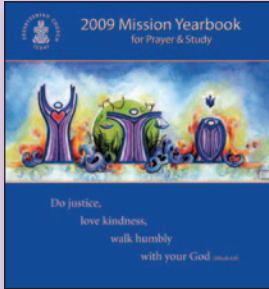


News and Information About Presbyterian Women and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)



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Jane Parker Huber Joins Cloud of Witnesses



Beloved member of the PC(USA) and PW, Jane McAfee Parker Huber died peacefully at her home Saturday, November 15, 2008, with her family present. Jane was a leader in Presbyterian Women, a hymn writer, author of the *Horizons* department "Ask Jane," and an active member of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

Jane served on several PC(USA) committees and councils. She was the vice president of United Presbyterian Women, 1973–1976. She served on the Council on Women and the Church and chaired that body for three years. She also was on the General Assembly Mission Council, the Advisory Council on Discipleship and Worship, and the Joint Committee on Women, leading up to Presbyterian reunion in 1983. She served on the General Assembly Council for six years and on the committee for a new hymnbook; she also worked as interim PW coordinator, 1997–1998. She received several honors from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and was named a "Valiant Woman" by Church Women United in their Jubilee Year. Beginning in 1976 she wrote hymns set to familiar hymn tunes. Her words emphasized social justice and peacemaking, as well as inclusive language for God and all people.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one grandson. She is survived by her husband, William A. Huber, her six children and their spouses, thirteen grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Also surviving are one brother, two sisters, and several cousins, nieces and nephews.



Racial Ethnic, Women's Ministries/PW Office Redesigned



In mid-November 2008, Rhashell Hunter, director of Racial Ethnic and Women's Ministries/Presbyterian Women (REWM/PW), announced a redesign of that ministry area. The new configuration will transform the area to focus on racial ethnic and women's leadership development. "I am excited about the opportunities before us to engage our constituencies and to serve the Church in new ways," said Hunter. "This redesign provides us with the opportunity to position ourselves so that we can strengthen our connection to our congregations."

Five new positions have been created and five existing positions have been eliminated. The redesign is intended to help Racial Ethnic and Women's Ministries/PW to be more effective and to reach more women in congregations and throughout the church. "We are aware that the way we have engaged in our work, supporting women and racial ethnic members in our Church, has a long history and legacy," said Hunter. "We are pleased with the successful efforts in which we have been engaged in the past. We are also aware that this new era requires new strategies."

The Presbyterian Women staff structure is not affected by these changes. PW will continue its mission and ministries with women in the church. Catrelia Hunter, moderator of Presbyterian Women's Churchwide Coordinating Team, expressed, "On behalf of Presbyterian Women, we express our thanks to Molly Casteel, former associate for women's advocacy, Bridgett Green, former associate for Racial Ethnic Young Women Together, and Noelle Gulden, former associate for the National Network of Presbyterian College Women, for their service to Presbyterian Women."

Calendar Notes

Mark your calendars with these important dates for justice, peace and advocacy!

- January 11: Human Trafficking Awareness Day
- January 18: Race Relations Sunday
- January 18–25: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- January 19: Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.
- March 1: Self-development of People Sunday
- March 6: World Day of Prayer
- March 8: International Women's Day, Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday (recommended)
- April 12: One Great Hour of Sharing Sunday
- April 19: Health Awareness Sunday
- April 22: Earth Day



More Good News from the Poor!

In the November/December 2008 issue of *Horizons*, Noelle Damico's article "Good News from the Poor" detailed the poor working conditions and low wages received by farmworkers. She noted that the letter-writing campaigns, boycotts, protests and awareness campaigns of the PC(USA) have helped

improve these conditions, and aided farmworkers in winning agreements with Yum! Brands (Taco Bell, Pizza Hut, KFC and more), McDonald's, Burger King and Whole Foods. The article mentioned that Subway, however, had yet to work with the Coalition of Immokalee Workers to elevate human rights standards for farmworkers.

But there's great news from Subway and the Coalition of Immokalee Workers! In December 2008, the Subway restaurant chain signed an agreement to work with the Coalition of Immokalee Workers to improve wages and working conditions for farmworkers who harvest tomatoes for the company's suppliers. Subway is the largest fast-food purchaser of tomatoes. This agreement means that the four largest restaurant chains (Yum!, McDonald's, Burger King and Subway) all are working with the CIW. For more details on the agreement, as well as news coverage, visit www.ciw-online.org.