

# Synod of the *C*ovenant *P*resbyterian *W*omen

WALKING  
in the light



1 John 1:17

## 2017 *G*athering

Presbyterian Women Purpose  
**Forgiven** and **freed** by God in Jesus Christ,  
and **empowered** by the Holy Spirit, we **commit** ourselves:  
to **nurture** our faith through prayer and Bible study,  
to **support** the mission of the church worldwide,  
to **work** for justice and peace,  
and to **build** an inclusive, caring community of women  
that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)  
and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom.

---

June 23-24, 2017

First Presbyterian Church, 111 Capital Ave NE, Battle Creek, Michigan 49017

# PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR THE GATHERING

June 23, 2017 Friday

---

8:00 am – 5:00 pm Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Training

4:00-6:00 pm Registration

6:00 pm Welcome, Grace, Dinner

6:45 pm Energizer

Erin Fee

7:00 pm Opening Devotion, Lighting the Christ Candle  
Business Meeting

7:45 pm Plenary Address - “Cloud of Witnesses – The Community of Christ in Hebrews” Melissa Bane Sevier

8:15 pm Evening Prayer

June 24, 2017 Saturday

---

8:30 am Music  
Business Meeting

9:30 am Address – “Mission Exchange”

Pat McBride

10:30 am Break/Energizer/Music

11:00 am Plenary Address – “Confess God’s Word Out Loud, and Talk Back to Satan” Wanda Beauman

Noon Lunch (choir members eat first)

1:15 pm Workshops: Session 1

2:30 pm Break

2:45 pm Workshops: Session 2

4:00 pm Worship with Communion

Rev. Patricia Weatherwax & Rev. Melissa Lopez

5:00 pm Dinner

## Accommodations:

Women are to arrange for housing for themselves. The Gathering Team has arranged special rates (not including tax) with the motels listed below. By indicating you are with the Presbyterian Women (PWSOC), you will receive the special rate. Only 1 person per room should make the reservation.

---

Baymont Inn Downtown (\$99/tax)

182 W Van Buren

296-565-0500 (rsvr. deadline 6/16/17)

15 double & 1 king with wheelchair shower

Quality Inn (\$107/tax)

2590 Capital Ave SW

269-965-3201 (rsvr. deadline  
6/1/17)

15 king

Fairfield Inn by Marriott (\$139/tax)

4665 Beckley Rd

269--979-8000 (rsvr. deadline 5/24/17)

10 double & 5 quad (king)

McCamly Plaza Hotel (\$109/tax)

50 Capital Ave SW

269-696-4728 (rsvr. deadline  
6/1/17)

10 double





## **PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE**

**OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE**



**PRESBYTERIAN  
WOMEN**

**PW Synod of the Covenant Training**  
**June 23, 2017, 8 am to 5 pm**  
**First Presbyterian Church**  
**Battle Creek, MI**

### **Call to Ministry of Disaster Preparedness**

Presbyterian Women in collaboration with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance equip congregations, presbyteries, families and communities to be prepared for disaster; natural, human-caused or industrial-technical.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance provides instruction and resources for women who have the time and interest for the ministry of disaster preparedness. Presbyterian Women provide the connectedness, leadership and passion for the mission of disaster preparedness.

PDA and PW share a commitment to building an inclusive caring community that witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom. We support the mission of the church by serving those most in need. We work to strengthen and empower the resiliency of our friends, families, neighbors and community.

### **THE PW CHALLENGES:**

- Submit an application and references and partake in an 8-hour disaster preparedness training.
- Commit to organize and provide a minimum of three disaster preparedness trainings a year.
- Learn what resources and partnerships are available to be prepared for a disaster.
- Educate friends and neighbors, men and women, on the need to be prepared.
- Work to overcome reluctance to believe that a disaster could happen.

### **THE PDA COMMITMENT:**

- Train two to six Presbyterian Women within each presbytery
- Provide the tools and resources for Presbyterian Women to train disaster preparedness
- Support the trainers by providing connections, contacts and promoting the program
- Financing the initial Presbyterian Women mid-council training and providing instructors
- Commission Presbyterian Women for this disaster preparedness ministry

### ***You can make a difference...***

Click on "Get involved", "Volunteer" at

[www.pcusa.org/pda](http://www.pcusa.org/pda)

Complete an application – email

[beth.snyder@pcusa.org](mailto:beth.snyder@pcusa.org)

PDA is supported by One Great Hour of Sharing

PW is supported by pledges,

[www.presbyterianmission.org/donate/301](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/donate/301)