

Invitation / Description

You are invited to attend an exciting PW Synod Gathering at Epworth by the Sea, Oct. 25-27, 2019.

Our PW Synod Gathering, held once every three years, is an opportunity for women from South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida to nurture faith, exchange ideas, discover mission opportunities, strengthen relationships, and relax. Participants will enjoy workshops, tours, forums, plenary (large group) sessions with inspiring speakers, worship, music, Bible study, and more.

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New This Year

EXPLORATIONS Our schedule is comprised of several “Explorations” – opportunities to attend workshops, forums, tours, and mission displays, to create arts/crafts, and to visit/shop at our marketplace.

REGISTRATION DISCOUNTS for 1st time attendees and 4+ from same church. Download Registration Form OR register online at <https://pwsosa.com/2019-synod-gathering/>

START TIME Programming for everyone will begin at 1:30 pm on Friday.

MISSION PROJECT PDA hygiene kits – We are asking each presbytery to bring 100 items for our mission project. This is a great way for women who cannot attend the gathering to participate. Contact your PW Presbytery Moderator for details or send inquiries to pw.synod.of.south.atlantic@gmail.com.

Plenary Leaders / Special Guests

Rev. Eugenia Gamble, Author, *Horizons* Bible Study

Rev. Dr. Kathryn Threadgill, Presbyterian Mission Agency

Rev. Cameron Trimble, Center for Progressive Renewal

Susan Jackson-Dowd, Executive Director, PW National Staff

Jyung In Lee, Moderator, PW Board of Directors

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Nuts/Bolts

Registration fee is \$100 for plenaries and explorations. Submit your form between February 1st and September 15th. LATE registrants will incur an additional fee.

Make your own lodging/meal reservations through Epworth via <https://epworthbythesea.org/events/>. If you choose to stay off site, you can purchase meals from Epworth.

Scooter Rentals available by calling 912-342-1004.

An Offering will be collected on Saturday to benefit Mission Haven and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

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Planning Team: Barbara Elliott, Judy Grieve, Mary Martin, Molly McCarthy, Jeanne Simpson, Linda Spencer, Kelly Weirich, Sandra Winslett, and Shelagh Wirth – with special help from Anita Errickson and Charlotte Goff.

Email us: pw.synod.of.south.atlantic@gmail.com

Join our FB group:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/PWSOSA.2019Gathering/>

11th Triennial Gathering of Presbyterian Women in the Synod of South Atlantic

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STONE



You shall put these words of mine in your heart and soul, and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and fix them as an emblem on your forehead.

-- Deuteronomy 11:18

October 25-27, 2019
Noon Friday – Noon Sunday

Epworth by the Sea
St. Simons Island, GA

Explorations -- For additional details, visit <https://pwsosa.com/2019-synod-gathering/>

Schedule

Friday

Noon - Arrival, Registration, Lunch

1:30 - **Exploration A or B**

4:00 - Synod Business Meeting

5:00 - Orientation for first time attendees

5:30 - Dinner

6:45 - Songfest and Opening Plenary

8:45 - Social event for night owls

Saturday

7:00-8:30 - Breakfast

8:15 - Choir

8:45 - Songfest and Morning Plenary

10:45 - **Exploration C**

11:45 - Lunch

1:15 - **Exploration D**

2:45 - **Exploration E or F**

4:30 - Book Review

5:30 - Dinner

6:30 - Choir

6:45 - Songfest and Evening Plenary

9:00 - Fellowship and assemble PDA kits

Sunday

7:00-8:30 - Breakfast

8:15 - Choir

8:45 - Songfest and Closing Worship

11:00 - Check-out

11:45 - Lunch and departure

Make time to shop in the marketplace, experience the contemplation center, visit the mission display tables, socialize, explore the island, and relax.

Explorations A (Friday 1:30 – 2:45) Motivational discussions, arts/crafts

Explorations B (Friday 1:30 – 4:00) **and F** (Saturday 2:45 – 5:30) Boat and trolley tours, Painting Party, Mission Displays, Marketplace

Explorations C (Saturday 10:45 – noon) **and D** (Saturday 1:15 – 2:30) Workshops to inform, inspire, and equip

Explorations E (2:45 – 4:00) Motivational discussions, arts/crafts, forum with PW staff, meet the author

1. **Small Great Things, by Jodi Picoult** [Rev. Jeanne Simpson] Book review/ discussion about race, privilege, justice, and compassion. **4:30 pm on Saturday**
* * WE ENCOURAGE ALL WOMEN TO READ THIS RIVETING BOOK. * *
2. **Info Forum** – Q & A time with PW Staff and CT Leaders **E only**
3. **Meet the Author** – Q & A time with Eugenia Gamble. **E only**
4. **Christ Church** – Carpool to nearby Christ Church to visit the campus, walk the cemetery, learn the history, or pray. The church is open from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. **B and F**
5. **Trolley Tour** – See notable heritage sites and learn about the history of the island. Pickup at Epworth. **\$20 fee B and F**
6. **Boat Ride** – Observe dolphin in the wild, view bird habitats, and more. Carpool to marina. **\$30 fee B and F**
7. **Ben Zander and the Art of Possibility** [Stu Ritter] Learn innovative ways to become passionate communicators and leaders **A and E**
8. **Painting His Truth Together** [Truth be Told Art] Step by step instructions to paint your own beautiful canvas with God's truth on it. **\$30 fee includes all supplies. B and F**
9. **Joyful Journaling: Begin the Journey** [Gayle Anne Bone] Begin the practice of journaling your thoughts and prayers as a means of spiritual growth. **\$7 fee A and E**
10. **Find your Why** [Susan Jackson-Dowd & Jyung In Lee] Why PW? Is the Presbyterian Women organization still relevant in the 21st century? How can we keep PW vibrant and attract younger women? **A and C**
11. **Sabbath Keeping** [Rev. Joan Stevens] Creative ways to apply "Sabbath-Keeping" practices that will nurture your relationship with God, others and yourself. **C and D**
12. **Drum Circles** [Charles Tighe] Share rhythm and get in tune with each other and yourself. **C and D**
13. **Living Long in the Land of the Lord: Healthy boundaries in Marriage and Family relationships.** [Rev. Karla Condit Daniels] Explore avenues of thinking and behavior that will invite new opportunities for faithful living amid difficult situations. **C and D**
14. **Jesus the Storyteller** [Rev. Jeanne Simpson] Why did Jesus use this story form? Examine several specific parables. **C and D**
15. **Explore the 7 Marks of a Vital Congregation** [Rev. Dr. Kathryn Threadgill] What pastors and presbyteries around the country are sharing, the realities that we are up against, and the necessary work the Spirit is calling us to do. **C and D**
16. **Ending Modern Slavery** [Cameron Trimble] Identify the challenges to combat human trafficking, the progress being made, and how to engage congregations to end this global crime. **C and D**
17. **Global Exchange to Indonesia** [Linda Spencer] How PW builds bridges of understanding with women around the world. **C only**
18. **USA Mission Experience to New York's Finger Lakes Region** [Gayle Bone] How PW fosters understanding of history, culture, ministry, and women's challenges in this region. **D only**
19. **Sharing our stories** [David Barnhart] Screen 2 short films; discover ways to facilitate dialogue and congregational engagement; how to find common ground on relevant issues. **C and D**
20. **How to Teach a Bible Study** [Rev. Dr. Tom Malone] Learn techniques that make Scripture come alive. **C and D**
21. **Moving in the Spirit** [Amanda Lower] Explore ways of incorporating movement into the worship and church setting. **C and D**
22. **Notes of Love** [Rev. Anne Mann] Handmade spirit led creations using stamping and embossing techniques. **\$5 fee C and D**
23. **Transformation of Foster Care** [Sonya O'Neal] Hope and healing for every child and family. Interactive activities to learn about Thornwell's techniques and tools. **C and D**
24. **The Examined Life: Beginning A Life Review** [Holly Shoaf-O'Kula] Discover and appreciate the value and meaning of our lives and how to share your review with loved ones. **C and D**
25. **Worship as Sacred Time, as Home, and as Fiesta** [Marissa Galvan-Valle] Confronting multicultural worship challenges as opportunities to grow in faith. **C** (Spanish) **and D** (English)
26. **Mission Displays** – Learn more about mission opportunities. **Anytime**
27. **Marketplace** – Shop for PW supplies, arts/crafts, fair trade items, books, and more. **See posted signs for hours**
28. **Contemplation Center** – self-guided time for reflection **Anytime**

Explorations are subject to changes and/or cancellations if insufficient interest or sudden illness of presenter.