

Are you registered for the Presbyterian Women Synod Gathering in Watertown, SD on June 12-15?

Watertown Event Center 1901 9th Ave SW Watertown, SD

****RENAMED: Crossroads Hotel & Event Center****

Join us for a gathering of women to worship, learn, fellowship, work, enjoy and relax!

There's a mini mission trip to Lake Traverse reservation on Thursday, leaving at 8:30 am. There is a separate/additional charge. You'll be visiting 3 reservation churches, Sisseton Wahpeton college & meet scholarship recipients, Tekakwitha Memorial Park, and Wad'ang'a/Sweetgrass domestic violence shelter (*please bring a personal care item to donate/new*). Make that reservation NOW to assure you have a spot and a lunch for the day. You'll return in time for dinner and an evening plenary.



ELONA STREET-STEWART will be our Worship Leader at morning and evening plenaries.

Rev. KRISTI HOLLER will be our music leader.

FERN CLOUD will be our artistic designer.

Please consider supporting the following opportunities at the Gathering:



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OFFERING RECIPIENTS selected:

>Hope Church at the South Dakota Women's Prison in Pierre, SD

>PW Synod Native American Scholarships and Sisseton-Wahpeton College and Oglala Dakota College

GIFT CARDS to WalMart, Walgreens or any Rapid City Area vendor for:

Iglutheca (*pronounced ee-gloo-the-cha*) a homeless ministry with a mission to provide a pathway for homeless Lakotas out of addiction and poverty. From a small street ministry in the "skid row of the plains" to a homeless shelter.

PW SHARE & SWAP: Bring a PW something from your goodies & swap with someone else. A book, a scarf, jewelry, whatever you might have to share. Bring something, take something 'new'.

PW HISTORY PHOTO COLLECTION: Synod PW Historian, Judy Bell, will be collecting photographs and PW information from your congregation or presbytery for the Synod of Lakes & Prairies history! Please remember to include a note (*not in ink on the back of photos*) with the activity name, date, site/church/town/state, and individuals in the photograph. Thank you!

Consider purchasing an ad in the Gathering booklet to recognize a special PW!

Full page: \$150 Half page: \$75 Quarter page: \$50

Contact Terri Sherman: terishermann99@gmail.com for more details & place your order.



*****Registration for the PW Synod Gathering will CLOSE on May 28*****

Please have your registration submitted BEFORE May 28.

If late, please call Maggie Horak 402-429-0523

Our food reservations at the Event Center is due June 2---so we need those reservations early!



What to bring to the Gathering:

Whatever your comfort needs are for the time together. Dress for comfort & relaxation! Maybe a sweater if you get cool (like in a movie theater). The distance from hotel rooms to event center is not too far---but there's chairs along the way if you need to stop & rest. Relax & enjoy!

The Crossroads (formerly Ramkota) hotel next door will be taking your reservations (at the **group rate until May 13**---that may be extended) Phone **#1-605-886-8011** ask for the PW Gathering Group rate.

You'll be able to **check into your hotel room around 3 pm.**

Check out after the Gathering is 11 am--- need a later check out time? see the front desk

Mission Trip participants—check with the front desk to see if you may check in early; otherwise, you can check into the hotel after your return from the mission trip or after the evening plenary.

Lake Traverse Mini Mission Trip will meet in the hotel lobby and be **departing at 8:30**---suggest arriving **early (8:00)** as you'll need to pair up with a driver and get your instructions. Marilyn Stone has arranged a great trip to learn and fellowship. Again, this is trip is a separate cost (\$10) and can be made on your Gathering Registration.

Gathering Committee ask that you please provide an EMERGENCY CONTACT (if not completed on your registration).

Gathering Registration table will be at the Crossroads (formerly Watertown) **Event Center** next door to the hotel. Please check in with Maggie Horak when you arrive for any last-minute changes. You will be provided a note card with your workshop selections and locations.

DISPLAY BOARDS: please see Terri Sherman when you arrive near the Registration table.

Workshop reminder: If you are registered for either listed below, please read carefully.

LET YOUR CREATIVITY SHINE workshop participants/leader Fern Cloud: please pay \$5 fee (for materials) at the registration table when you arrive.

BE THE LIGHT TO END PERIOD INJUSTICE workshop participants/leaders Judy Chesley & Judy Rops: Please bring a small basket for period products that you will take back to church/area and keep stocked.

Gathering & Workshop Leaders: please check in at the Registration table & talk with Terri about your electronic needs for your workshop.

You will also be asked to complete an Expense Voucher and any other items necessary.

What time do things start?

Mini Mission Trip to Lake Traverse: Meet in hotel lobby at 8:00 for 8:30 departure

Display boards will come in & put up between 3 & 5 pm. Please take yours home at the end.

Evening meal will be from 5-7 pm in the Display area. The Cattail Room will be available if you need seating during your meal.

PWP Moderators: line up for procession in the WHITEWOOD ROOM. Don't forget your stoles!

Evening plenary will begin at 7 pm.

After the plenary, if you want to stay in the Common/Display area after plenary, welcome to stay & visit. There will be cocktails for purchase in that area.

There's also lovely greenspace conversation areas in the hotel.

Relax, enjoy, catch up with old friends, make new friends, may God bless our time together!



What can I expect at the Gathering?

Hands On Mission Projects in the Swan Room

VENDORS in the WHITEWOOD ROOM --- included will be a local/Watertown bookstore that will have the 2 books that are being discussed, other books of interest, notecards, gifts. Fern

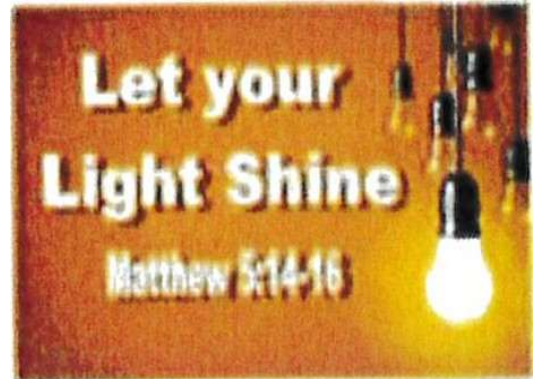
Cloud and Native American Sisters will have their art for sale as well. Please feel to browse, buy and enjoy! Thank you to the vendors for participating in the Gathering!

Morning & evening plenary times with devotional/worship time with Elona Street-Stewart. Music with Rev Kristi Holler and Marsha Bullis. Information from our offering & gift card recipients. Information from Sue Ingles, PWS representative to the PW Board of Directors. Skits to make you think & laugh! A time to be together to relax and refresh, learn and look ahead to be PW in the Synod! And a Gathering Choir! Praise the Lord in song!

Workshops! A time to listen & learn, laugh and enjoy, discern and seek God’s guidance in a beautiful surrounding without any stairs!!

Please complete & return the evaluation in your booklet.

Special thank you to Marilyn Stone for arranging and leading the Mini Mission Trip to Lake Traverse!



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