

John Calvin Presbytery
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Two Hundred and Twelfth Stated Meeting
First Presbyterian Church
Joplin, Missouri

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REPORT OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

CHURCHWIDE NEWS: We are looking forward to the Churchwide Gathering in St. Louis on August 8-11, 2024. Since this event won't require much travel for us, we hope we have lots of women going. Scholarships are available to help with financial planning. Detailed information is readily available on the website: presbyterianwomen.org/gathering.

SYNOD: The author of our Bible study: Olive Mahabir, conducted a workshop at Village Presbyterian in Prairie Village, KS on August 12. The next planning meeting for our synod will be by Zoom on November 12th.

JOHN CALVIN PRESBYTERY: Women of First Presbyterian in Ft. Scott were hostesses for our Fall Gathering on September 23rd. It was a very enjoyable day with Kirk Sharp of the Gordon Parks Museum and Matilda Parker, the Peacemaker, our speakers. Our thanks to Ft. Scott for their hospitality.

The women of our congregations have many, many mission projects in their local areas. I would like to tell you about three of the seven national and international projects we are grateful we could contribute to through our Thank Offering. Three of the seven recipients for 2023 were:

- Synod of Mid-America, Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy received \$10,000 for a grounded gardening project for a worshipful support group for people with mental health variances.
- New Castle Presbytery of Synod of Mid-Atlantic used \$15,000 for a summer arts camp for children from households struggling financially.
- Peace River Presbytery of Synod of South Atlantic received \$50,000 for a first neighborhood building to provide safe and affordable housing for agricultural workers and other families who pay up to seventy percent of their income to reside in dilapidated and crowded trailers following the destruction of Hurricane Irma in 2018.

So, we are thankful for the opportunity to help others locally and world-wide. This is what belonging to PW means to me: being able to do more by combining our time, talent and treasure.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Russell, Co-moderator, PWJCP