

Presbyterian Women in the Synod of Southern California and Hawaii 2025 Summer Gathering

# Together In Harmony

"Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony."

*Colossians 3: 12-16* 

Gathering Speakers
Elona Street-Stewart

Co-Moderator of the PC(USA)'s 224th General Assembly

Susan Jackson-Dowd

Executive Director of Presbyterian Women, Inc.

Saturday, June 21, 2025 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church of Redlands 100 Cajon Street Redlands, CA 92373



-- RSVP By --Monday, June, 16, 2025

See Next Page for Gathering Information and Registration







## Presbyterian Women in the Synod of Southern California and Hawaii **2025 Summer Gathering Information**



### Presbyterian Women in the Synod of Southern California and Hawaii Welcomes Our 2025 Summer Gathering Speakers

**Ruling Elder Elona Street-Stewart**, Co-Moderator of the 224<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (2020) of Presbyterian Church (USA) and Synod Executive for the Synod of Lakes and Prairies. She is the first Native American to serve in both positions. A long-time staff member of the synod, Elona had served as the synod's associate for racial ethnic ministries and community empowerment since 1994. Elona served more than 20 years as synod staff for Racial Ethnic Ministries and Community Empowerment, including administration support of Dakota Presbytery. A member of the Delaware Naticoke Tribe, Elona has been active in racial justice matters on behalf of the church for 40 years, focusing on mission development, denominational policies and educational programs. Elona has been recognized by a number of organizations for her work, including the denomination's Women of Faith Award during the 219th General Assembly (2010).

**Dr. Susan Jackson-Dowd**, Executive Director and president for Presbyterian Women in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Inc. the national level of Presbyterian Women, a network of more than 200,000 volunteers at the congregation, presbytery, synod, and national levels of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Susan worked several years in publishing and communications, including six years as an editor and designer with the Presbyterian Publishing Corporation, and 20 years for Presbyterian Women as managing editor and then communications coordinator. Over the years, Susan has served on several boards, including the Religion Communicators Council (communications chair), World Day of Prayer USA Board of Governors (communications chair and board chair), World Day of Prayer International Committee (treasurer), the International Committee for Fellowship of the Least Coin (ICFLC) (communication consultant), and the World Association of Christian Communicators, North America Executive Committee (chair and vice chair).



Presbyterian Women in the Synod of Southern California and Hawaii's 2025 Mission Engagement supports:

#### **American Indian Community Council**

The American Indian Community Council (AICC) is an independent 501(c)3 non-profit organization which was established in 1998 and serves as a centralized hub for resources to the Los Angeles County American Indian/Alaska Native Community. AICC works with the Native community at large and the ICWA native youth who are enrolled or eligible for enrollment with one or more of the 574 federally recognized tribes n the US, as well as several of the California Tribes. AICC maintains a respectful relationship working with both Los Angeles and Orange County Child Protective Services.

Presbyterian Women in the Synod of Southern California and Hawaii will be packing 75 back-to-school backpacks for the American Indian Council's Back To School Drive that supports Los Angeles and Orange County children of all school ages.



Presbyterian Women in the Synod of Southern California and Hawaii will be collecting an offering for:

#### Presbyterian Women's Annual Mission Fund

Gifts to Presbyterian Women's Annual Mission Fund makes possible the ongoing mission and ministry of Presbyterian Women. The Annual Mission Fund helps support the denomination's evangelism, church planting, education and justice work as well as ministry to children, youth, older adults, new immigrants, rural, urban and suburban populations across the United States and around the world. The Annual Mission Fund also makes possible PW in the Congregation, Presbytery, Synod and Churchwide, as well as PW's programs, resources, events and much more. The USA Mission Experience, Horizons magazine and Bible study, the Global Exchange, justice work and so much.

Your gift to PW's Annual Mission Fund ensures that this caring community of women can continue its witness to the promise of God's kingdom.

### Registration

RSVP to **PWS** at pwsocalhawaii@gmail.com by **Monday, June 16, 2025** with: Name, PW in the Presbytery or PW in the Congregation, and total # attending Please, note if you would like a vegetarian lunch.

Registration is \$20 per person – You may RSVP for others Payable at the door with cash or check made payable to PWS