PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
SYNOD OF THE MID-ATLANTIC
SUMMER GATHERING
2025



Massanetta Springs Camp and Conference Center

712 Massanetta Springs Road, Harrisonburg, Virginia 22801

June 12-15, 2025

RECONNECTING TO OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

Philippians 4:13 - *I can do all things through God who strengthens me.*

ALL-STAR LINEUP

including (but not limited to)

Rhashell Hunter, author, 2025-26 PW/ *Horizons* Bible Study, *Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ*

Pam Snyder, Moderator, PW, Inc., PCUSA Board of Directors

Susan Jackson-Dowd, Executive Director, PW, Inc., PCUSA

Teri McDowell Ott, Editor and Publisher, *The Presbyterian Outlook*

Panel discussion "Who's at the PW Table?" facilitated by Rae Watson

Bronwen Boswell, former Acting PCUSA Stated Clerk & current Shenandoah Presbytery General Presbyter & Stated Clerk

Kelly Kaufman, Sunday Worship Service
Kate Rascoe, Morning Devotions

REGISTRATION FORM

2025 PW Synod of the Mid-Atlantic Summer Gathering – Thursday, June 12 – Sunday, June 15

Please print:

Name _____ Name for name tag (only if different) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email address _____ Home Phone (___) _____ Cell (___) _____

SPECIAL NEEDS (physical, dietary, signing, etc.) _____

Home Church _____ Presbytery _____

Are you attending the Gathering for the first time? _____ Yes _____ No

ROOMMATE REQUESTS <u>MUST BE SUBMITTED TOGETHER</u> TO ENSURE ACCOMMODATIONS.

NAME OF ROOMMATE _____

MEDICAL INFORMATION: To protect your privacy and yet care for you in case of emergency, we urge you to place the name of your health insurance provider with policy number, a list of your medical conditions, and current medications in a sealed envelope with your name and presbytery on the outside. During the Gathering, let your roommate or a friend know where it is located.

EMERGENCY CONTACT _____ Relationship _____

Home Phone _____ Cell _____ Work _____

<u>WORKSHOP AND OPTION SIGN-UPS</u> (Choose one for each blank.)

Workshop A Name _____ Workshop B Name _____

Workshop C Name _____ Workshop D Name _____

Friday Option Name _____ Saturday Option Name _____

WORKSHOPS

Workshop A: Friday, June 13, 10:45 a.m.-12 noon

1. **"Contextual Creation Care" – Colleen Earp** "In the end, we will conserve only what we love, we will love only what we understand, and we will understand only what we are taught." This famous quote from the Senegalese forest engineer Baba Dioum will ground a time of noticing, brainstorming, and resourcing how we might better care for creation in our homes and churches.
2. **"Encouraging Courage" – Teri McDowell Ott** This workshop will explore what feminist theologian Susan Nelson says is the primary sin of woman: the sin of *hiding*. We will explore ways to develop our gifts, overcome our fears, and embrace the potential God has planted within us.
3. **"Finding Resilience—PW's Ongoing Call to Leadership" – Susan Jackson-Dowd and Pam Snyder** For more than 235 years, God has called Presbyterian women to nurture faith; support mission; work for justice and peace; build inclusive, caring communities; and strengthen the Presbyterian church. As life in the church and in society changes, how do we continue to lead now and into the future?
4. **"Praying in My Running Shoes" – Debbie Reese** Are you someone who thinks sitting still to pray is exhausting? Or, are you someone who has your best conversations with God while moving—walking through nature, jogging on a trail, pedaling your bike? We'll gather and set a discussion topic to walk/run and pray. For BOTH active people and "gentle walkers."

Workshop B: Friday, June 13, 1:45 p.m.-3 p.m.

1. **"PW/*Horizons* Bible Study – *Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ*" – Rhashell D. Hunter** If you are a Bible study leader, a participant, or someone who is just curious about the 2025-2026 PW/*Horizons* Bible Study, this workshop is for you. Resilience is modeled for us by several biblical characters, as well as joy, which is different from happiness, as for Christians, it can occur while we are in the midst of difficult circumstances. In the study, we will seek to rediscover our core identity, which is found in Jesus Christ.
2. **"Conversations That Matter" – Racial Equity Dialogue Team** Participants will explore cultural differences regarding styles of communication. Join us to learn how cultural differences affect our everyday conversations and interactions with friends, coworkers, church members, and others in the community.
3. **"Contextual Creation Care" – Colleen Earp** (See Workshop A, #1.)
4. **"Encouraging Courage" – Teri McDowell Ott** (See Workshop A, #2.)

Workshop C: Saturday, June 14, 10:45 a.m.-12 noon

1. **"Conversations That Matter" – Racial Equity Dialogue Team** (See Workshop B, #2.)
2. **"Finding Resilience—PW's Ongoing Call to Leadership" – Susan Jackson-Dowd and Pam Snyder** (See Workshop A, #3.)
3. **"Let the Little Children Come" – Laura Holbrook** Ministry with children and youth is vital and, yet, filled with challenges. Even with great curriculum and volunteers, there have been cultural shifts that undermine our best of plans. Let's consider nurturing children towards a faith of their own as "traveling companions," welcoming them into all the faith practices in which we participate.
4. **"Women's Health and Wellness" – Amy Griffin** What is this all about? We will explore topics including mental, physical, and social well-being through activities like exercise, healthy eating, social interaction, and regular check-ups, tailored to the specific needs of this age group.

Workshop D: Saturday, June 14, 1:45 p.m.-3 p.m.

1. **"PW/*Horizons* Bible Study – *Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ*" – Rhashell D. Hunter** (See Workshop B, #1.)
2. **"Let the Little Children Come" – Laura Holbrook** (See Workshop C, #3.)
3. **"Praying in My Running Shoes" – Debbie Reese** (See Workshop A, #4.)
4. **"Women's Health and Wellness" – Amy Griffin** (See Workshop C, #4.)

OPTIONS

All Options offered Friday & Saturday 3:30 p.m.-4:45 p.m.

1. **"Hymns and Handchimes in Worship" – Carol Lown** Experience the beauty of this instrument. No experience is necessary. Participants have the choice of registering for only one day or for both days. Some of the content will be the same in both options.
2. **"Let's Talk" – Pam Snyder** What's on your mind? What would you like to know? What keeps you awake at night? This is an open conversation "Q & A" session with the PW, Inc., PCUSA Board of Directors Moderator.
3. **"Mission Activity - Cards for Various Occasions" – Jonne Clemmer** Tired of buying greeting cards? Want to learn how to make your own cards? If so, this option is for you! Make "Share a Prayer" and "Just a Note" small cards. Create greeting cards with a variety of decorations. Make gift boxes. Let your creative juices flow. All materials supplied.
4. **"Original Psalms as a Spiritual Practice" – Kris Moore** Using the Biblical literary structure of the Psalms, participants will compose their own personal psalm. This devotional practice puts our experience of life's ups and downs into the language of praise, lament, petition, and expressions of trust. Each psalm is unique and reflects the writer. The format of a psalm is the starting point with complete freedom in writing.

NOTE

In addition to your usual traveling items, you may want to bring: 2025-2026 PW/*Horizons* Bible Study, tote bag, water bottle, notebook, pencil, extension cord, alarm clock, hairdryer, extra funds for offering, etc. **Comfortable clothes/shoes, as well as a jacket and umbrella, are recommended.**

2025 PW SYNOD SUMMER GATHERING REGISTRATION FEES

Circle all fees that apply.

Full-Time (3 nights/8 meals) Double Occupancy: Early Bird (before April 28) - $430.00 Regular - $475.00
Single Occupancy: Early Bird (before April 28) - $455.00 Regular - $500.00

Part-Time (2 consecutive nights/6 meals) Double Occupancy: $350.00 Single Occupancy: $380.00
Circle Nights: Thursday/Friday Friday/Saturday

Part-Time (1 night/3meals) Double Occupancy: $295.00 Single Occupancy: $320.00
Circle Night: Thursday Friday Saturday

Commuter Full Event (no meals): $230.00 Single Day (no meals): $150.00

Breakfast $11 each X ____ = $_____
Lunch $14 each X ____ = $_____
Dinner $16 each X ____ = $_____

Circle days and meals desired:

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Dinner	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
	Lunch	Lunch	
	Dinner	Dinner	

Virtual Option
4 plenaries: $100.00
Thursday evening
Friday morning
Friday evening
Saturday morning

TOTAL ENCLOSED (SUM OF CIRCLED FEES): $_____

If mailing registration, include **check made payable to PW/SMA/SG**. If registering by email, mail check only asap. All registrations will be confirmed by email. Registration forms and/or payment should be mailed to: Janet Rakes, 3335 McEver Road, Blacksburg, VA 24060. Emailed registration forms should be sent to jimjanetrakes@comcast.net.

NO REFUNDS AFTER MAY 22, 2025. EARLY BIRD REGISTRATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY APRIL 28, 2025.