

Presbyterian Women of the Yukon Presbytery

Annual Report

2016

After months of planning and organizing, Yukon Presbyterian Women successfully hosted the annual Synod Spring Gathering from June 15-18, 2016. The Coordinating team met on Wednesday and part of Thursday at Trinity Presbyterian in Anchorage. We appreciated their hospitality with meals and home stays for our out of town members. On Thursday evening women from our synod gathered for supper at Wasilla First Pres, and afterwards our key note speaker Lisa Wade shared her work with her Chickaloon Tribal Village Council. Friday's program was a panel discussion about how the Matanuska Valley is dealing with homelessness. Andrea Moore from Knik House, Laurie Kari from Family Promise Mat-Su and Michelle Overstreet from MY House shared their work and perspectives and answered questions from the group. We then split into 3 groups and visited each of these places, which turned out to be eye-opening for many of the women. A fun visit to the Iditarod Headquarters Museum/Gift Shop, a delicious catered supper and a singspiration in the evening ended the busy day. Saturday we met for a short business meeting and a wonderful worship service at United Protestant in Palmer. Lunch fixings were made available and much good fellowship happened before the women headed out for home or more adventures exploring Alaska.

PW is a small group of women here in Alaska but we are dedicated and passionate about the mission work we do and we will continue to encourage all women in all the PCUSA churches in Alaska to get involved, whether with using Horizons bible study materials, hosting get-togethers, raising money through the Birthday and Thank Offerings, or just being about God's work in this world.

We are not having a Fall Gathering but we will be having a Spring Gathering and Annual Meeting, sometime in late spring next year, so stay tuned for information about that. The next annual Synod Gathering is scheduled for June 1-3 in Auburn, WA, at Black Diamond Camp so stay tuned for more info about that too.

Respectfully submitted by Barb Brown, Yukon PW Moderator