$10 gift cards—to be donated to All About You Adoptions (Sioux Falls) and Lila Mae House (Sioux City)
- Gatherin Offering money to support Marion Medical Mission and Dr. Susan LaFlesch Picotte Center

Meals to be provided:

Thursday evening: plated meal, please be on time! Be seated by 5:00 pm

Friday & Saturday & Sunday breakfast will be at hotel with room reservation voucher (2 per room)

Friday & Saturday lunch: box lunch provided

Friday evening: Buffet provided. Dinner 5:30-6:30

Saturday evening: Plated meal. Dinner 5:30-6:30

Please note any dietary restrictions on the Registration form. Thank you.

Hotel accommodations:

You must make your hotel reservations directly with the hotel.

Cost is \$125/night plus state & local tax

To make the hotel reservation, call: 712-255-4200, Mon-Fri 8 am to 5 pm

Or use the event link: www.myevent.hilton.com/presbyterian-womensconference/

Make note of your confirmation number: _____

Room types available:

Standard King (1 king bed)

Standard Queen (2 queen beds)

King Suite (1 king bed + 1 pull out couch/bed)

Includes: 2 breakfast vouchers, Serta mattress, in-room refrigerator, microwave, Keurig® coffee maker, swimming pool & hot tub

CANCELATION:

If you must cancel your hotel reservation:

call the hotel by 6 p.m. TWO (2) days before arrival with your confirmation number to avoid fees.

This call to the hotel will not cancel your Gathering Registration.



Registration fee:

\$100 for entire Gathering

OR

Commuter fees

Thursday (includes meal) **\$25**

Friday **\$75**

Saturday **\$50**

Sunday only **No charge**

Enclose check payable to 'PW-SLAP'



**PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN**

**Return completed Registration with registration fee
before May 15, 2022 to**

Maggie Horak, 5601 Barrington Park Dr, Lincoln, NE
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- The workshop titles, descriptions and leaders can be found on the next few pages.
- ***Please use this worksheet to make your selections.***
- ***Pick one workshop from each session.***
- Sessions are Friday AM 1, Friday AM 2, Friday PM 3, Friday PM 4, Saturday AM 5, and Saturday AM 6. Please review the workshop descriptions and make your selections.
- Transfer/copy your selections to the LAST PAGE (10) of this registration packet.
- *Please return only PAGE 10 via postal mail to the address on the form as your registration for the Gathering along with a check payable to PW SLAP.*

If you have questions, you can call

Maggie Horak (402-429-0523 between 4-8 pm) email mmhlin@outlook.com

or

Beth Jensen (319-350-6460) email dbjensenfamily@gmail.com

| Workshop Day/Time/Session | Option 1 | Option 2 | Option 3 | Option 4 | Option 5 | Your Selection |
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| Friday AM Session 1 | A | B | C | D | K | |
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| Friday AM Session 2 | F | B | H | I | K | |
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| Friday PM Session 3 | A | J | C | D | E | |
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| Saturday AM Session 5 | L | M | N | P | Q | |
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| Saturday AM Session 6 | L | M | N | P | R | |

Workshops: There are 6 Sessions Select **one** for **each** Session

| Workshop | Workshop Title | Workshop Description | Workshop Presenter/Leader |
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| A | 2022-2023 Horizon's Bible Study Overview | Teaching the Horizon Bible Study class at Synod School since 2016, Jan has come to love these studies! She has even turned a few into sermon series in order to share them with her congregation! This workshop will provide a quick tour through the 2022-2023 study, <i>Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight</i> , by Carol M. Bechtel. Come and learn about the study, the options and suggestions for leaders, and get ready to lead, participate in and promote this great study. | Rev. Jan Christensen |
| B | This is a 2-part Workshop Following Spirit in Dakota Presbytery Pre-workshop reading recommended | Ever since its founding in 1842, the Dakota Presbytery has been unique---the first presbytery established beyond the Mississippi River, the first non-geographical presbytery, the first presbytery whose members spoke language other than English (Dakota). Discover the history of this presbytery, learn of its present challenges, and the unique ways it is following Spirit into the future. Rev. Dr. Clifford Canku will use clips from the video <i>Winds over Dakota</i> , in his presentation and recommends the reading of <i>Beloved Child</i> by Diane Wilson in preparation for the workshop. Presenter recommends attending BOTH parts | Rev Dr Clifford Canku |
| C | Storytelling: Oral tradition in Native American Culture | Oral tradition was the staple of information before European influence. This activity will emulate the atmosphere of storytelling from long ago. | Rev Danelle Crawford McKinney |
| D | Draw Closer to God through Creative Worship | You will engage with the rest of the Gathering through creative Bible journaling and visual interpretation through words and pictures. Simple creative processes will be accomplished through the use of color pencils, watercolor and other art mediums. Capture your relationship-with-God-story making it "sing with color". Sue will assist in the 'no artistic skills required' | Sue Kimball |
| E | Prayer ≠ Monologue | This workshop will offer opportunities to practice and explore some of the many ways we can commune with God in prayer. It will expand participants' perspectives on who God is and what conversation with God can be like. | Rev. Kathleen Splitt |
| F | Beyond Joy | This is Leasa Brouillard's personal story from broken and beautiful to Beyond Joy. Leasa is an entrepreneur with her own small pottery | Leasa Brouillard |

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| | | business, newly named “Beyond Joy”. When she started her business she wanted to dedicate her work to the Lord but struggled to find the right way to give Him the glory and credit. She realized through much prayer and many conversations with God that her ability was a gift, a true gift from God and she was foolish not to use it for Him. Come hear her story and walk with her as she tells of her journey. She can help us all open our eyes to see the God “winks” that are all around us. | |
| H | Unwrap the Gift of Presbyterian Women | As we explore the “building blocks: of PW, we’ll discover creative ways to engage others in the work of PW. We’ll also identify ways to stay informed about “all things Presbyterian Women”! | Marilyn Stone |
| I | What’s Happening in Palestine? Why should I care? | One in four Palestinian women is diagnosed with breast cancer. What is the root cause? Is it diet or climate or the disparity of health care for Palestinian women? Enter the discussion to learn and live out our commitment to our PW purpose “to work for justice and peace” for all. | Judy Rops |
| J | But What Can I Do? | You can do plenty and together we can change the world! Resources and ideas will be shared that will take you from start to finish or at least to well on the way. It just takes a little bit of courage and a specific focal point to begin creating a just society. | Kathleen Keefer |
| K | Goin’ on a Road Trip | How to plan a visit to churches in your presbytery. This could be a day trip or one of several days as ours was.. Goals we planned to meet. From start to finish presented in a play form. Our theme was Where Two or Three are Gathered. | Joan Berglund/ Homestead Presbytery PW CT members |
| L | Welcoming Immigrants, Building Relationships | Tammy will share the learnings from IowaWINs on the preparation, the immediate reaction and the continuing support of immigrant families impacted by the ICE Raid in Mt. Pleasant in May 2018. As a verse from Esther says, “And who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this.” May 9th, 2018 was “such a time as this.” For other communities who want to be ready to respond, the key elements are: Build relationships now in your community and across the state/nation; Establish online giving methods; Establish a social media presence. All this so you are ready for “such a time as this.” | Tammy Shull |
| M | Before and After the S-O-S | Basic information about PDA (Presbyterian Disaster Assistance) and its work. Focus on | Rev. Kitch Shatzer |

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| | | resources for Disaster Preparedness for your home and your church and your community. | |
| N | Deep Dive into Matthew 25 | What Is Matthew 25? How can it be implemented and how much does it cost? Why do we need it? Who can do it? | Rev. Carolyn Grice |
| P | The ABCs of LGBTQIA+ | This workshop will be a primer on the meaning of the letters LBGTQIA+ in a safe and caring environment for us to learn, ask questions, and explore what it means to be an ally. | Christy Abraham |
| Q | Celebrate lessons learned and opportunities to implement in ministry | This workshop will celebrate lessons learned from modern day boarding school workers and will describe the current social issues affecting indigenous people today. Where do we go from here? | Rogene Crawford Gina Burshiem |
| R | The Strength of Our Village: Adoption Addition | All About U Adoptions provides crisis / unplanned pregnancy counseling services available 24/7, assisting clients with diverse concerns including violence, addition, homelessness, food insecurity, and legal issues. Nearly 60% of the agency's expectant mother clients are homeless when they come to us. Discover how AAU has worked to meet this need with the help of their Thank Offering grant. AAU is a full-service adoption agency for those seeking to add to their family through adoption. The agency helps guide and support birth parents, adoptive parents and adopted children as they navigate adoption for a lifetime. | Coleen Globke & Kelsey Andrews |



****Complete and return this page as your registration****

Make a copy for yourself, if needed



Workshop Selection

Write your choices here



Sign me up for the Gathering Choir Yes No

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Your name for nametag: _____

Presbytery name: _____

Age group: 18-25 25-40 41-55 56-70 71 & over

Home address: _____

Email address: _____

Telephone number: ()- _____ Include area code

Your EMERGENCY CONTACT: Name _____

Your EMERGENCY CONTACT: ()- _____ Include area code
Only to be used in case of emergency/not shared

DIETARY RESTRICTIONS: _____

Registration fee: your selection(s):

\$100 Entire Gathering (Thurs evening through Sunday)

\$25/Thurs \$75/Fri \$50/Sat

Total enclosed _____ *Make checks payable to PW SLAP*

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Email confirmation will be sent within 7 -10 days of registration and fees received.
If you have no email address: Telephone confirmation Postal mail confirmation