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**Greetings to all of you!**

Isn't it lovely to see the grass greening up for the spring? I am very thankful for the rain we have received. I have even spent a little time cleaning out my flower beds. The weather has certainly been beautiful these past few days. I have been thinking over the past two years. We have had some good gatherings at the Presbytery level. I have heard lots of positive comments. I think we have been given challenges to think about and several opportunities to serve others.

First, I am looking forward to the Churchwide Gathering in Louisville, KY July 7—11, 2006. I will be going as a voting delegate. That will be a new perspective for me. It takes a lot of people to keep a volunteer organization like this running. It will be very interesting to see a different side of our PW. The national PWCCT is looking at ways to make our local groups function better as our world changes. One of these is the Enabler job. As you know we have one area without an Enabler for some time. This is not a situation unique to our Presbytery and is part of the reason they are looking for changes. I hope to see many of you in Louisville. Each time I have gone I have come away feeling rejuvenated and hopeful.

Secondly, we need to keep in mind our Synod School, July 23—28, 2006 at Buena Vista University, Storm Lake, IA. The theme is "The Color of Grace in a Black and White World." I went for the first time last year. I do not want to miss it this year. I think many of us were like I was: School!!! I don't think so. No matter what it is called, Synod School is another wonderful opportunity to rejuvenate our souls, meet new and old friends, and learn to be more like Jesus would have us to be in our daily lives.

Thirdly, mark your calendar for our Synod Gathering, July 11—14, 2007 at Buena Vista University. The theme is "Celebrating the Patchwork of Life." This event is like the Churchwide Gathering, only on a much smaller and more personal level. The campus is just great for this type of get-together. The setting is beautiful and conducive to meditation and spiritual rejuvenation. Please try to work all three of these events into your life.

I am going off the Coordinating Team after having learned so much about our PW at the Presbytery level. It has been very rewarding to me personally. I am looking forward to seeing you at our Spring Gathering on Friday, May 26, 2006 at Central Presbyterian Church, 3829 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, IA.

With the love of Jesus encompassing each of us,

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## CHURCHWIDE GATHERING ANNOUNCEMENTS\* \*\* \*\*

### **\*STILL TIME TO REGISTER FOR CHURCHWIDE GATHERING JULY 7-11, 2006 LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY**

There is still time to download a registration blank and register yourself for the Gathering. The theme is Creation! Celebration! God's Word- Light for the Journey. Contact Kate Dukelow, 515-334-9441 for information about riding the bus to the Gathering.

### **\*\*SYNOD LUNCHEON AT CHURCHWIDE GATHERING**

The Presbyterian Women in the Synod of Lakes and Prairies will be meeting for a luncheon at the Churchwide Gathering, Sunday, July 9 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with your PW friends from all over the Synod, as well as those women attending from Des Moines Presbytery. Tickets will be available at the Spring Gathering on May 26<sup>th</sup> or by calling Lois Williams 515-986-9702 or Emily Seeger 712-243-4519. **Cost of a ticket is \$20. Tickets will not be available after June 9.**

### **\*\*\*Presbytery Button for Churchwide Gathering**

Des Moines Presbytery Buttons will be available for those attending the Churchwide Gathering. Please turn in your name to Emily Seeger, 712-243-4519 or [seeger@metc.net](mailto:seeger@metc.net)

Buttons will be presented to the participants at the dedication service at the Spring Gathering on May 26<sup>th</sup> at Central Presbyterian Church in Des Moines, IA. If you are not attending the Spring Gathering but are riding the bus to the Gathering, Kate Dukelow will have your button on the bus. If you will not be on the bus, please e-mail or call Emily and she will mail you one.

### **Churchwide Gathering Bus Update from Kate Dukelow. . .**

I have contracted with Arrow Bus lines to make the trip to Louisville. We will be leaving Thursday evening, July 6<sup>th</sup>, and returning late in the day on Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup>. At this time things are preliminary. Arrow has guaranteed us we can change bus sizes if we need to and their price is good. We can also cancel up to two weeks before with no penalty. We have to also provide a room for the driver and a tip, so I don't have the price set in stone as of now - and it will depend on how many we are taking. I think I can safely say that it will be between \$80.00 and \$90.00. Remember that you can request assistance for all the costs of the gathering including the transportation from your local churches and your Presbytery PW.

We will leave from Des Moines. Living History Farms which is a good place near the Interstate with a safe place to park our cars. Churches are safe places too, but we have none so near the interstate. We will also pick up people anywhere needed between Des Moines and Davenport on I-80.

At this time, I would like you to let me know the names of all that might be riding the bus. If you can reserve without paying or even let me know "maybes" at this time, it will help in the decisions ahead. And please spread the word to all you know. If you will be riding the bus, let me know as soon as possible. Then I will get back to you with the individual cost and we will plan to collect all the money by May 31<sup>st</sup>. You can contact me at [kdukelo@msn.com](mailto:kdukelo@msn.com) or 515-334-9441 and 515-360-5862 and leave a message on either phone. Well, the time will go fast before July 6th. **COME ALONG WITH US!! KATE**

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## Spring Gathering In May

- Spring Gathering of Presbyterian Women of the Des Moines Presbytery will be held on **Friday, May 26, 2006** from 8:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Central Presbyterian Church, 3829 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, IA. Please make reservations by Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> to: Sally Woodcock, 515.225-7589. The cost for lunch is \$5.00.

**Directions to Central Presbyterian Church, 3829 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, IA:**  
Exit I-235 via ramp at sign reading "42<sup>nd</sup> Street". Turn south on 42<sup>nd</sup> St. and go 0.4 miles. Turn left on **Grand Avenue** and go 0.3 miles. The church is on the left. Parking is in the rear, on the east side, and in the large parking lot on the west side at 39<sup>th</sup> Street. Registration begins at 8:45 a.m. Our mission project is the PC(USA) Mission Initiative: Joining Hearts and Hands in Egypt to support Denise Englund, who will be doing mission work there for three years. Checks can be made out to: PC(USA) with MI #910061 on the memo line.

- Bring your Birthday Offering donations which will be dedicated. Pledges are to be mailed by June 15<sup>th</sup> to Kate Dukelow, our new treasurer, 2624 Patricia Drive #405, Urbandale IA 50322. New PWDMP Coordinating members will be installed by our Search Committee.

Our program will be "**An Egyptian Experience**" given by Denise Englund. She is a registered nurse, who is Geriatric Certified and has been Director of Nursing at Panorama Nursing & Rehab for the past 14 years. Denise has a strong calling to mission work and has used her vacation time for the past four years to go on mission trips. She goes to Egypt each year and has traveled to El Salvador, Kenya and the Appalachian Mountains. Denise will be going to Egypt for three years as a Geriatric Consultant. She will talk about 4 previous trips to Egypt with the Des Moines Presbytery's Joining Hands Against Hunger Program. She will share her experience as she celebrated the Synod of the Nile's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2005! Hear the mission of PC(USA) live!!!

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