

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF THE PRESBYTERY OF THE YELLOWSTONE  
January 20, 2017

In our Presbytery, there are seven circles with approximately one hundred twenty five members, five fewer circles than last year. These women contributed \$1,704.50 to worldwide mission, \$310.00 to the Synod and \$509.50 to the presbytery. The following is taken from one small pw member church with ten members proving we can be mighty beyond numbers.

Worldwide Mission

A Courageous Conversation about sexual or gender- based violence  
PW Disaster Assistance Workshop  
Living Waters for the World  
Church World Service  
"Syria; hear about the crisis."  
Days for girls

Local Mission

Giving Trees x 2      Food Banks  
Local Families x 2      Intermountain Residential Center in Helena  
Bibles                      Reserve account for funerals, food and hospitality  
Christmas Joy

Reminds me of the ant moving a rubber-tree plant. Ten women times twelve represent change which may move the world.

The new PW Handbook gives us some relief from the regrets we feel about the five circles which have reached the end of their life cycles. These churches remain in relationship with PC (USA) - we must not leave them out. Dear Abby suggests that we might welcome them to spring and fall gatherings and say, "At last you are here!" And on departing, "Do you have to go so soon?" Isolation is alien to our mission statement and to the human desire to congregate.

The Carter Family wrote and sang this song, "May the circle be unbroken." This drawing is in the Handbook:



In Faith,

Merry Lee Hooks  
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