

Report to the Synod of 2018
From: PROVINCIAL WOMEN'S BOARD

The purpose of the Provincial Women's Board (PWB) is to create opportunities for fellowship, education, and sharing of Christ in our local church Women's Fellowships. We seek to do this through our work.

ORGANIZATION: The organization of our board has not changed since the last synod. We were sad at the death of our member, Sr. Janet Jennings. Sr. Marletta Page from the Grace Moravian Church, Mt. Airy was appointed to the Board. I have a two year commitment and the plans for the board are for that time period. I am in the second year of my term. A new Board will be elected at Synod, 2018. New officers will be elected in April 2018, and appointed members of the Board will complete their term. Installation of the new Board will happen in June of 2018.

FINANCE: The PWB has a very active Finance Committee. It is chaired by Sr. Cackie Rollins of Christ Moravian Church. All funds are donations from congregational Women's Fellowships. For 2017, our budget totaled \$16,915.00 and for 2018, our budget is \$17,221.00. This money is used for the support of provincial causes, honorariums for Study Book authors, Spiritual Life Retreat, Church Women United, Salemtowne Valentine Tea and administrative expenses. The Board of World Mission, Laurel Ridge, and the Board of Cooperative Ministries are in our budget. We are not part of the Provincial Budget.

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES:

THE *Spiritual Life Committee* planned our spring Retreat with The Rev. Carol Foltz as facilitator. The event is held at Laurel Ridge. Then, just a few weeks ago, a wonderful Fall Celebration was held to introduce our 2018 Bible and Mission Study was held at Bethania Moravian Church. The event was well attended. This committee also gathers information about the Lenten Days of Prayer which are held each Wednesday of Lent. The ***Laurel Ridge, Salemtowne, and Sunnyside Committees*** provide information to the PWB of activities and needs of these provincial agencies. **THE SALEMTOWNE VALENTINE'S TEA** was held again this year with around 150 residents in attendance. We all had a great time.

PRISON MINISTRY: This committee organizes and distributes cakes to a local prison facility. Fellowships of local congregations provide the cakes or finances for the cakes.

WORLD MISSION: Sr. Kay Vance is our representative to the Mission Society of our province. She keeps us informed of activities and visiting missionaries to our province.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED: We have representatives of our board on the planning committee of the CWU. Several board members attend services of the local chapter.

We receive ongoing information about the **Moravian Women's Conference** which is held every four years with the next one in 2019 in the Southern Province. Sr. Peggy Dodson, Home Church, is the chair. The committee is in the preliminary organization of this event. **THE UNITY WOMEN'S DESK** is supported by our board. All women of our province are encouraged to have knowledge of the work of the UWD and to support it financially.

Our PWB has the responsibility to administer several endowed funds. During this year we allocated funds for transportation to Convo in Washington, D. C. We were also able to provide funds for sisters to attend the Spiritual Life Retreat at Laurel Ridge. We are grateful that we were able to give Personal Communion Sets to the following newly ordained pastors: The Rev. Chaz Snider, The Rev. Victoria Lasley, The Rev. Angelica Regalado, and The Rev. Adam Goodrich.

SERVING AND SHARING: This is our newsletter prepared by Cindy Lamb, our administrative assistant. Information is compiled of Fellowships' activities and shared with the province. It is shared by email or hard copies. It is exciting and wonderful to read of the many church activities. I do enjoy attending as many as possible.

I chose I Corinthians 3:9, 11 to be our guide in my two years of service as president. "For we are God's servants, working together, you are God's field, God's building. ... For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ."

2016 - 2018 members of the PWB are Diane Clifton, Oneita Dease, Mallie Graham, Evva Hanes, Julia Horton, Judy Knopf, Katharine Meier, Marletta Page, Susan Parker, Pam Prevatte, Clara Rollins, Pat Sapp, Gayle Spach, Vicki Stanfield, Kay Vance, Becky Ward, Patti West, and Janice Wilson. Cindy Lamb is the Administrative Assistant. We are grateful to be in service to the Lord and our Moravian Church.

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President of the Provincial Women's Board