

Women of the Yellowstone Presbytery May 12, 2017

Out of the Darkness... into the Light (Jn. 1:5) The Spring Gathering, May 8-9, 2017 featuring the 2016 Mission Experience: Domestic Violence Responses and Interventions, A Coalition of care to End Trafficking, Responding Faithfully to the Immigration Crisis and Improving and Saving Women's lives in San Francisco: International Rights at the Local Level.

Our participant from the Synod was Carol Day, an outstanding speaker. She acknowledged that immigration, human trafficking and domestic violence are amazingly complex issues and yet encouraged us to see the hope for all of the larger John passage. As we congregate for these Gatherings we no longer feel small and ill-equipped, we know we can live generously and boldly for others. Look for the Peace Pals at the PW display.

Maren Haynes Marchensini led us in a short paperless singing workshop. "We are fearfully, wonderfully made In The Image of God." We felt blessed by Maren. She writes her own words and music and taught us that every voice, every sound, is needed.

Check out our newsletter at <u>yellowstonepcusa.org</u> and scroll down to Presbyterian Women of Yellowstone to the link, News From Presbyterian Women Presbytery of the Yellowstone May, 2017. It's a wee bit tedious but just do it.

In the future all circles will have a forum in the newsletter to share their work and missions in a "round robin" format. We also will be developing archive material from circles which may have disbanded and uploading our history to the national pw archives. This will help us stay connected.

Prayerfully yours,

Merry Lee Hooks