

## **Synod of Rocky Mountain Presbyterian Women Answer Call to Disaster Preparedness**

A collaboration between Presbyterian Women (PW) and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA), ministries of the Presbyterian Church (USA), provides specialized training that equips Presbyterian women to work with their congregations and churches in their presbytery to witness to the healing love of Christ through caring for communities adversely affected by crisis. Fifteen new trainers were commissioned as Disaster Preparedness Trainers in a ceremony held last week at Laramie County Community College in Cheyenne, WY. Part of their responsibility will be to go back to their local congregations and presbyteries and conduct disaster preparedness trainings for families, churches and community groups.

The new trainers, commissioned in Cheyenne on June 10, include: Presbytery of Plains and Peaks; Wendy Beals, Brenda Beliel, Sharon Cely, Joyce Glazier, Alison Hisam, Kathy Moore, Presbytery of Denver; Vicki Terry and Theresa Varnado; Presbytery of Pueblo; Phyllis Adkins, Presbytery of Utah; Marilyn Collins and Carol Day, Presbytery of Wyoming; Gail Heimback and Kathleen Lundberg, Presbytery of Yellowstone; Suzanne Bratsky and Merry Lee Hooks. Kathy Morriss and Beth Snyder were the PDA Disaster Preparedness trainers.

Thanks to the commitment of these women, the congregations and presbyteries that they serve will have basic plans and preparations in place in the event of a church emergency or a disaster in their area.

