

Report for Yellowstone Presbytery from Presbyterian Women of the Yellowstone

Merry Lee Hooks and I attended the Synod Coordinating Team Meeting in Cheyenne Wyoming on August 8th. We heard from the Inclusive Community Committee about ways we can increase our exposure and settled on at least one: To develop a presence of PW of the Presbyteries on the PCUSA Synod of the Rocky Mountains website. We need to provide more information and contacts to PW groups across our Synod so we can stay better connected. Our Montana PW groups contributed the highest amount to the PW Mission budget of the entire Synod! We are small, widely spaced and mighty.

The next three days were spent at the Synod Triennial Gathering. The focus was “And Yet She Persisted” with oral presentations about Courageous Women. Merry Lee has pictures to share. It was fun to put ourselves in the shoes of courageous women across the last 100 years since women were given the right to vote.

Jeri Joy and Gail Heimback reported on the just completed USAME trip to the Finger Lakes Region in New York. “The PW USA MISSION EXPERIENCE WAS OUTSTANDING!” They went to a land steeped in the legacy of human rights, civil rights and women’s rights.

Marilynn Collins and Gail Heimback led two creative “hands-on” workshops. (Did you know quilters used a quilt code to navigate the Underground Railroad during the Civil War?)

Vicki Terry led an in-depth discussion of the book Small Great Things by Jodi Picot.

We had the pleasure of hearing from Dakota and Tanner Kohfield who were YAD’s (Young Adult Volunteer Program of PSUCA). They spent a year on the Arizona/Mexican border doing mission work with refugees.

All of the presenters are available to itinerate thru Yellowstone Presbytery. Their presentations were all very informative. Call us for more information!

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