

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



**Thelma Adair**

### Celebrating Our History

The Presbyterian Church has long been a pioneer of inclusiveness in the Christian church community. That desire for inclusiveness includes electing racial ethnic minorities to leadership positions. When commissioners to the 188th General Assembly (1976) elected Thelma Adair as moderator, she was the first African American woman ever elected to that position. The women's organizations in the Presbyterian Church also have long promoted the inclusion of racial ethnic persons in leadership. In 1970, May Denham was elected moderator of United Presbyterian Women—she was the first Native American woman elected to that position. In 1997, Diana Lim became the first Asian woman to be elected moderator of Presbyterian Women. These and many other women have helped shape the PC(USA) and PW as we know them today.

Note the dates listed below when each racial ethnic constituency emerged as an organized group in the Presbyterian ministry, and the dates that each constituency joined the decision-making body of Presbyterian Women as a member-at-large of Presbyterian Women's Churchwide Coordinating Team.



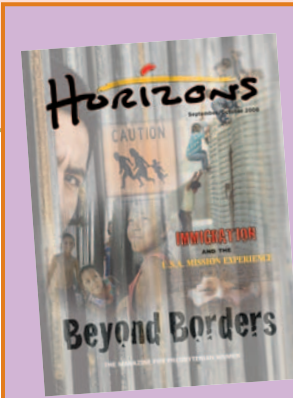
**May Denham**

Name of Organization	Organized Date	Member-at-Large
Asian Presbyterian Women	1973	1988
National Black Presbyterian Women	1992	1988
Hispanic/Latin Presbyterian Women	1995	1988
National Korean Presbyterian Women	1983	2003
Middle Eastern Presbyterian Women	1999	2003
Native American Presbyterian Women	2000	1988



**Diana Lim**

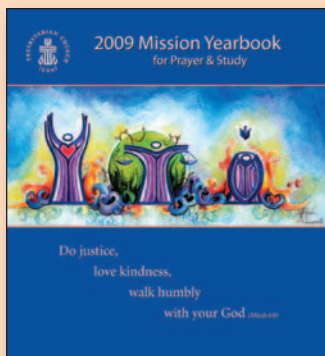
To promote deeper mutual understanding of diverse ethnicities and to develop racial ethnic women's leadership, PW organized the annual Racial Ethnic Dialogue in May 1998. Representatives from each racial ethnic group, including European American women, get together annually to share the concerns and needs of each group and to promote the inclusion of racial ethnic women in PW leadership so that PW creates an "inclusive, caring community of women."



### Corrections

The September/October 2008 issue of *Horizons* incorrectly listed the phone number for Global Exchange participant Nancy Collins on page 42. Her phone number is 360/679-3054.

Also in September/October, the photos found on page 17, the upper corner of page 23 and the lower left corner of page 39 were taken by C.J. Clapp. The photos at the bottom of page 21 and in the pull-out section were taken by Amy Robinson.



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## Sue Mooney Honored with Health Ministry Award



Sue Mooney is the recipient of the 2008 Elise Stutzer Award in Health Ministry. Instrumental in establishing parish nursing within the denomination, Sue has been one of the "pillars" of PC(USA)'s National Health Ministries.

Sue has served as an adjunct college professor, author and mentor, and continues to serve as the parish nurse at Overbrook Presbyterian Church in Columbus, Ohio.

Although parish nursing is Sue's primary focus, her service has extended beyond this focus. She served as moderator of the Scioto Valley Presbytery as well as on numerous committees, commissions and teams. One of her former colleagues and her nominator for this award, Diana Braise, said Sue was repeatedly asked to serve "because of her compassion, her medical knowledge and, most of all, because of her thoughtful approach to difficult situations." Sue also was a recipient of the 2001 Woman of Faith Award, honoring her for "birthing health and wholeness" and for living a life of Christian commitment.

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