



The Sower

Newsletter for the Presbyterian Women

in the Synod of Lakes & Prairies

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Editor: Karen Bartel

Message from our New Moderator

As your new moderator for the Synod PW Coordinating team, I would like to pass on to you the message I delivered after my installation to the women attending our PW Synod Gathering 2016 in Sioux Falls, S.D. I know that each of you wanted to attend, so now you won't "miss out!"

"You all have gifts bestowed on you by the Holy Spirit. Your gift is absolutely perfect and necessary for the life and ministry of the body of Christ, the church. ALL of us are needed and valued Presbyterian Women. Find your gift, if you don't know it already, by asking someone you know, and share that gift with others. Use it to make the earth like heaven above.

Take every opportunity to grow in your faith and into the Presbyterian Woman that God calls us to be. Participate in personal study, Circles, Presbytery/Synod events, journeying together with other women and men.

Prayerfully ask God for God-size goals. Think outside the box of small belief for the Lord is unlimited in His abilities and resources! Prayer and planning will move you from the realm of probability to the place of possibility. Pray for PW every day.

Build relationships. Presbyterian Women have serious business to do, but don't neglect spending time getting to know others and listen to other's life stories. This could be the missing link in your church circle and a reason for dwindling numbers. If there is no personal connection to others, why belong? There are so many other places that offer this for women today. Make your Circle that place and notice the difference that it will make. Purposely place a time to relate into your meetings. This time is an investment in so many ways.

Demonstrate grace in all that you do in your churches. There is nothing more paralyzing to the Presbyterian Women's organization than the word getting out to other folks in the church about something "terrible" that happened in PW! Strive to be good listeners to each other, be adaptable when times are challenging and be the first to ask forgiveness when wronging others. Apply the lessons you have spent years studying through the Horizon's Bible studies and realize that each of us is human and imperfect. Be the best Public Relations representative of PW and know that there will be sacrifices to make along the way. Be a peacemaker, first!

Open yourselves to new ways of doing things that bring life into your organization. We each have been given the mind of Christ, (that's a hard concept to fathom, I know!) Christ didn't mind shaking things up a bit with ideas totally different from the ways of the world. Because of this, lives were changed, justice was served, and peace and hope was delivered in unimaginable ways. Take risks; be challenged by trying something new, each month!

And, lastly, and possibly most importantly, Presbyterian Women, PERSEVERE! Persevere is to carry on, stay the course, follow something through. Take the ideas you have jotted down on paper or noted in your heads this week and see them through.

I'll close with a cheer, calling for us to PERSEVERE.

Give me a "P", (P), Persevere no matter what.

Give me an "E", (E). Endure discomfort.

Give me an "R", (R). Request help. Tap the talents of all women.

Give me an "S", (S). Steadfastly hold on to your beliefs and values.

Give me an "E" again, (E). Embrace adversity as your teacher.

Give me a "V", (V). Very consistently keep at it.

Give me an "E", (E). Envision triumph.

Give me an "R", (R). Refuse to give up.

Give me an "E", (E). Enjoy and celebrate every tiny bit of progress! ...and fun doing it!"

With God at our side, Sue Kimball

Moderator of PW Synod of Lakes and Prairies Coordinating Team

Ask Ms. PW

Dear Ms. PW,

Why should a PW start thinking about the Churchwide Gathering now???

Dear PW Moderator,

The 2018 Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women will be held August 2–5, 2018 in Louisville, Kentucky. 2018 is also the year that PW celebrates its 30th anniversary!

In addition, it's the 50 year anniversary for the Least Coin Offering. It was begun in 1956 by Shanti Solomon of India and continues today as a global ecumenical prayer movement.

Save a Dollar a Day!

Save a dollar a day for 30 months to put toward your Gathering expenses. If you began saving on March 30, 2016, you should have \$60 saved toward your Gathering expenses. Start saving now . . . and remind your loved ones that they can give you the gift of the Gathering! ***Ms. PW***

Dakota Presbytery Update

Dakota Presbytery will be holding their next Presbytery Meeting on Oct 6-8, at Bdecan Presbyterian Church. This would be a great way to see what is happening at Bdecan or just check out the happenings of the Dakota churches through their Presbytery meetings. Or maybe just connect with our Native American sisters. Places to stay would include the Holiday Inn Express and Fireside Inn in Devils Lake, just a convenient 20 minutes away.

Donna Preston - Presbytery of Northern Waters

Editor's Note: Changes in Moderator positions that should receive "The Sower" should be sent to the PWS Secretary: Kathleen Keefer KLKeefer@mail.com.

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Anyone who wants to either stop or start a subscription to "The Sower" may just send a request to the new Editor, Linda thesower.slap@yahoo.com

Time is running out on the application for the 2017 Global Exchange Participants! Find the application at : http://www.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/pw/pdfs/gx_application.pdf

The application should be sent to Sue Kimball, Moderator of the PW Synod of Lakes and Prairies, 12339 Pershing St., Indianola, Iowa 50125 by August 1, rather than the August 15th deadline stated, so that a committee has time to read through and discern the best candidate. Call Sue at 515-961-2493, or email kimballsusan53@yahoo.com.

"They Devoted Themselves to Serving the Saints (1Cor.16:15)" Recognizing Servants

Marilyn Stone - The women of the Synod of Lakes and Prairies have benefitted immensely by the diligent work and leadership of outgoing PW-CT Moderator. She availed herself tirelessly in the smallest of matters to those that seemed insurmountable with a steady faith. She will be missed on the Synod Coordinating Team but surely her service will pop up, elsewhere. THANK YOU!

The PW Synod Gathering 2016 Planning Team- Co-Chairpersons, Joan Berglund and Terri Sherman, Sue Medsker-Nedderman, Kay Olson, Maggie Horak, and Sue Kimball- You may not realize that it takes three years to plan our Gatherings and this one was no exception. These women listened to your comments in 2013 and took a risk in selecting a new site in Sioux Falls, SD, and pulled it off! Each contributed with their God-given gifts creating an event with thought provoking plenaries and workshops; good food and sleeping quarters; resources and inspiration for participants to take home and share with other P-Dubs (short for W), as Mary Cook Jorgenson referred to us! Your PW Synod Coordinating Team also contributed generously to make this Gathering memorable in so many ways. If you weren't able to attend, ask someone who did to tell you about it.

A Thank You note was sent by Nancy Lee Hadley, PCUSA Mission Interpreter for Rahab's Rope. She hosted a table of wares at the Gathering and "can testify that our PW Thank Offering Grant in 2009 has benefitted women in India by developing new enterprises, purchasing new materials, providing much needed staff, but more importantly to bear witness to God's love to the least of these. May God richly bless you for your generosity to Rahab's Rope and PW. Please remember Rahab's Rope in your prayers." Contact Nancy Lee at 4009 Saturn St., Flower Mound, TX 75028, Hnancylee@aol.com. 972.539.2542
Sue Kimball - Des Moines

PW's good friend and strong supporter, Dale Lindsay Morgan, is in treatment for liver cancer. She has had a successful surgery and will meet with her oncologist this week to determine next steps. Dale is author of two Horizons Bible studies, What She Said and Jubilee? Luke's Gospel for the Poor, as well as supplemental resources for the Bible study and Horizons magazine articles. Please remember Dale in your prayers. If you would like to be in touch, her address is Dale Lindsay Morgan, 650 Mayflower Rd, Claremont, CA 91711, dalemorgan@verizon.net

CONGRATULATIONS to Judy Fletcher and the staff of Presbyterian Women.... Horizons Bible study, Come to the Waters, has won a distinguished award. WOW! Now we can call it the "Award-winning Bible study".

Global Exchange applications can be downloaded from the PW website. Encourage women to apply! Deadline is August 1, 2016. Questions? Contact Kathy Reeves.

"Applause and great gratitude to out-going editor, Karen Bartel, for her service of communication to our Synod PW-CT!" Synod of Lakes and Prairies PW Coordinating Team.



Impressions of the Synod Gathering June 15-18, 2016

Remarks from Joan Berglund

Sioux Falls, South Dakota, was the setting for the 2016 Women's Gathering of the Synod of Lakes & Prairies from June 15 to 18th. It was AWESOME!!!! Nearly 200 women from our Synod attended. We refreshed our faith through worship lead by the Rev. Dr. Carolyn Visser. Susan Jackson Dowd, our Executive Director from Louisville, KY, excited us about the power of Presbyterian Women. The Rev. Stephanie Anthony of Hudson, WI, helped us experience our new bible study, "Who Is Jesus" in workshops and an overview during Friday morning's plenary.

Once again Kristi Holler of Sioux Falls led us in song before our plenaries and during the worship service. The Rev. Danelle Crawford McKinney and her family warmed our hearts with her stories and hopes for the future for native Americans. Her family performed a dance for us on Thursday night which she interpreted. Dakota Presbytery had representatives from as far away as Montana and we were so delighted that they could join us. Fern Cloud who is the Moderator of the Synod of Lakes and Prairies used the hoop or circle as a teaching tool.

\$4009 was given in our offering. The funds were divided equally between The Sweetgrass Suicide Prevention Program of the Oglala Sioux Tribe and ECPAT-USA. Gift cards in the amount of \$2315 were given to the Center of Hope in Sioux Falls which is a gospel outreach ministry for people who struggle with difficult life issues. In addition, we had a Hands On Project of putting together quilt tops. Women brought fabric "fat quarters" which were cut into blocks. Sewing machines were available and 25 quilt tops were put together. The cents-ability offering at meals totaled \$333.19.

Mary Cook Jorgensen and Susan Medsker-Nedderman put on a skit reminding us of "Think you Know Presbyterian Women". Another skit written by our own Melissa Muzzy, Moderator of North Central Iowa Presbytery called "Moses, the Reluctant Leader" invited us all to realize that we too can be leaders.

The gathering was held in the Ramkota Hotel & Convention Center. In the past, we had met at colleges. The new venue was much more to our liking. Our kick-off sit down dinner was plated and our tables were beautifully decorated with crystal bowls filled with flowers which we later auctioned off to defray the cost of the lovely setting.

In addition to the plenary sessions, Hands On Project, Resource Room and Marketplace with Tea Room, we offered 15 workshops which included 3 films: IAM, Trigger, and A Faith Journey of a People: Dakota and Christianity. We also included a trip to the falls for which Sioux Falls is named.

Many expressions of thanks were given during the gathering and we are receiving e-mails and notes which will encourage us all to make the 2019 Gathering and even more exciting event. All of the committee worked very hard to make this a memorable event and our hearts are overflowing with joy at the wonderful way it was received. Joan Berglund - Homestead

Notes from Trudi Nelson

It was a wonderful PW Synod Gathering! Thank you!!

My records show: \$2,315 for Center of Hope in gift cards from either Hy-Vee or Target. Rev. Calvin Ver Mulm, Center of Hope, was speechless when he received the amount.! He was overwhelmed! I am still receiving his grateful thanks. I had told him at lunch on Friday that my goal

was \$2,000 and our Presbyterian Women had exceeded that amount! I am not surprised by our PW in the Synod of Lakes and Prairies!! We are so blessed!!

My records for Hands-On-Mission show: 11 quilt tops finished for quilts at the PW Gathering. I have since received more quilt blocks in the mail for more quilts to finish! So we have 14 quilt tops to finish. This is a total of 25 Quilts!!

Thanks to Pat Boelman, Mission Coordinator for 1st Pres Church, Sioux Falls, who led the Hands-on-Mission project, along with Jeannie Armstrong, PWP-SD Mission Coordinator, and Mary Jenner, PWP-SD Spiritual Growth Leader, and Jan Nelson, PW Synod Treasurer, who worked so hard. We appreciate all of the women who showed up to help at the Hands-on-Mission area. Sharon Johnson, Vice-Moderator of PW Synod from North Dakota, and others assisted us in so many ways. Special thanks to two young women from Beatrice, NE Amanda and Missy designed at least two of our quilt tops.

Trudi Nelson South Dakota

“Just Serve, Rehab’s Rope”

One of the workshops I attended at the PW Synod Gathering was “Just Serve—Rehab’s Rope.” The workshop was given by The Rev Pat Hammond and her daughter who had visited India. Rehab’s Rope, based in India, was founded in 2009 by Vicki Moore after receiving \$40,000 from the PW Thank Offering, of which they are very thankful. Rahab’s Rope works with women and girls who have been violated and are mainly used for human trafficking. There are four centers—Mumbai, Goa, Bangalore and Delhi, where women and children are rescued and given an education. Goa, is the smallest of India’s states but the richest and has one of the top night spots, making it a tourism spot. Over 100,000 14-15 year old girls are married. These girls are taught stitching so they can earn somewhat of a living. Another slum is Birla where 100,000 occupants live in one or two-room houses. The homes are 20 x 20 made out of concrete with tin for a roof. There aren’t any beds or bathrooms. Six-year-olds are taking care of babies. These young girls and women need to be reminded constantly that every life matters and is to be respected.

There is a high suicide rate in India. In a few years, human trafficking will be the #1 Black Market crime on the planet. 1.4% of the population crossed over the border in 2014, 800,000 people.

These young girls learn protective skills through self-defense and learn a skill, sewing, crocheting, macramé, jewelry making or other micro-enterprise activities which can translate into a job. They are surrounded by Christian staff who help disciple them.

I purchased a bag from the Nancy Lee Hadley, who was selling for Rehab’s Rope and she told me the woman who made that bag, with her child, would have enough to live on for 2 1/2 months.

Yes, we have human trafficking here in the United States. The average age for girls is 12-14 and for boys 11-13 and they are used in prostitution rings. Everyone needs to be informed on what can happen and what you can do. Our children also need to be educated. These “pimps” can be very cunning and luring. The Internet is a good attraction with dating services and ads. Pay attention to what your children and grandchildren are doing.

There were lots of interesting workshops and a wealth of information. God has truly blessed us with people who are willing to tell about those who aren’t as fortunate as others and we can all help by lending a hand in one way or another. Blessings to all who answer God’s call.

Nancy Macomber, East Iowa



Many dedicated hands to make quilt tops. Fat Quarters were donated by the attendees. Many spare moments were spent to make as many to send back for finishing. All will be donated to the local projects of our PWs. 20 Quilt tops were finished.

A request to reflect on a “First Timer’s” view of a Synod Gathering is a blessing from God. Thankfully I do so asking Him to “Make me an instrument of His peace.” One sensed the power and purpose of Presbyterian Women when 200 gathered in the Synod of Lakes and Prairies. Women from Montana on the West, Iowa/Wisconsin on the East, The Dakotas on the North, and Nebraska on the South.

Outstanding organization provided an on-site mission quilting project, display tables for Presbytery accomplishments, books, scarves and jewelry offerings. In addition, four group sessions were available.

The planning committee prayed that attendees would renew our inner spirits and engage in the joy of sharing. I, for one, was touched by a film workshop, “I Am”. The movie dramatizes “I Am” the problem and “I Am” the solution. “We ask what’s wrong with the world and end up discovering what’s right!”

A “Who Is Jesus?” workshop opened my heart and mind to a variety of senses through which Jesus has been and is seen. Cultural and faith perspectives reflected on how Jesus is seen today. As I look forward to this study locally, I thought how great to have this back ground.

Snapshots: myriad relationships were yet another highlight. My roommate is a “Soon-to-be” moderator and new to Presbyterian Women. My fellow travelers from East Iowa are old timers and taught her well. The lady friend of a University of Dubuque alum gave us great dinner conversation. A talented waiter transformed an extended dinner service; gave us food for thought with wit and food trivia. A dear gal who became my “smiley face” soulmate and I shared many delightful and insightful talks.

Circle meetings, Presbytery enrichment and Synod Gatherings are a must.

Alice Harris, Charis Circle, Bettendorf Presbyterian Church,
East Iowa Presbytery

WHAT GOD TAUGHT ME THROUGH STUDYING EVOLUTION

A workshop by Robert A. Keefer, PhD For the PW Synod Gathering

One of the workshops I attended at the PW Synod Gathering was “What God Taught Me Through

Studying Evolution” by Dr. Robert A. Keefer. He starts with a question, “Why is there anything?” This is the one question that has no scientific answer. His three points on the doctrine of Creation are: God creates; God creates out of nothing, and God creates by the divine will (God said..). One story he told about creating out of nothing was someone challenged God about creating a person out of clay. He said he could also do that. So, he and God both began creating man out of clay and God stopped him saying, “Wait a minute. You have to create your own clay.”

Some scriptures he referred to: Unity of creatures: Acts 17:26, Romans 8:19-23; Freedom of the creation: Genesis 1:27, Philippians 2:7, Psalm 104:26; We are not the subject of creation, God is: Psalm 8, Psalm 104, Psalm 148, Job 38:1-42:6, Galatians 2:19-20; Theology needs to be flexible: Genesis 3, Psalm 51:5, Romans 5:12-21; and Unfinished creation: Romans 8:19-23, Genesis 1, Genesis 2:1-3. He states that Creation is not finished yet, it is constantly changing. He also stated that Darwin’s idea of survival of the fittest referred to the “Origin of Species” not the “Origin of Life”. A resource we should know about is The Presbyterian Association on Science, Technology, and the Christian Faith (www.pastc.org). An organization of scientists, science educators, engineers, health professionals and pastors. At the recent General Assembly, Dr. Lisa Schrott spoke on “Becoming the Beloved Community: What Neuroscience Can Teach Us About Repenting, Reconciling, and Re-Membering.”

Authors he appreciates: John Haught: “Making Sense of Evolution: Darwin, God, and the Drama of Life (Westminster John Knox. 2010); Michael Ruse: “The Philosophy of Human Evolution” (2012) and “The Gaia Hypothesis” (2013); and Kenneth Miller: “Only a Theory: Evolution and the Battle for America’s Soul.” Sharon Getty, Presbytery of East Iowa

What a wonderful experience the Gathering was. From hotel accommodations, to workshops and especially the worship services. The speakers were excellent. I also enjoyed the market and working of the quilt tops. The best of all was meeting and getting acquainted with women from all over the mid-west. I found we all have falling numbers in our memberships. We need to keep on working with the people we have and pray for God’s guidance. Thank-you for a wonderful 3 days. Suzanne Letourneau - John Knox

AN EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION FROM YOUR OUTGOING PWS MODERATOR

I’d like to express my sincere thanks to all Presbyterian Women in our great Synod of Lakes and Prairies for the opportunity to serve as your PW Synod Moderator for the past three years! It has truly been a privilege to work with an outstanding PWS Coordinating Team consisting of women who are very dedicated to the purpose and mission of Presbyterian Women. They have made it easy for me to fulfill my responsibilities because of their inspiration and commitment. It has also been a privilege to travel throughout the synod upon invitations to speak about Presbyterian Women overall, and PW mission and leadership specifically. These travels have permitted the opportunity to meet so many women who are working hard in your congregations and presbyteries on behalf of Presbyterian Women. You all have had an impact on my life. Your love and support have not gone unnoticed and will not be forgotten. It has been an honor to serve in this capacity. . . thank you from the bottom of my heart! May you continue to choose love, hope, faith, forgiveness, and light, as you move forward on your PW journey.

I congratulate Susan Kimball, our newly installed PWS Moderator. I know that she will capably serve in this capacity with God’s guidance and wisdom!

Many thanks to Jean McMaken, outgoing PWS secretary and Jodie Pierce, outgoing Search Committee chair. They have fulfilled their responsibilities with much dedication and skill. May you be blessed as you have so richly blessed others!

Prayers and blessings, Marilyn Stone



Left: Marilyn Stone passes the mantle to Sue Kimball, with Susan Jackson Dowd, PW Executive Director looking on.

Below: Celebrating Communion together



Singing His Praises



Kristi Holler – Music Leader
Extraordinaire

Great Speakers



Rev. Dr. Carolyn Visser

Back out to the world



A local young man -
a Junior at the High School

What a wonderful group of women sharing all of the power we have through our churches. Singing praises to God in spirit hugs. Workshops were very informative, touching on every way we could be of service to our communities. I attended Danelle Crawford McKinney's workshop on the Circle of Life. The Native teachings for a way of living in God's world are very much traditional and meaningful. Prayer and song are just the beginning of a traditional day. Danelle and her sister, Rogene, began singing together as young girls. They harmonize beautifully in their native tongue. Rogene's daughter, Brittney Davis sings along to a three-part harmony also. Such a great example of family unity shown the expression of sing. The eagle is a symbol of good things to come. Seeing one is a good omen for a good day and that God is watching over us. Danelle strongly believes the eagle is a friend and protector; when seeing one it makes her happy. We all will be lucky to see one. LaDonna Letourneau - John Knox

Glimpses of the Gathering

Plenaries of praising, fun, old friends and new. Meals shared. All woven together with images and ideas from St Francis – all creation has value. Service is the core of life.

Back to our roots, back to the Bible, finding our meaning, finding our purpose.

Realizing who we are as PW (P-Dubs). Realizing new images of ourselves.

Touching base with our history, our cultures, and finding common ground. Appreciating and loving our sisters in faith and service. Connected – in Community- having Compassion – finding Love.

Hearing inspiring speakers, finding inspiration in the workshops, viewing the amazing wonder of the Sioux Falls. Spending some time with God in the quiet of the park and the noise of the water tumbling over the rocks. Coming together for Communion and leaving to go back into the world. Home, tired but inspired.

Karen Bartel - East Iowa

Dakota Corner

Do you need a program for your PW group or Sunday School? The DVD "A Faith Journey of a People: Dakota and Christianity" was shown at the recent Synod Gathering held in Sioux Falls, SD in June. It is a compelling film about the beginning of Christianity for our Presbyterian brothers and sisters in our Synod.

You may order the DVD directly from Skip Hall, creator of the film: skip@ten29productions.com or call 330-719-0419. If you would like to "borrow" the film, contact Kay Olson: dkolson@sio.midco.net or call 605-336-3585. Kay Olson - South Dakota

Film: **A Faith Journey of a People: Dakota and Christianity**

This is a 30 min film which will give an overview of the 175 + year history of the Dakota Presbytery. Learn the impact of Presbyterian missionaries in western Minnesota in 1835. How their faithful work began converting Native Americans to Christianity before and after the Great Minnesota Uprising of 1862. Learn about the strength of the Dakota Presbytery through the mid-20th century and the challenges it faces today to preserve it. (Editor's Note: for those of interested in the history of people in our part of the continent, this movie was fascinating.)

Now that we are all somewhat getting back to normal (whatever that is...) after the busy-ness of the Gathering in Sioux Falls last week, I would like to thank you two ladies for all the work and effort you put

forth in making certain some our PW of Dakota women were able to attend the Gathering, and to even participate. In speaking with the other ladies, they all said they were thankful they were able to attend and that they enjoyed the plenaries, the workshops, the Bible Study and visiting and meeting other women. Darlene Left Hand and Ernestine Red Boy from Montana planned to stay until Saturday morning, but an emergency situation developed concerning Darlene's 2 year old grandson on Thursday afternoon so she felt she had to get home. (Back row standing (left to right): Fern Cloud, Ernestine Red Boy, Danelle Crawford McKinney; Front row sitting (l to r): LaVonne Looking Elk, Sonia Little Hawk Weston, Darlene Left Hand)



Sonia Weston, Montana, and I, traveled together until we got to Kadoka where Sonia got off the Interstate and traveled towards Pine Ridge.

We are grateful and thankful for the PWSCT assistance with the registrations and lodging expenses for us; otherwise, we would not have been able to attend. We were commenting on the fact that you ladies had to be exhausted once the Gathering was over for that is a tremendous undertaking to host so many people. I can't imagine what all goes into the planning for such a meeting of so many. Our thoughts and prayers were certainly with you and the other leaders.

May the Lord bless you and we give thanks for all the work you do in His name.
Peace and blessings, LaVonne Looking Elk Dakota Presbytery

Odds and Ends

The new 2016 PW Manual is ready soon for download, or order a hard copy. The new PW website is in the works as well: www.presbyterianwomen.org

We commissioned Susan Medsker-Nedderman as the Synod of Lakes and Prairies Representative to the 2017 USA Mission Experience!!!

Karen Bartel, Editor for "The Sower" is turning over the reins to Linda Barnett for the next issue in October. It's been a great pleasure to serve you in this capacity. Thanks to the many who have contributed articles over the years that I have worked to get these editions out on time. (Okay, rarely on time.) And thanks to all those who have encouraged me with kinds words.

A **HUGE** thank-you to Lisa T from Sioux Falls. The bowl is beautiful in the spot we chose to display it!!!! I will definitely find a way to "pay it forward". Karen B

The following are images from the Gathering.





It was very nice to meet you all. I really enjoyed the PW Synod Gathering, I needed some spiritual uplifting and the gathering really helped. On behalf of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, I would like to take this time to thank the PW Synod Gathering for the donation of offering in the amount of \$2,000.00, for the Oglala Sioux Tribe Sweet Grass Program. This donation will help in providing education and prevention to our young people about suicide. Thank you for all you do, and continued blessings as you do the lords work. God Bless You. Sonia Little Hawk-Weston - Porcupine Presbytery

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