

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN PRACTICE AND SUPPORT ECUMENICITY

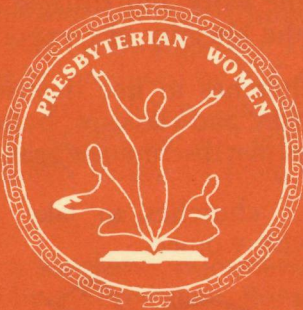
through the PW Purpose:

“to support the mission of the church worldwide”
“to work for justice and peace”

through the PW Principles:

“PW is organized and connected to other women’s constituencies, the governing bodies of the denomination, and ecumenical groups.”

“Presbyterian Women will maintain relationships with Church Women United and other ecumenical groups, community networks and issue networks as appropriate.”



A continuing goal of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is: “participating in the global Christian community, to support the ecumenical movement, participate with other communions, contributing our gifts and convictions, while being open to those of others, and will work to fulfill our common ministry of worship and service to the world.”

ECUMENICAL DECADE CHURCHES IN SOLIDARITY WITH WOMEN 1988 - 1998

Presbyterian Women are participating in, and supportive of, the Ecumenical Decade: Churches in Solidarity with Women. PW encourages local churches to share in this ecumenical opportunity to:

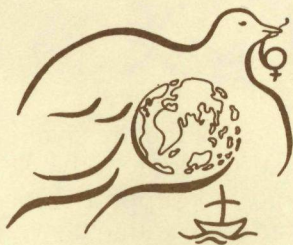
Empower women to challenge oppressive structures in the global community, their community, their country, and their church.

Affirm, through shared leadership and decision-making, theology and spirituality, the decisive contributions of women in churches and communities.

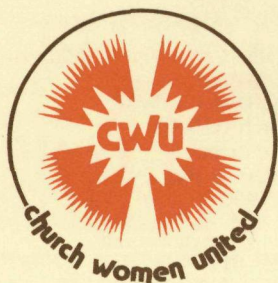
Give visibility to women's perspectives and actions in the work and struggle for justice, peace and the integrity of creation.

Enable churches to free themselves from racism, sexism, and classism; from teachings and practices that discriminate against women.

Encourage churches to take actions in solidarity with women.



Mary Ann Lundy, Director of the Women's Ministry Unit, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is Co-Chairperson for the U.S. Committee.



CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

Presbyterian Women participate in this national ecumenical movement that brings Protestant, Roman Catholic, Orthodox and other Christian women together in one community of prayer, advocacy, and service. It has national offices in New York City, Washington, D.C., and at the United Nations.

The goals of Church Women United are:

- to deepen understanding of what it means to be Christian women of faith in today's world
- to develop visible, ecumenical community
- to work for a just, caring and peaceful society, and
- to use responsibly and creatively the resources God has entrusted to us—our intelligence, time, energy, and money.

PW members participate in the CWU Celebrations, including the

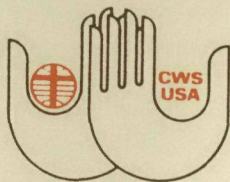
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER, in March

MAY FELLOWSHIP DAY, in May

WORLD COMMUNITY DAY, in November
as well as in national Ecumenical Assemblies.

In communities where there is no CWU unit, women may share together in the Celebrations by using the worship resources available from the national CWU Office, in a community worship service.

The Vice-Moderator for Mission Relationships on the Churchwide Coordinating Team is a member of the Common Council of CWU.



CHURCH

WORLD

SERVICE

Presbyterian Women share in many ways in this hunger and relief agency of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. This agency provides refugee assistance and disaster relief, at home and abroad. PW promotes such projects as the Crop Walk, held in communities across the U.S., and Blanket Sunday, when people give blankets for the homeless, refugees, and disaster victims.

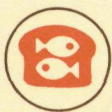
The Brethren Service Center, in New Windsor, Md. is the receiving center for PW Sewing for Mission projects and Self-Help Kits, for overseas use.

Church World Service offers educational and motivational printed and audio resources for children, youth, adults.



FRIENDSHIP PRESS

A mission education arm of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., it provides yearly two interdenominational themes for study, one geographical and one issue-oriented, with printed and audio-visual resources for sale. Presbyterian Women are encouraged to use and promote the use of these studies each year, as an important means of mission education and ecumenical cooperation.



Bread for the World

is a nationwide Christian movement that seeks justice for the world's hungry people by lobbying our nation's decision makers. Presbyterian Women are urged to join Bread for the World, use its wealth of resources, including the Newsletter, and share in the Offering of Letters, periodically supporting legislation against hunger.



The Fellowship of the Least Coin is a worldwide fellowship of women who through prayer and giving of the least coin of their country provide funding for mission projects and human needs. These funds are distributed ecumenically. PW members may give through PW channels or through Church Women United on May Fellowship Day. The Circle of Prayer booklet, produced by FLC Committee, serves as a guide for ecumenical worship and personal meditation and can be ordered through Church Women United.

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IMPACT, a legislative information network sponsored by 17 Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish national agencies, offers members updated information regarding legislators' voting records on important issues. Through membership in Impact, national and state, Presbyterian Women are informed and prepared to act as advocates.

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Community Interfaith Councils give PW members an opportunity to join women of other faiths in mutual mission support projects, in learning about each other's faith, and in experiences of worshipping together.

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