

Suggested Meeting Schedule

September 19, 2009 – Fall Gathering
Third Saturday in October or November
January – Prayer Breakfast
Third Saturday in March
April – Spring Gathering
Third Saturday in May
June -- Synod Summer Gathering



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Sisters Stand and Walk Together

As the churches in the Greater Washington DC have grown into ministry with multicultural dimensions, the Presbyterian Women/NCP is providing additional resources to support more creative ways to *build an inclusive caring community of women, which strengthens the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)*. We believe the National Capital Presbytery area presents an enormous opportunity for developing a strategy of meaningful communication building among women of diverse backgrounds and ages.

Our goals for this program include the following:

- promoting cross cultural awareness, understanding and mutual support;
- empowering women to become leaders in the Presbyterian Church through leadership training and expanding relationships with other Presbyterian entities;
- providing opportunities for women to participate and use this training in local congregations as well as in the Presbytery, Synod and Churchwide.

We expect to expand the universe of prepared and empowered Presbyterian women for leadership roles. During this program, we also expect that women will establish equality relationships, which are fulfilling, inspiring and sustaining for all.



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WOMEN**

SISTERS STAND AND WALK TOGETHER

**An innovative leadership
enhancement program that
develops the leadership potential
of multicultural women
in the synod.**



Timeline of Activities for the Sister Stand and Walk Together Groups

Although the Sisters Stand and Walk Together (SSWT) groups will set their own learning pace and produce some expanded topics, the following is a tentative schedule of topics.

Year I: Relationship Building

- getting acquainted (sharing life stories)
- the whys and whats of dialoguing (communicating, facilitating, brainstorming)
- exploring the purpose of the group (looking at specific topics of interest)
- Presbyterian Women: A Part of Immigration
- what does it mean to me to be a Presbyterian
- nurturing our faith: what makes us Presbyterian Women (teaching tips for Horizons Bible Study)
- looking at and being a leader in the Presbyterian Church



Year II: Leadership Enhancement

- understanding leadership (including worship and liturgy planning)
- Presbyterian Policy on Immigration (Julia Thorne) [to be invited]
- what, where and why to use resources (*Horizons*, denominational periodicals, hymnals, web sites, etc.)
- ABCs of the PW Manual (including understanding the Synod and Churchwide connections)
- PC(U.S.A.) polity and structure (including Book of Order, Manual of Operations, etc)
- working for justice and peace (learning, advocating and acting)



Year III Application

- working for justice and peace II (learning, advocating and acting)
- leading worship service using denominational resources.
- developing a lesson plan and leading Bible Study using *Horizons*
- becoming familiar with the roles of Deacon, Elder, Presbytery Commissioner and the work of Presbytery Committees (attending relevant meetings of all)
- worship through song (varying tunes and selecting hymns) includes combined group singing
- planning the Spring Gathering from A-Z

