

JOHN CALVIN PRESBYTERY Presbyterian Women Report

JCP Presbyterian Women are excited to report that we had 13 women attending the 2024 Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women held in St. Louis August 8 – 11. We thank Rev. Becky Schwandt from Ozark Presbyterian for attending with us. It was jam packed with fellowship, worldwide speakers on difficult topics which require our love and attention. Mary-Lynne invited us to her room every evening for a time to decompress and share our experiences which really brought us together.

A new Racial Equity Dialogue Team of the Mid-America Synod is forming. Co-Moderators Toni Spieth and Tara Napoleone-Clifford from Knob Noster, MO, are in the process of recruiting two women from each of the 6 Presbyteries to fulfill the PW purpose and support the PCUSA Matthew 25 Initiative by “building an inclusive, caring community” that “works for justice and peace” through dialogue as a tool for building relationships among/between women from different racial/ethnic groups and backgrounds. Exciting!

Our John Calvin Presbyterian Women held our Fall Gathering September 21 at Trinity Presbyterian in Springfield. 30 women from ten churches attended. Our featured speaker was the International Peacemaker from the Republic of Korea (South Korea) the Rev. Dr. Hiheon Kim. We thank Cheryl Mayo for being willing to drive him from Pittsburg to Springfield that morning. He gave a history of Korea reminding us that it has been a land torn apart by China, Japan, and the United States. He cautioned us that we are hearing propaganda about North Korea.

The group breakout discussions sharing ideas about PW were a hit. It was also so encouraging to hear from Rebekah Thomas, Site Director and V-P of the International Institute/Southwest Missouri. Many refugees are coming to Springfield from all over the world. \$721 was collected with \$576.80 given to this important mission. \$144.20 will be sent to the Thank Offering of PW. **The next Spring Gathering will be Saturday, May 3, 2025, at St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church in Kimberling City, Missouri.**

We thank the entire PW board for taking part in the worship service. And we are especially grateful to the Rev. Jane Huffstetter for leading us in singing. The Trinity PW were great hosts and served wonderful breakfast treats as well as a great lunch.

The following officers/board members are available anytime for questions or discussion:

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Overwhelming grace keep you,

Mary Lynne and Toni Spieth

Co-Moderators JCP PW



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