

PCA *Women's Ministry* RESOURCE Quarterly

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By the time you receive this, we will have launched into a year that appears to be marked by political and economic instability. The church of Jesus Christ will be given challenges that bring opportunities to be salt and light before men. May our hearts be ready!

How fitting for us, whom God has called into His family, to lift our fears, concerns, and praise to the All-Sufficient One. Pray this prayer with us for a new year from *The Valley of Vision*.

O God All-sufficient,

Thou has made and upholdest all things by the word of thy power; darkness is thy pavilion, thou walkest on the wings of the wind; all nations are nothing before thee; one generation succeeds another, and we hasten back to the dust; the heavens we behold will vanish away like the clouds that cover them, the earth we tread on will dissolve as a morning dream;

But thou, unchangeable and incorruptible, art forever and ever, God over all, blessed eternally. Infinitely great and glorious art thou. We are thy offspring and thy care. Thy hands have made and fashioned us. Thou hast watched over us with more than parental love, more than maternal tenderness.

Thou hast holden our soul in life, and not suffered our feet to be moved. Thy divine power has given us all things necessary for life and godliness. Let us bless thee at all times and forget not how thou hast forgiven our iniquities, healed our diseases, redeemed our lives from destruction, crowned us with loving-kindness and tender mercies, satisfied our mouths with good things, renewed our youth like the eagle's. May thy Holy Scriptures govern every part of our lives, and regulate the discharge of all our duties, so that we may adorn thy doctrine in all things.

The Valley of Vision: Puritan Prayers and Devotions.

Arthur Bennett, editor, Banner of Truth Trust, 2002, pages 382-383

Welcome to a year of ministry opportunities

for women locally, regionally, and denominationally...read on!

Discipling God's Covenant People



The purpose of the Women in the Church is that every woman know Christ personally,

Be committed to extending His kingdom in her life,
home, church, community, and throughout the world.



Declaring and Demonstrating the Love of God A Unique Women's Conference/Work Project at Lagniappe Church

As members of PCA churches we have been given a doctrinal foundation that leads us to live out the Gospel in practical and merciful ways. We love this example of a local church serving with truth and compassion. We at CEP pray that the Word and deed ministry of the women from Christ Presbyterian Church in Nashville will encourage your ministry team to think outside the box and look for creative ways to extend His kingdom.

In August of 2005, the Mississippi Gulf Coast was ravaged by Hurricane Katrina. Homes, possessions, and jobs were swept away through the devastating winds and waves. But rising from the loss is a church, Lagniappe PCA, who is committed to participating in the restoration of its community both physically and spiritually.



Speaking at Christ Presbyterian Church in Nashville one Sunday morning, Jean Larroux, pastor of Lagniappe Church in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, was asked about the volunteers who come to Lagniappe, where they regularly host teams helping with rebuilding after Hurricane Katrina. "People always ask me, 'What do you need people to do?' and I've learned to ask them, 'Well, what do you do?'" Larroux noted that he was often sur-

prised with the unique skill sets potential volunteers have that exactly meet Lagniappe's needs.

A couple of weeks later, Nancy Guthrie, a member at Christ Presbyterian, sent Larroux an email reminding him of his comments saying, "I love to teach the Bible to women. Is that something you could ever use?" This email began a conversation that birthed a unique combination work project/women's conference held at Lagniappe church in February 2008.

Since Lagniappe wasn't even an official church at the time and had very few members, a team of 15 women from Christ Pres took on the responsibility of planning and promoting the conference/work project in partnership with Barbara Warner of Lagniappe Church. Barbara previously served several terms as PresWIC President for North Florida.

About 130 women from Bay St. Louis and all around the Southeast came, staying in the bunkhouses at the church and pitching in to work in the kitchen and clean up the church facility throughout the weekend. On Friday evening and Saturday morning Guthrie taught on Job, a man who experienced devastating loss when a storm flattened his home. Worship leader

Teresa Sugar sang a few sets at the Mockingbird Café, and the women were encouraged to have a “shopping ministry” by patronizing the local shops struggling to survive in the wake of the hurricane’s impact on the city. They spent Saturday afternoon all around the city landscaping newly built homes, planting containers for the porches of homes not ready for landscaping, painting, hammering, cleaning, and having fun using their gifts to bring beauty back to the Bay.

“We told women ahead of time, ‘Don’t bother bringing your curlers or cute clothes. But be sure to bring a flexible attitude, hands that are willing to work, a heart that is broken by the hurts of others, ears that are attentive to hear God speak, and a desire to give yourself away,’ and that is certainly what they brought,” said Guthrie, “It wasn’t fancy, but it was incredibly fulfilling for everyone. I had the sense that this is the way more of our women’s events should be—opportunities to be fed by the Word combined with opportunities to give ourselves away in meaningful, personal ways.”

“The women here on the coast needed to be loved on, and more importantly, to know that God was not absent on August 29, 2005 when Hurricane Katrina made landfall,” said Barbara Warner, following the conference. “They were loved well and God’s Word was the balm for their souls. The comments from the women who came reflected answers to our prayers. The most common thing we heard was, ‘When can we do this again?’”

Guthrie says that team from Christ Presbyterian felt that they were blessed by the experience far more than they were a source of blessing for anyone else. “We were probably most impacted by the peo-

ple at Lagniappe—Jean and Kim Larroux, John and Lynn Sabin, and Richard and Barbara Warner—who left their comfortable lives to resettle in Bay St. Louis and tirelessly serve the people there in often discouraging circumstances. Seeing the costs as well as the rewards of their service up close was tremendously challenging and inspiring.”

Martha Lovelady of Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church and former Women’s Advisory Sub-Committee Representative for the Mid-America Region agreed. “As we sat at meals with Lagniappe staff, we heard stories of how they went about declaring and demonstrating the love of God to their community. I was challenged to return to my home and seek where God would have me declare and demonstrate His love.”

“We continue to see God’s hand in bringing Nancy to us for the conference,” said Jean Larroux. “A director of a local non-profit confided in me that her life was going down the tubes...divorce...death of a parent, etc. I was able to give her the four messages from the conference and one of the Bibles provided for the women. She was unable to attend that weekend; but when the storms of life began to rage, we had the perfect resource to put in her hands.”



The team pictured here with Barbara Warner and Lagniappe Church pastor, Jean Larroux.

LIVING LETTERS

It continues to be our practice to share “Living Letters” from Women’s Advisory Sub-Committee (WASC) members who have faithfully served their regions through CEP’s ministry to PCA women. These are letters from their hearts to you. But these go beyond moving stories... use them with your leadership teams as a challenge to recommit to God’s call in your life to be used by the King of the Church to love and serve His family through discipleship ministry woman to woman.

You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts, known and read by everybody. You show that you are a letter from Christ, the result of our ministry, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tables of stone, but on tablets of human hearts. 2 Corinthians 3:2-3

h Living Letters I

Bethann Tyson was the Northeast WASC member from 2003 - March 2008.



What does a girl from Philadelphia have in common with women in the south who say “y’all” and drink sweet tea? I was about to find out as I agreed to be a WASC (sounds like a bee sting!) back in 2003.

As I became a part of the women’s ministry team working with CEP, I of course found much in common. We loved Jesus. We loved His Church. And my understanding of what this meant deepened as I represented the Northeast PCA women in our Atlanta meetings.

Loving Jesus meant repenting of prejudice, listening beyond the accents, and seeing that God’s Word was the focus of women’s ministry...not programs or personalities. Loving Jesus was upholding the gospel as the priority in training leadership women. Loving Jesus meant building relationships and participating in healthy dialogue about biblical gender discipleship.

Loving His Church meant looking outside of myself and my church to see what He was doing with women’s ministries in my region (13 Presbyteries), in our nation (annual Leadership Training Conference), and in the world (2006 International Women’s Conference). It meant encouraging my sisters to pray for PCA agencies led by people they didn’t know because the PCA denomination is a family. It meant learning how to live out covenantal theology in the context of community from the articulate PCA trainers who flesh out Titus 2. It meant seeing women’s ministry as a vital part of discipleship within the whole church.

The WASC team became a safe network of friends with which to laugh, to pray, to cry, and to celebrate God’s mercies. They were women ministering to me out of their love for Jesus and His church.

I never did get used to being called a “WASC”...but representing the Northeast and seeing the big picture of kingdom discipleship was worth bearing that title.

Jan Derby is the new WASC representative for the Northeast.

As I begin this ministry journey serving on WASC, I feel inadequate and yet excited to see how the Lord will use this experience for His purposes, not only in my own life but also among the churches in the Northeast region. The call to serve was unexpected. Yet it came at a time when I was available and praying for ministry guidance, and the Lord put the desire in my heart to say “yes.”



When I reflect on the Lord’s hand on my life, I am filled with such gratitude. I grew up near Philadelphia and experienced the covenant blessings of being raised in a Christian home, not remembering a time when I did not have faith in God. Later, as a college sophomore at the University of Delaware, I distinctly remember when the decision to follow Christ truly became “my own.” Through my involvement with Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, I grew tremendously as a believer and also had my first experience leading women’s Bible studies. An added blessing of being in IVCF was meeting my future husband, Dwight, and in January 2009 we will celebrate 35 years of marriage.

The Lord blessed us with three lovely daughters who now are married and mothers themselves. Their marriages added to our family wonderful sons-in-law and now six precious grandchildren. All of our girls live in Delaware, and each family attends a different PCA church in the same presbytery—we’ve got it covered!

I have always loved women’s ministry—probably because it meant so much to me in my years as a young wife and mother. As a member of Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Newark, Delaware, I had the privilege of sitting under the teaching of two dear pastors’ wives, Ruth Auffarth and Dot Frett (both former WASC reps); and I soaked up their teaching on what it means to be a biblical woman. In time I began to teach some WIC core group studies and also assumed a lead-

ership role on the Heritage PresWIC council, later serving four years as president.

Shortly thereafter, my husband and I had the unique opportunity to participate in a PCA church plant. Starting from “scratch” truly makes you consider what ministry should look like, and for several years I coordinated the women’s ministry for our small church. We were just returning to the Newark church when I was asked to consider serving on WASC, so my ministry “geography” expanded from the small church plant to the entire Northeast region. However, since there are numerous church plants in the Northeast, I once again can see how God uses all circumstances to prepare and shape us for serving Him. I also recently retired from twenty years of employment, so God’s timing is always on time. I love becoming acquainted with so many other PCA sisters, and it is a privilege to participate in a ministry that has been so influential in my own life.

h Living Letters II

Susan Phillis served as chairman of the Women’s Advisory Sub-Committee during the planning of the 2006 Women in the Church Conference. Some of you will remember the letter she wrote to her daughter Bethany (then 18) sharing her vision and prayers for the purposes of this event to impact and grow Bethany’s love and knowledge of her Savior. (PCA Women’s Ministry Resource Quarterly, 3rd & 4th Quarters, 2005).



Susan writes to Bethany again:

Dear Bethany,
 I’m writing this letter to you, because even though others will read it, I know that it is YOU who will really appreciate it. My task is to “reflect on my time serving on the WASC.” How do you summarize five years in a single letter?

The first time I was asked to serve on the WASC I simply said no. I was sure God was too busy with me in my local church, my family, and my own agenda. Your dad quickly rebuked me—but could not get me to change my mind. (You know me. I always think I am right.) A year later, when the call came again, it was your dad that encouraged me to say yes to God this time. I wouldn’t have agreed to serve without your dad’s strong support and overwhelming sense that this was truly God’s call for me at this time.

Lesson # 1

Listen to those who know you (like your husband)!

They can be right!

I’ve told you the story of my first official WASC meeting. Things were difficult at our church, and I just sat and cried. Why they wanted to keep me after that meeting is beyond me! And by the next meeting, we had left that particular church and had a new church home. Now I was SURE the Lord didn’t want me to stay on that committee—when I wasn’t actually “doing” ministry in my new church home. How could I possibly serve on the WASC when I didn’t have any women in my own life? (Do you see a pattern here? Me telling God what is right and wrong? Yikes!) But God had other plans. Even as my heart grieved the women and ministry I left behind, God gave me a group of women on the WASC committee that loved me well and allowed me to use my gifts to serve them. I struggled that my kingdom work was no longer taking place in my local church. I wanted to be involved in women’s ministry at a local AND a national level—but that didn’t happen during those years. And silly me, I really didn’t accept that until I rotated off the WASC. THEN I realized that God had indeed given me the women of the WASC to be MY women! Oh, they told me that at every meeting - but I didn’t listen!!! Seems I’m never satisfied with what is currently happening in my life and ministry.

Lesson # 2

Don’t always be looking behind or forward. Don’t be looking for things you don’t have. Rest in the women God has given you and serve them well.

One of our responsibilities as I served was planning the 2006 conference, *Generation to Generation*. I have told you about the meeting where we were asked if we should even have a conference—and we as a WASC overwhelmingly said “No!” Then, realizing we hadn’t prayed about it, we spent the night seeking the Lord. When we returned the next morning to take another vote, we found God had changed each of our minds. For me, it was your sweet face ever before me that prompted me to say “yes” to a task that I knew would be challenging and exhausting. But remember my verse—Judges 2:10: *After that the next generation grew up who knew neither the Lord nor what He had done for Israel.* I just couldn’t let that happen. YOU are the next generation. YOU are the one I am supposed to tell about His work. YOU are the covenant child that God wants me to invest in first and foremost, and I couldn’t fail you in that. You needed to hear God’s story in the PCA, to hear of His faithfulness, to know that He keeps His promises, and to be encouraged to take those truths to the next generation as well.

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Lesson # 3

Let God lead you in your decisions. Search the Scriptures. Sometimes they are not easy decisions—and sometimes they demand great things from us. But remember—God is able. He will always provide.

My time of serving the denomination as a WASC member has come to an end, and I have mixed emotions. Being the “queen of guilt” as you well know, I lived those years always thinking there was more I should be doing. I don't miss that part. But I do miss the people! I look back and see the rich relationships I developed with the women on the WASC, and I am humbled to be counted as their friend. I see specific faces of women in the Mid-Atlantic region and rejoice as God has used their faithfulness in preparing the Bride of Christ, the church. You see—the WASC was not about a task or job—it was about relationships. Women's ministry in the church is not about a job or position—it is about relationships!

Lesson # 4

Women need women! Seek strong, mentoring relationships with other women in your life—both older and younger.

So Bethany, learn from your mom! The time spent as a WASC member was all for naught if you, my own daughter, did not catch a glimpse of the joy and privilege of living as a Daughter of the King and serving Him and His church. Rejoice in His plan for your life—and be open to His leading. Trust Him to provide everything you need. . . and proclaim His goodness to the next generation! I love you! Mom

Sandy Currin became the new WASC representative for the Mid-Atlantic region in March, 2008.

I wanted to be a missionary when I applied to Duke University's School of Nursing but eventually discovered that I was not a Christian! I knew about Jesus, heaven, and hell; and I thought I knew all I needed to know about God. Fortunately a fellow nursing student persistently invited me to Campus Crusade for Christ meetings, where during my sophomore year God drew me to Him.



I soon met my husband to be, Jerry, and upon graduation we joined the staff of CCC but soon began sensing a call to the pastorate. Giving up our ministry with CCC was difficult as we loved mentoring college students. Daily I claimed Jeremiah 29:11, “For I know the plans I have for you...”

So I began mentoring women in our churches, and now over thirty years later I find myself as a WASC member! It has been quite a journey, and my passion for mentoring has only grown through CEP's training and resources for women. The truths taught fanned my earlier training in discipleship. I am now on our church's Women's Ministry Team as the Titus Two representative, the East Carolina PresWIC board, and also have the joy of mentoring several women in groups and individually.

Recently one of the women I meet with weekly suggested we commit to mentoring a group of girls for three years to prepare them for Junior High. Last year we used CEP's discipleship material for teens, *Becoming a True Woman*, and we were amazed at the biblical truths the girls learned.

I now have the opportunity of teaching and discipling women through conferences, and as a WASC member I have begun the privilege of meeting the women in my Mid-Atlantic Region as well as my sisters on the WASC board. I have much to learn but am finding God faithful as I discover the plans He has for me.

God has blessed us with three grown daughters, two sons-in-law, and our first grandchild. I am still working part time as a nurse and also learning how to care for aging parents. I enjoy swimming, sewing, and raising butterflies. Jerry is the Senior Associate Pastor at The Church of the Good Shepherd, in Durham, NC.

A missionary? Not as I originally planned. How thankful I am that God does know the plans He has for us, and that they involve not only ourselves but His beloved church.


Please pray for Rick and Bethann Tyson and Jim and Susan Phillis in their new seasons of ministry. Give thanks for the ways both couples have used their gifts in building up the body of Christ.

Pray for Jan and Sandy as each continues in the good legacy of training that she has been given.

Training Events and Resources


Two key events planned by CEP to help disciple and equip the church of Jesus Christ.

Presbyterian Church in America
2009 Women in the Church Leadership Training Conference
March 10-12, 2009 • Covenant College - Chattanooga, Tennessee



Come to the mountain!
Focus on being kingdom women in God's church.
Leave better equipped to love and serve God's family.

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Presbyterian Church in America
2009 Women in the Church Leadership Training Conference
Tuesday, March 10-Thursday, March 12, 2009 • Covenant College - Chattanooga, Tennessee

**FAMILY MATTERS:
Loving, Equipping, and Serving God's Church**

A Conference for... PresWIC Leadership, Local Women's Leadership, Bible Study Leadership, Directors of Women's Ministries, and PCA Staff Women

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

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Dr. Niel Nielson, President, Covenant College
Dr. Kathleen Nielson, Speaker and author of numerous Bible studies
Pam Benton, Former Mid-America Women's Advisory Sub-Committee Representative

CONFERENCE COST
\$225 **Early Registration** (before Jan. 31)
\$250 Registration (after Jan. 31)
Registration Deadline: February 28

Cost includes conference materials, two lunches, and two dinners. Cost does not include hotel accommodations. Discounted group rates are offered at the conference hotel, the Chattanooga Choo Choo. Call 1-800-872-2529 for reservations and mention conference.

To register go to www.pacep.org/wic or call CEP at 1-800-283-1357

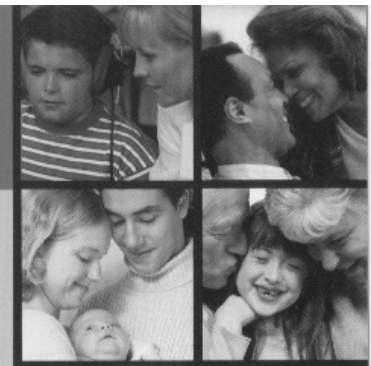
Also check out directions, Covenant College, and transportation links on the website.

See next page for Mercy Ministry Conference

2009 MERCY MINISTRIES CONFERENCE

ENRICHING THE KINGDOM

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Restoring the Family, Serving the Community



“BLESSED ARE
THE MERCIFUL
FOR THEY WILL
BE SHOWN
MERCY.”

— MATTHEW 5:7

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Chattanooga, Tennessee

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2009 MERCY MINISTRIES CONFERENCE

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- Steve Corbett, Chalmers Center
- Julian Russell, Park Cities Presbyterian Church, Dallas, TX
- Stephanie Hubach, Mission to North America
- Fred and Tara Barthel, Peacemakers
- Gene Johnson, New City Fellowship, Chattanooga, TN
- Nancy Booher, Mission to North America
- George and Karen Grant, Parish Presbyterian Church, Franklin, TN
- Bob Burns, Covenant Theological Seminary
- Randy Nabors, New City Fellowship, Chattanooga, TN

- David and Nancy Guthrie, Christ Presbyterian Church, Nashville, TN
- Sarah Lipp, HARVEST USA

A Sampling of Topics:

- Adoption
- Disability
- ESL
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- Benevolence
- Grief
- Community Outreach
- Peacemaking

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Registration deadline 3/01/09

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Visit www.pacep.org/mercy
for more details and speaker bios,
to register, and to book your hotel room.

Opening Session Begins:
7^{PM} Thursday, March 12th

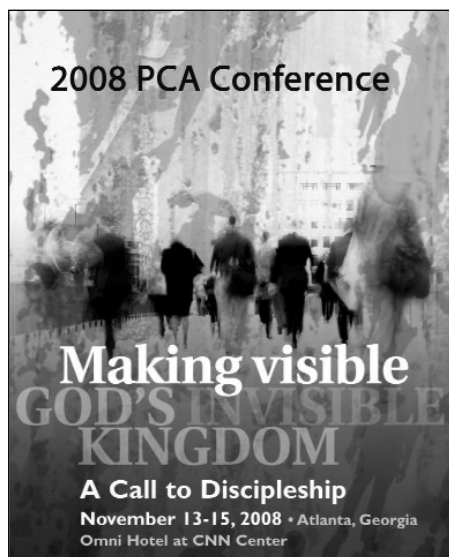
Closing Session Concludes:
11:45^{AM} Saturday, March 14th

Visit WWW.PACEP.ORG/MERCY for more conference details and registration information or contact us at TRAINING@PCANET.ORG • 800.283.1357

37th PCA General Assembly

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Register Now for Women's Events!



What happens when over three hundred people from twenty-six states, Peru, and Canada come together in Atlanta, Georgia, with the Christian Education and Publications staff and people such as Chuck Colson, Anthony Bradley, Christian Smith, Allen Curry, and other excellent seminar leaders and speakers? It remains to be seen what God will do as a result of such a gathering. The CEP Discipleship Conference centered on the mission of CEP in the Presbyterian Church in America: to provide biblically Reformed training and resources that will train church leaders, including parents and teachers, to make disciples with a kingdom world and life view, reflected in serving the triune God in all areas of life and intentionally focusing on passing the faith to rising generations.

Please check out these resources made available to you from the conference. They are kingdom tools that will aid your local church in understanding the relationship of the church and the kingdom and their respective mission to worship, disciple, and serve as God's salt and light here and now.

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Here is a creative way that one church promoted the annual Women in the Church Love Gift. Read not only to get ideas, but also read the results of the program: a better understanding of the “big picture” of the PCA along with the awareness of the significance of support—both through prayer and finances.

Women's Advisory Sub-Committee member Brook Breed shares: “The Love Gift presentation is one of my favorite annual events of our women's ministry program. It is our chance to partner with the Committees and Agencies of the PCA through our giving and prayer. Each fall our church, Covenant Presbyterian in Sebring, Florida, hosts a Love Gift Brunch and creates a program by using the Love Gift video plus any information about the particular agency, including its plans for implementing the funds from the Love Gift donations.

“This year's Love Gift recipient, Christian Education and Publications, used the Women in the Church's *Resource Quarterly* to give information about its many areas of ministry to the PCA. We developed a program using the stories of Danny Mitchell, CEP's Family and Youth Ministries Coordinator, and Sue Jakes, Children's Ministry Coordinator. Two of our women each told one of the stories from the quarterly and shared the passion and goals for each prospective ministry and the Love Gift. We also told the women about the many ministries in which CEP is involved. It was very convenient that our brunch fell on the Tuesday after the 2008 Discipleship Conference because we were able to use quotes and challenges that we heard from Christian Smith, Anthony Bradley, and Charles Colson about our youth in today's culture. After viewing the Love Gift video, we showed the new Bible studies for teen girls, the brochure about the YXL Camp (Youth Excelling in Leadership) held each summer, and the Training Conference for Teachers and Youth Workers brochure—just three of the many programs CEP offers. I also challenged the

women to provide scholarships to send youth from our church to YXL next summer.

“We actually began promoting the Love Gift through our women's program's yearly brochure, given out at the beginning of each fall. This brochure tells about all the programs for the year along with a calendar of these events. Three weeks before the Love Gift Brunch, we put the first announcement in the bulletin about the Love Gift. The next week, we used CEP's bulletin insert (ordered at no charge through CEP). The Sunday before the brunch, we made the Love Gift more personal by creating a bulletin insert using pictures of our own covenant kids. We made sure their faces were clear so the theme of the Love Gift, “You Can See It In Their Eyes,” was brought forth in a very personal and real way.

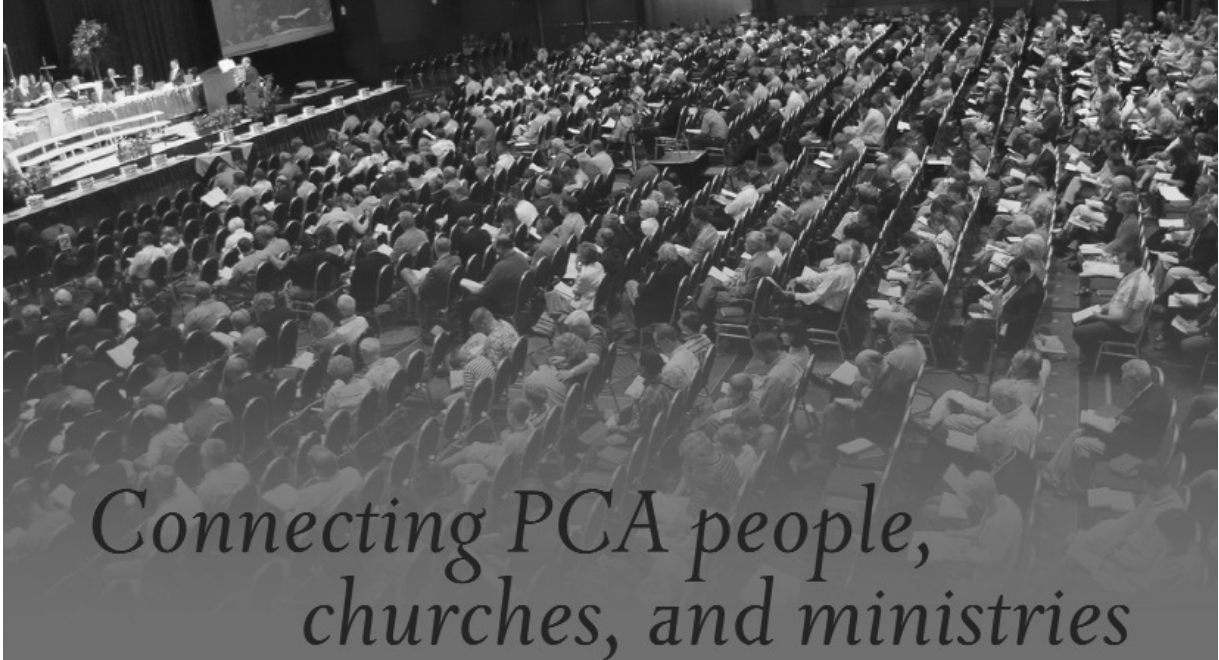
“Since we have started presenting the Love Gift in this manner, our women have been learning about the different PCA Committees and Agencies. Our Love Gift offerings have increased substantially as our women realize what a difference they can make through their giving and prayer for the Love Gift recipients each year.”

The 2009 Women in the Church Love Gift will go the PCA Administration Committee (AC). In the next issues of the Resource Quarterly, you will learn more about what this key committee does for our denomination. Here is a clue—SERVICE!!! The DVDs and bulletin inserts are in the CEP Bookstore ready to send to your church.

It's not too late to promote the 2008 Love Gift! Donations for the 2008 Love Gift recipient, CEP, will be collected until May 2009. To order a DVD/video and bulletin inserts for your church (free of charge), contact the CEP bookstore at 1-800-283-1357 or www.pacep.org/lovegift.

WOMEN *IN THE* CHURCH 2009 LOVE GIFT

PCA ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE (AC)



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- Administration is a gift of God (1 Corinthians 12:28).

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- Publishes *byFaith* magazine
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