

Getting to Know Our Global Partners

Global Partners from all over the world joined Presbyterian Women for the 2006 Churchwide Gathering. More than 100 Global Partners—from Brazil, Cameroon, China, Cuba, Egypt, Ethiopia, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Korea, Lebanon, Lesotho, Mauritius, Myanmar, the Philippines, Romania, South Africa, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Uganda and Zimbabwe—attended the Gathering, sharing in the activities and fellowship.

Most Global Partners arrived Wednesday, July 5, and participated in an orientation program through Friday, July 7, that included a city excursion and the Global Gala. The Global Gala, held Friday, July 7, celebrated the similarities and diversity of the Global Partners. The Brazilian delegation led the worship service. Delegates from each country sang and/or danced to traditional music of their countries. To close worship, the Global Partners said the Lord's Prayer in their own languages in unison.

The Brazilian delegation to the Gathering completed the exchange of the 2005 PW Global Exchange to Brazil. In October 2005, 31 Presbyterian Women traveled to Brazil to learn what life is like there—what Brazilian Presbyterian worship is like, what social justice issues affect that country, what unique blessings and obstacles Brazilian women face in daily life and much more. The Brazilian Global Partners looked for answers to the same questions about life in the United States, and continued to educate Presbyterian Women about life in Brazil.

Global Partners and domestic Gathering attendees had opportunities to meet many times throughout the Gathering. In addition to the many conversations started while walking to workshops or eating meals, international friendships were formed during the Global Partners workshop, in the Global Partners Hospitality Room and in the Village Square. 🍷

Have You Met . . . ?

A profile of one Global Partner appeared in *Daily Horizons* each day, July 8–10. Visit www.pcusa.org/pwgathering to read the profiles!

Tell Us About Your Global Partner Friends!

Did you make a special connection with one of the Global Partners from the Gathering? Is she a new pen pal? a friend you'll go visit? a friend who will come visit you? Tell us about it!

Send your story about connecting with a Global Partner—tell us about yourself, your new friend and what plans you've made to make your friendship thrive. Send stories to Sharon Dunne Gillies, PW Associate Editor, 100 Witherspoon St., Louisville, KY 40202-1396; sgillies@ctr.pcusa.org.



Janette Kim (San Jose, Calif.), Unzu Lee (Louisville, Ky.), Kum Lan In (South Korea), Miwako Nishitani (Japan)



Neusa Maria Gomes da Silva (Brazil), Selma Louzada Mantovani (Brazil), Rosmalia Barus (Indonesia)



Maria de Lourdes Nunes, Ildemara Queria Bomfim, Walkyria Ross de Brito (all from Brazil)



Jedidah Wanjiru Njoroge, Gladys Silantoi Sadera, Edith Wanjiku Muchugia (all from Kenya)