



### Mission Pledge -1 Corinthians 12:12-13

For just as the body is one and has many members of the body, though many, are one body so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--Jews or Greeks, slaves or free--and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

PW's Annual Fund is the financial lifeblood of Presbyterian Women. In Montana, the summer tourist season is the time for fundraising and keeps women of the congregation busy. Madison Valley Presbyterian Women sold baked goods for almost \$2,500.00. Sunday, October 16 was the 60 anniversary of the Fellowship of the Least Coin (1956-2016) and these funds are shared to support PW ministry.

Suzanne Bratsky and Merry Lee Hooks are now giving the PowerPoint Presentation of the PW Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program-Out of Chaos, HOPE, Disaster 101 for Church Disaster Preparedness. We are committed to serving our Presbytery in this way. We distribute handouts for the family, congregation and presbytery to prepare for a disaster. We look at The Emotional Impact of Crisis as well as the Disaster Cycle and maintaining the mission of the church the goal of which is: "To enable the body of Jesus Christ to continue to function in a viable way before, during and after disaster." Call or email Merry Lee (406 925-1536 or [hooksmerrylee@gmail.com](mailto:hooksmerrylee@gmail.com)) to set up the program for your congregation.

PW and Presbyterian World Mission are working together to resource churches that want to act as "Courageous Congregations" during the month of October. While we couldn't do it this year, next year the women of PW of the Yellowstone hope to qualify to receive a certificate as "Courageous Congregations" by signing the pledge at [wewillspeakout.us/take-action](http://wewillspeakout.us/take-action) and complete one other action:

1. Preach, about sexual or gender-based violence
2. Teach a class or workshop about sexual or gender-based violence
3. Hold a service of healing for victims/survivors of sexual or gender-based violence
4. Support a mission co-worker and/or a global church partner engaged in work addressing gender-based violence.

We have a new PW Manual- A Guide for PW Groups as a resource and which includes the Churchwide Triennial Strategic Plan. Plans are organic--though goals tend to remain the same, objectives are added and dropped as each is completed and is available on our website, [www.presbyterianwomen.org](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org).

The Horizons Bible study, Who is Jesus? Is being used by many of the PW groups. The program ideas are very helpful and the nine lessons are completed just in time to start our summer fundraising.

In closing, just a brief reminder taken from the Manual, "Membership in Presbyterian Women is open to all women who choose to participate in or be supportive of the PW purpose in any way."

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