

SUMMER CONFERENCE

# Guided by the Spirit

## Fixing Our Eyes on Jesus



July 7-9, 2017

**Chapman University, Orange, CA**

Speakers:

**Melissa Bane Sevier**

Author of 2017-2018 *Horizons* Bible Study

**Carol Winkler**

Churchwide Presbyterian Women Moderator

**The Reverend Eugenia Gamble**

Author, Retreat Leader, Spiritual Director

**COST:**        **\$235 Full Time** (2 nights and 6 meals)  
                          *(rooms are double occupancy; add \$50 for a single room {limited availability})*  
                          **\$130 Full-time** Commuter (with 4 meals)  
                          **\$65 One-Day** Commuter (with 2 meals)  
                          *(Meals for commuters include lunch and dinner)*

**Registration Deadline: June 25, 2017.** No refunds after deadline. You may send a substitute.

**PWS Scholarships** are available. Applications should be submitted through your PWP Moderators.

**Mail registration to:**

**Karen Dwight, 1439 Campus Avenue, Redlands, CA 92374**

**Information** regarding directions to Chapman University, check-in procedures, and what to bring will be e-mailed to registrants who have an email address or snail-mailed to those who do not about 10 days before the conference begins.

**Conference Staff**

Dean:                Judith Muller – (805) 453-0703 or [judithmullersb@gmail.com](mailto:judithmullersb@gmail.com)  
Registrar:        Karen Dwight – (909) 794-2386 or [ldwight@roadrunner.com](mailto:ldwight@roadrunner.com)

**ACCOMODATIONS:**

Lodging is in the Sandhu Resident Hall, 571 Grand Street. Conference activities will be in Sandhu Conference Center. Overnight lodging is in a dormitory, 2 people to a room with a private bath. A limited number of single rooms are available for an additional fee.

# WORKSHOPS

(Indicate your Workshop choice on the Registration Form)

**Saturday, 10:30 am – 11:45 am**

**A1 Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews**

**Rev. Kathy Reeves**

*Whether you are leading the annual PW Bible study, participating with a group, or studying on your own, this workshop is for you! Kathy will explore author Melissa Bane Sevier's overall theme of community, overview the 9 lessons, and provide teaching and study helps. You will learn about resources available for the new study, as well as other pertinent PW resources.*

**A2 Digging Deeper into Diversity with Seuss, Science, and Scripture**

**Vicki Edwards and  
Claire Edwards**

*Elections. Gender neutral bathrooms. Black lives matter. Controversial topics. Together we will examine likely (and unlikely) sources of understanding and embracing differences within the human family with a call to action for Christ followers.*

**A3 Embracing Change: How to Respond as Christians in a Divided World**

**Rev. Dr. Gail Stearns**

*In this workshop we will discuss how we can model a different way – a way of kindness and justice – that comes from our hearts. How do we begin with kindness to ourselves and move toward compassion to those around us, in the midst of a divided environment? How do we walk the way of Jesus?*

**A4 Waking Up White**

**Rev. Ann Hayman**

*Waking Up White by Debbie Irving in the first book chosen by the Co-moderators of this past General Assembly as a book all Presbyterians should read and discuss. Rev. Mark Koenig of our national staff is quoted as saying, "...by sharing my sometimes cringe worthy struggle to understand racism and racial tensions, this book offers a fresh perspective on bias, stereotypes, manners, and tolerance." Read this most interesting and thought-provoking book and plan to join us for an in-depth discussion during this workshop.*

**A5 Finding Your Mission with Eyes Fixed on Jesus**

**Rev. Eugenia Gamble**

*In this workshop Eugenia will share the story of developing Living Word Santa Maria ministry with indigenous children and families. She will offer guidance and suggestions for how to listen to community needs to discern when God might be calling you to reach out in new ways. She will share processes and practices that have been useful in developing new ministries in several congregations and women's groups. There will be time for Q and A and to share best practices from the group.*

**A6 Visual Prayers**

**Christa Wallis**

*Our prayers, difficulties, blessings, concerns and life desires often are hard to describe just in words. This workshop incorporates the realms of the visual, emotional, spiritual, and inner self. Soul Card collage is a way to express our heart's desire and to reflect Christ's desires for us into a visual montage with images. Note: Please bring scissors to this workshop.*

**A7 PW Leaders – Guided by the Spirit and the PW Manual, Guide for Groups**

**Carol Winkler**

*You answered Christ's call to serve, now join us for some resources and help in serving out your call in Presbyterian Women. We can make the PW Manual, Guide for Groups exciting and relative to the work you have to do. We hope that the network that is built in this workshop will give you new energy and ideas for your PW group!*

## **Saturday, 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm**

### **B1 We are Created in God's Wonderful Image**

**Sandy Wooldrige**

*The Bible teaches us that God created us in God's own image. God's spirit lives within all of us. If we listen with an open heart we can discover God's presence and message as we free ourselves from our self-imposed bondage of shame, fear, self-consciousness and embarrassment. Come discover the joyful, loving spirit of God in all of us through drumming, singing and dancing, the wonderful reflection of our God within.*

### **B2 Living Peace: Two Muslim Women's Perspectives**

**Samia Bano and Tasneem Noor**

*Join us to learn how two Muslim women, inspired by their faith, relate to Christ, Christians, and live peace everyday in today's America. We welcome all questions so come and have your curiosity about Islam and Muslims satisfied.*

### **B3 Eye of the Storm: Guided by the Spirit to Bring Hope Out of Chaos**

**Kelsey Law**

*Explore the many resources Presbyterian Disaster Assistance brings to the PC(USA)! Discuss the ways your PW group can join in Calls to Action and take part in the ecumenical Gifts of the Heart Program. Learn about the partnership between Presbyterian Women and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance in Disaster Preparedness and how you can get a PW/PDA Trainer to your group.*

### **B4 Waking Up White**

**Rev. Ann Hayman**

See A4.

### **B5 Adverse Childhood Experiences ... What This Looks Like in Adulthood**

**Joyce Capelle**

*ACE refers to research into lifelong effects on body and mind of traumatic events experienced in childhood. Although resiliency, caring adults, and faith can help mitigate the damage, not everyone is so blessed and may continue to suffer into adulthood. ACE can impact learning, relationships, and health long after harmful events are past.*

### **B6 USA Mission Experience – Through the Lens of Mission: San Francisco/San Jose Saints I Met on the USAME Trip in 2016**

**Mary Danforth**

*Stop what you are doing and think for just a moment about those saints that move among us. There are loved ones as well as those we never knew who move us and shape our lives even today. Just as the Holy Spirit breathes new ideas and prods us to try new things! Those who came before laid the foundation for PW to grow and flourish. The issues that face us today are similar to what the saints and our foremothers faced. We can learn and we can help other women when we educate ourselves and others about immigration, human trafficking and domestic violence. Learn how the programs were created, developed, and came to life through the Holy Spirit in San Francisco and San Jose.*

### **B7 PW Building Bridges at Home and Abroad Through USA Mission Experiences**

**Rev. Kathy Reeves**

*Explore the world as Presbyterian Women engage in mission through the USA Mission Experience and Global Exchanges. PW's Mission Associate, Kathy Reeves, will provide a glimpse of what USAME and Global Exchange participants experience on those journeys, sharing what we have learned along the way.*

## WHO'S WHO:

**Melissa Bane Sevier** author of the 2017-2018 *Horizons Bible Study* Cloud of Witnesses The Community of Christ in Hebrews, is a teaching elder in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) who, after more than 23 years as a pastor, chose in 2015 to leave the pastorate and focus on her longtime ministry of writing and photography. Melissa has a degree in elementary education (King College), and MCE from Reformed Theological Seminary, an MDiv from Louisville Seminary, and a DMin from McCormick Seminary. She lives in Versailles, Kentucky, with her husband, Jerry.

**The Reverend Eugenia Gamble** is the pastor of Nipomo Community Presbyterian. She was ordained in 1984. She has served pastorates in Alabama, Colorado and California. Her writings as appeared in *Horizons*, *Presbyterian Today*, *Women at the Well*, *Call to Worship*, *Presbyterian Outlook*, *Vanguard*, *Spirit* and other periodicals. Her books have been published by the General Assembly and Bridge Resources.

**Carol Winkler** currently serves as moderator of Presbyterian Women in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) as a leader at all levels of the church. A member of First Presbyterian Church, Ft. Thomas, KY, she is from the Synod of the Covenant. Carol and her husband have 3 married children and 6 grandchildren. Over the years, Carol has owned her own business, been a substitute teacher and served on staff of the Presbytery of Cincinnati, but her real love has been as a volunteer for the church, PW, schools and local organizations. As a volunteer reading coach in the local elementary school, she balances her commitment to the church/PW and lives out her lifelong commitment to child advocacy. If she has spare time, you will find her quilting and collecting fabric.

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## SCHEDULE

### Friday, July 7

9:30 AM	Begin check-in for full-time Participants – Sandhu Residence
11:00 AM	Commuter Check-in
11:30 AM	Lunch
1:00 PM	PLENARY I
2:30 PM	FORUM
4:00 PM	Free Time
5:30 PM	Dinner
7:00 PM	PLENARY II
9:00 PM	Refreshments and Fellowship

### Saturday, July 8

7:30 AM	Breakfast
8:00 AM	Commuter Check-in
9:00 AM	PLENARY III
10:30 AM	MORNING WORKSHOPS
12:00 PM	Lunch
1:15 PM	PLENARY IV
2:30 PM	AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS
4:45 PM	Free Time
5:30 PM	Dinner
7:00 PM	PLENARY V
7:15 PM	Business Meeting
9:00 PM	Reception for Carol Winkler

### Sunday, July 9

7:30 AM	Breakfast
8:30 AM	Pack-up and clear Hall
9:30 AM	Worship and Communion in Chapel
11:00 AM	Adjourn

## Forum

**“Diversity and the Human Family: According to Seuss, Science, and Scripture”**

**Vicki Edwards and Claire Edwards**

Clair is a junior at California Lutheran University studying microbiology and is a diversity educator and human rights advocate. Her partner today, is Vicki Edwards, her mother and a psychologist by trade.

# PWS Summer Conference Registration and Volunteer Form

(Please PRINT CLEARLY)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_ Presbytery \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

(With E-mail address, **Dean's Letter** will be sent electronically, otherwise, through snail mail.)

Please indicate your registration choice, Workshop selection below. Registration is due by **June 24, 2017.**

Full Time - **\$235** \_\_\_\_\_ (Check here \_\_\_\_\_ and add \$50 for single room)

Commuter full-time - **\$130** \_\_\_\_\_ Commuter one-day - **\$65** \_\_\_\_\_ (Circle Friday or Saturday)

*If you are on a **Special Diet**, the Cafeteria is willing to accommodate, however, they need to know before Conference. Indicate Special Diet \_\_\_\_\_*

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \_\_\_\_\_ **Make check payable to PWS.**

## **SATURDAY WORKSHOP CHOICES: (see descriptions on page 2 and 3)**

A \_\_\_\_\_ (1<sup>st</sup> Choice) A \_\_\_\_\_ (2<sup>nd</sup> Choice) B \_\_\_\_\_ (1<sup>st</sup> Choice) B \_\_\_\_\_ (2<sup>nd</sup> Choice)

## **IN CASE OF EMERGENCY**

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact's Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Other special needs – explain \_\_\_\_\_

ROOMMATE REQUESTED: Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(A Roommate will be assigned if request not given)

Mail this entire page (keep a copy for your records) and your check, payable to **PWS**, to:

**Karen Dwight, 1439 Campus Avenue, Redlands, CA 92374**

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*If you are willing to be a volunteer, please fill out the information below:*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

I am willing to:

\_\_\_\_\_ Work a shift in the Mercado \_\_\_\_\_ Miscellaneous (use me as needed)

\_\_\_\_\_ Communion Server – Elder or Deacon