



**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN  
SYNOD OF THE  
NORTHEAST  
TRIENNIAL GATHERING**

**“Grace Abounds”  
2 Corinthians 9:8**

**Silver Bay YMCA Camp and  
Conference Center, Lake George, NY**

**July 18-20, 2014**

## **GRACE ABOUNDS**

Many times throughout our lives we question ourselves and others: “Where is the Grace?”, after we experience or see difficult circumstances and actions. We will explore together “Grace”. What is it? Where is it? God gives us grace by God’s love, and from this love we can have joy, peace, gentleness, and self-control. Let’s see what we find, when we explore “Grace”. Grace does abound!

## **THE SCRIPTURE**

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly, will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully...And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that you, always having sufficiency in all things, may share abundantly in every good work. 2 Corinthians 9:6, 8 KJV (adapted)

## **THE ARTIST**

The artist, Rey Harris, Jr. is a student at the City College of New York, hoping for a future as a graphic artist. The Theme “Grace Abounds” was given to him with a number of subjects to think about. He chose our first subject on multiculturalism and immigration to draw this first picture.

Rey explained the following: “This picture gives us a woman with a dog facing a fence that overlooks a city, a town, or a country. A number of questions come to mind when you look at this picture. Is there “Grace” here? Is the young woman a person from some other place? Is she longing to get over the fence? Does she want to get in? Is she glad she is on the other side of the fence? Is she an outsider? Is she a person seeking immigration or asylum to the place on the left side? Is it a city? Is it a different country? It looks prosperous. It looks like a place a person might want to be. The streets look paved. There are lots of nice homes and tall buildings there. Is this the United States? Is the fence keeping people in or out? Is it a place where “Grace” abounds, and all cultures and people are welcomed?”

## FEATURED SPEAKERS

Friday Evening Plenary-Speaker: Rev. Dr. Holly Haile Smith  
Racial Ethnic/Multiculturalism

Saturday Morning Plenary-Speaker: Rev. Cathy Surgenor  
Human Trafficking/Modern Slavery

Saturday Evening Plenary-Speaker: Joan Coop  
A Web of Creative Expression  
(Those who plan to attend the Gathering - bring a  
creative gift you can share)

Saturday Evening Plenary-Installation of New Coordinating  
Team Members

Sunday Morning-Worship: Rev. Yvonne Collie Pendleton  
Where is the Grace?

Song Leader-June Jennings  
Montclair, NJ

Music-Keith Josephs  
Morrisville, NY

## SHORT SCHEDULE

### FRIDAY, JULY 18

3:30pm - 5:00pm – PWS BUSINESS MEETING

5:00pm – 7:00pm – DINNER

7:00pm – 9:00pm – OPENING PLENARY AND WORSHIP

### SATURDAY, JULY 19

8:30am – 11am – PLENARY

11:30am – 12:45pm – LUNCH

1:00pm – 4:30pm – LEARNING CIRCLES

5:00pm – 7:00pm – DINNER

7:30pm – 9:30pm PLENARY AND INSTALLATION

### SUNDAY, JULY 20

9:30am – 11:30am – WORSHIP AND COMMUNION

## SATURDAY LEARNING CIRCLES WHERE'S THE GRACE?

Learning Circles are offered twice in the afternoon,  
except I, J, K, offered only once at 1:00pm.

- A. **“Spiritual Life for Our Times” - Joan Coop** - Living a faithful life is not easy in our time in history. Our culture has many values which are counter to our Christian values. Daily life leaves little time for faithful reflection. In this learning circle we will explore ways which will nurture our faith; our souls; and give deeper meaning to our witness. Grace does abide. (two 90 minute sessions)
- B. **“Moved to Heal” - Lynn Hasselbarth** - Our faith is incarnational in that God's Word became flesh through Jesus Christ. If we truly believe this, then isn't God's presence made known in our bodies also? So often we neglect and even harm the body, especially when we feel pain and stress. During our time together we will explore the theological grounding for care of the body, recapturing the importance of the body as a sacred space and a place for healing. Through gentle stretching and mind-body activities we will deepen our awareness of the body as a central aspect of our spiritual lives and personal well-being. (two 90 minute sessions)
- C. **“Social Media 101” - Susan Jackson Dowd** - The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and Presbyterian women are connectional. Social media and social networking are excellent tools for a connectional church because they provide information, resources, communication, and networking. This learning circle will focus on the best tools to use for our work together as Presbyterian Women and how to access and use electronic resources and tools (including Horizons, PW's Facebook and Web pages) to support, connect and grow our PW community. (two 90 minute sessions)

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- D. **“Unto these Hills--USA Mission to Western North Carolina and Eastern Tennessee” - Rita Hooper** - Appalachia, an area of extremes, is rich in Presbyterian connections. Many of the people in this area face tough situations as they seek out a living on the land while others live a life of abundance. We will review and take part in some of the tough decisions that those trying to help the disadvantaged have to make. (two 90 minute sessions)
- E. **“Using Creativity in Written Expression” - Ellen Davis** - Everyone can be creative and we all have talents. In this workshop you will explore ways to develop original written pieces as well as ways to be creative with known stories. You will have the opportunity to learn about thinking maps for original pieces, rhyming ladders, simple poetry forms such as haiku and cinquain, shape stories, and cut-and-tell stories. Participants should bring a pencil, a pen, and a favorite Bible verse. (two 90 minute sessions)
- F. **“Experience and Insights from the Global Exchange to India” - Lucy Janjigian** - Through power point and key note presentation, Lucy will cover the places visited and the people met during the 2011 Global Exchange to India. The following will be lifted up for discussion: problems facing India such as slave labor, child trafficking, body part selling, female fetus abortion, domestic violence (and ring the bell solution for this). We will also discuss the effectiveness of the visit of 10 Indian guests who attended our 2012 Gathering in Orlando and how we can take better advantage of the presence of global guests at the next Churchwide Gathering. (two 90 minute sessions)

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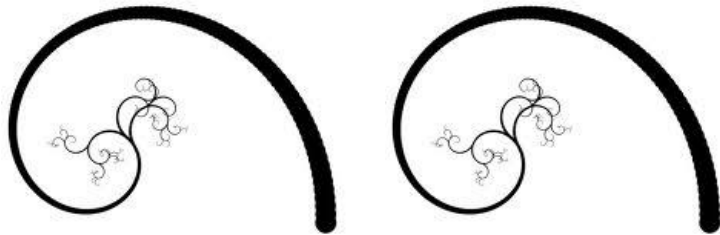
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- G. **“Keep It Lively & Make It Fun! 2014-2015 PW Bible Study - 2 Corinthians” - Lisa A. Gray** - In this workshop we will explore: practical tips on attracting participants; building trust and community; additional devotionals; and hi tech/lo tech resources. These resources will be woven together with the wealth of resources provided with the study: how to use the art/make it a stitch & study; how to resolve difficult questions and dealing with challenging personalities. (two 90 minute sessions)
- H. **“Human Trafficking/Modern Slavery” - Dotsie Shaw** - Since bringing the topic from the 1997 Global Exchange to Asia and the Philippines the issue of human trafficking has been a church wide concern of Presbyterian Women. In 2013, human trafficking was the focus of the United Nations “Commission on the Status of Women”. It is a problem that has become, or at least it should have become, of great concern for PW in the Synod of the Northeast. During our time together, the agency ECPAT (End to Child Prostitution and Trafficking) along with other agencies following the issues of trafficking will be presented, as well as how Presbyterian women can support and be aware of this human problem/issue. Understanding the CODE and who has agreed to its principles will be discussed. Small groups will be invited to share their stories. There is a short film that may be shown. (two 90 minute sessions)
- I. **“Bible Study in Spanish” - Gladys Ortiz** - Gladys will introduce the 2 Corinthians Bible Study. (one 90 minute session)

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- J. **“Pages Worth Turning” - Emily Castine** - There are many inspirational books, both fiction and non-fiction, that raise interesting questions about values, social issues, faith, spirituality, etc. During our time together we will explore some of the books that do just that. Also, participants will have the opportunity to share the title, author and a brief description of a book they, too, feel contains “pages worth turning” and definitely “pages worth reading.” It is hoped that together we will come up with a list of titles to be shared with PWSNE. (one 90 minute session)
- K. **“Native American Wisdom and its Contribution to Spiritual Life.” - Rev. Dr. Holly Haile Smith** – What do our Native American sisters have to tell us about how Native American wisdom influences their and our spiritual lives. Where and what are the connections to Christian practice? (one 90 minute session)



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

All rooms at Silver Bay are non-smoking.  
There are 79 rooms with private baths:  
40 with two twin beds  
37 with one twin and one double bed, which can be triples  
2 with two twin beds, and one double bed, which can be quads  
Triples and quads are the same price.

**These rooms are Package Plan #1 on Registration Form**

There are 25 rooms with shared baths:  
14 with two twin beds  
11 with one twin bed and one double bed, which can be triples.

**These rooms are Package Plan #2 on the Registration Form**

Indicate the age of any child, and include the correct percentage  
There will be babysitting for children 12 and under.

Prices are dependent on whether the bath is shared or private, and include the program fee. Rooms will be assigned on a first registered basis. Please be clear about your preference.

There are golf carts available at Silver Bay, if you need help getting around. Please indicate this in the SPECIAL NEEDS section of the registration form.

**Your name tag is your meal ticket at Silver Bay – be sure to wear it at all times.**

PW REGISTRATION TABLE opens Friday at 1 pm, because the PWS Business Meeting starts at 3:30pm. Check in at Silver Bay starts at 4pm. Check out on Sunday is 11am. It is probably best to do it before worship.

Registration opens January 3, 2014 and closes May 31, 2014.

After you have completed the registration form, please fill out page 10 for your records.

**REGISTRATION FORM  
(COMPLETE PAGES 9 & 10)**

LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_

FIRST NAME \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E -MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

NAMES/AGES of CHILDREN \_\_\_\_\_

PRESBYTERY \_\_\_\_\_

EMERGENCY CONTACT \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIAL NEEDS (dietary, mobility, etc)  
\_\_\_\_\_

I will need shuttle from \_\_\_\_\_

Pay shuttle driver??

Please indicate interest in Saturday Learning Circles

A. B. C. D. E. F. G. H. I. J. K.

PWP Moderators and PWS CT members – PWS pays your room and board for two nights (double occupancy in a room with private bath)	
Program Fee – All pay, non-refundable	\$70
Single room – add \$50 per night	
Roommate	
Total for PWP/PWS member	

Make checks payable to: Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Northeast (PWSNE), and mail it to Registrar:  
Jane MacDonald (jkmac@nac.net)  
36 Carriage Lane  
Newton, NJ 07860-1927

**FEES, LODGING, AND MEALS**

*Package Plan # 1 is per person in a room with a private bath and includes program fee, 6 meals (Fri Dinner thru Sunday Lunch), 2 nights (Fri & Sat)*

Option	# in Room	\$ Two Nights	\$ One Night
NO Roommate	1	\$420	\$245
ONE Roommate	2	\$330	\$200
TWO Roommates	3	\$290	\$180
THREE Roommates	4	\$290	\$180

Children 5 and under are free; 6-12 pay 35%. Children 13-17 pay 55%. Over 17 are considered adults, and pay the full Package Plan Amount.

Circle one fee, please, and indicate roommate(s) below. Please include all roommates registrations in one envelope

Roommate 1	
Roommate 2	
Roommate 3	

Total for Package Plan # 1	
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*Package Plan # 2 is per person in a room with a shared bath and includes program fee, 6 meals (Fri Dinner thru Sunday Lunch), 2 nights (Fri & Sat)*

Option	# in Room	\$ Two Nights	\$ One Night
NO Roommate	1	\$380	\$225
ONE Roommate	2	\$290	\$180
TWO Roommates	3	\$250	\$160

Children 5 and under are free; 6-12 pay 35%. Children 13-17 pay 55%. Over 17 are considered adults, and pay the full Package Plan Amount.

Circle one fee, please, and indicate roommate(s) below. Please include all roommates registrations in one envelope

Roommate 1	
Roommate 2	

Total for Package Plan # 2	
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*Commuter Plan is per person and is priced by component*

Program Fee – All pay, non-refundable	\$70.00
Friday Dinner - \$20.00	
Saturday Lunch - \$15.00	
Saturday Dinner - \$20.00	
Sunday Lunch - \$15.00	

Circle which meals are desired, and move amount to right column, then total.

Total for Commuter	
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**PLEASE COMPLETE AND KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS  
(You WILL NOT receive confirmation of your registration)**

Complete both pages – 9 & 10 of the registration form, and mail it with your check (payable to PWSNE) to

**Registrar Jane MacDonald,  
36 Carriage Lane,  
Newton, NJ 07860-1927**

Registration form is also available at [www.pwsne.org](http://www.pwsne.org)

\_\_\_\_ I registered for package plan # 1, \_\_\_\_\_ ONE NIGHT  
(program fee + 3 meals + 1 night lodging) with these roommates:  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I registered for package plan # 1, \_\_\_\_\_ TWO NIGHTS  
(program fee + 6 meals + 2 night lodging) with these roommates:  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I registered for package plan # 2, \_\_\_\_\_ ONE NIGHT  
(program fee, + 3 meals + 1 night lodging) with these roommates:  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I registered for package plan # 2, \_\_\_\_\_ TWO NIGHTS  
(program fee, + 6 meals + 1 night lodging) with these roommates:  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I registered for this commuter plan:  
Friday dinner\_\_\_\_ Saturday lunch\_\_\_\_ Saturday dinner\_\_\_\_  
Sunday Lunch\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I registered as a PWP Moderator or a PWS CT member with  
this roommate\_\_\_\_\_

I sent check no. \_\_\_\_\_ in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ on  
(date)\_\_\_\_\_

I indicated interest in these Learning Circles for Saturday  
A. B. C. D. E. F. G. H. I. J. K.

**♥BE KIND TO YOUR REGISTRAR ♥**

♥Spouse pays full rate, and is considered a roommate

♥PLEASE send all roommate registrations in one envelope,  
with **1 check per person**

♥No cancellations after June 20 2014, since PW is locked in at  
that time. Cancellations prior to June 20 will be reimbursed only  
½ the lodging and meal amount.

Questions about registration?

E-mail Jane MacDonald [jkmac@nac.net](mailto:jkmac@nac.net)

Questions about the Gathering? E-mail [Jo Ann Burrell  
joannburrell@optonline.net](mailto:JoAnnBurrell@optonline.net) or call 973-663-2287

**Directions**

Silver Bay is off of Interstate 87 North. Use a mapping application to find the best route for you. The exact address is: 87 Silver Bay Road, Silver Bay, NY 12874. Their telephone number is: 888-758-7229.

**Shuttle Information**

Please fill out this transportation request form, if you are flying in to Albany or will be taking a train or bus. Send it in with your registration.

NAME\_\_\_\_\_

CELL PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Flying into Albany Airport – Flight # \_\_\_\_\_  
arriving \_\_\_\_\_ (time) \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

\_\_\_\_ Arriving at Albany Train Station  
\_\_\_\_\_ (time) \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

\_\_\_\_ Arriving at Albany Bus Station  
\_\_\_\_\_ (time) \_\_\_\_\_ (date)