

News and Information About Presbyterian Women and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)



It's Time for the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering!

Since 1949 Presbyterians and other Christians around the world have contributed financially to the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS). While each denomination allocates the gifts differently, all use their funds for ministries of disaster relief, refugee assistance and development aid. The undesignated money from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s collection of the One Great Hour of Sharing offering is shared among three programs:

- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance receives 32 percent, providing the foundation for the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.
- Presbyterian Hunger Program receives 36 percent.
- Self-Development of People receives 32 percent.

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering is collected by most churches on Palm Sunday, Easter Sunday, both Sundays or throughout Lent. For additional OGHS information or for OGHS promotional materials, visit www.pcusa.org/oghs or contact Alan Krome, 888/728-7228, ext. 5168; akrome@ctr.pcusa.org.

Learn more about the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance ministries funded by the One Great Hour of Sharing in *Supporting Mission* on p. 32.



Make the Most of Your Magazine

A new online resource is available at www.pcusa.org/horizons to help you make the most of *Horizons*. SarahLee Morris, a certified Christian educator and the resource center coordinator for Palo Duro Presbytery, offers creative ideas for discussing the articles in each issue, and recommends additional resources related to many of the subjects.

This valuable resource is only available online, and is completely free! Visit www.pcusa.org/horizons, and click on the logo pictured above.

Divestment Update

In August 2005, the Mission Responsibility Through Investment (MRTI) Committee of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) announced that it would begin its process of "progressive engagement" with five companies that it says contribute to the ongoing violence plaguing Israel and Palestine. The named companies are Caterpillar, Citigroup, ITT Industries, Motorola and United Technologies.

These companies were selected based on criteria developed by the committee in November 2004, which directed research toward corporations whose activities and products are used to

- support and maintain the occupation
- establish, expand, or maintain Israeli settlements
- support or facilitate violent acts by Israelis or Palestinians against innocent civilians
- support or facilitate the construction of the Separation Barrier.

Church policy calls for corporate engagement to be a phased and selective endeavor, using dialogue, shareholder action and, as a last resort, divestment as distinct phases in the process of working with companies to bring about change that reflects the mission of the Church. For more information, visit www.pcusa.org/mrti/ or contact William Somplatsky-Jarman, associate for MRTI and environmental justice, 888/728-7228, ext. 5809; bsomplat@ctr.pcusa.org.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

February: Black History Month

In 1926, Carter G. Woodson established Negro History Week in February to honor the birth dates of two men who were influential in the lives of black Americans—Frederick Douglass (February 14) and Abraham Lincoln (February 12). The week eventually became a month and is now called Black History Month.

Make plans now to celebrate Black History Month—learn about the origins of Black History Month; participate in and support community celebrations; learn more about the Spingarn Medal, an annual award by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) for outstanding achievement by a black American. Civil rights leader Rosa Parks, who died in October 2005, received the award in 1979. The Internet and your local library are good sources of information.



Tell Your Gathering Story!

Storytelling will be a prominent theme at the 2006 Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women. Get excited about

the Gathering by reading other women's stories—and telling your own story—on the PW Gathering Web pages, www.pcusa.org/pwgathering. Did a special friendship start at a PW Gathering? Did a plenary session or workshop spark a lifelong passion? How has involvement in Gatherings or with Presbyterian Women shaped your life?

Submit your story by visiting www.pcusa.org/pwgathering or send it to Sharon Dunne Gillies, PW Associate Editor, 100 Witherspoon St., Louisville, KY 40202-1396; sgillies@ctr.pcusa.org.

Stories may be edited for length and/or clarity. By sending your story, you are granting Presbyterian Women the right to publish your story, or edited version(s) of it, on the Gathering Web site, in *Horizons* magazine, and in any ancillary products or publications used to promote the Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women.

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Raising Awareness

Women around the country are raising awareness about women's health issues by what they're wearing. February 3, 2006, is National Wear Red Day, a day when red clothing serves as a reminder that heart disease is the leading cause of death for women. Wearing red is only the beginning—the American Heart Association has many other ideas for how individuals, corporations and communities can raise awareness about heart disease and empower women to reduce their risk for heart disease. Join the Go Red for Women campaign and you'll

receive a red dress pin, like the one pictured above, and a brochure with tips for reducing heart disease. To join the campaign or get ideas for awareness-raising events, visit www.americanheart.org.