

PW Synod of the Trinity Retreat/Gathering

July 16-18, 2026 at Antiochian Village Retreat and Conference Center Registration Form

Finding Joy in the Journey

Galatians 5:22



PLEASE PRINT

Name _____ Preferred name for Badge _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please note any special needs:

Medical Dietary Needs: _____

I Will Volunteer: assist communion _____ usher _____ where needed _____

Home Presbytery _____ Local Church _____

The Gathering Event is being held at a beautiful facility: Antiochian Village: www.antiochianvillage.org
All are welcome. Bring your friends, family and those you pray for.

Registrar: Alcinda James, 41981 Old Irondale Road, Irondale, OH 43932

For questions, please e-mail: jamesalcinda@gmail.com or call 330-532-5747

Cost includes; accommodation, materials, six meals (supper on July 16th, three meals on July 17th, and two meal on July 18th), as well as snacks during the Gathering.

_____ Double Room \$275.00 Preferred roommate: _____

_____ Triple Room \$225.00 Preferred roommates: _____

_____ Single Room \$ 350.00

_____ Commuter rate \$160.00 includes: materials, meals, and snacks.

Please make check payable to:

PW in the Synod of the Trinity and send your Registration Form, Medical Form, Preference on Workshops and Check to the Registrar (address above).

Do you prefer confirmation of your registration plus added information by: _____ E-mail _____ USPS

Registration deadline is June 15th. Any registration after June 15th adds \$50.00 to your registration.

No refunds after June 30th

On July 16 registration will begin at 3:00 p.m. and the gathering/retreat will start with Supper. On July 18th closing worship will end at noon. Yoga, (self-instructed) can be done on both mornings. Bring your yoga mat or a chair can be used.

Important Information: Items to bring that will be helpful, water/coffee bottle, lawn chair, sweater, money for offerings, and Silent Auction. Book Circle will be offered at Lunch. Also, this facility will give you the opportunity for some exercise, getting from where we will be staying and meeting to the dining room. However, we do have a 'Ride to Dine' option for those that would prefer to shuttle to the dining room.

PW in the Synod of Trinity Medical Form (for emergency situations)

Name _____ Sex _____ Age _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Medications _____

Allergies or Drug reactions _____

Personal Physician _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Person to reach in case of EMERGENCY _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Workshop Selections:

(Workshops will be held if enough attendees sign up)

Mark your first choice with **A.** in front of the number of the workshop. and your second choice with a **B** for Workshop Sessions I and II. Each workshop is offered once.

See Page 3 & 4 for Descriptions of Workshops and Workshop Leaders.

Workshop Session I (Friday 10:45am -11:45am)

- _____ 1 **Exploring Leadership as a fruit of the Spirit**
- _____ 2 **UN Commission on the Status of Women**
- _____ 3 **Radical Welcome: The Key to Communications With the Larger Community**
- _____ 4 **PW Horizons Bible Study 2026-27**

Workshop Session II (Friday 1:30pm – 2:30pm)

- _____ 5 **Mulanje Mission College of Nursing and Midwifery in Malawi – Our Synod Mission Project 2026**
- _____ 6 **The Joy Workshop**
- _____ 7 **Joy in the Spirit Walk**

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Workshop Descriptions and Leadership

Workshop Session I. (Friday Morning 10:45 am – 11:45 am):

1. “Exploring Leadership as a fruit of the Spirit”

Our purpose will be to discover the joy of leadership when a position in leadership is offered. During our time together will lead to the qualities of leadership that parallel our PW Purpose. **Pam Snyder, Moderator of PW Churchwide will be our leader**

2. “UN Commission on the Status of Women”

Hear the first-hand experience of our own **Bettie Stammerjohn** at the 2026 meeting of the United National Commission on the Status of Women. Learn how Presbyterian Women work in partnership and collaboration with Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations to advocate for gender equality and women’s empowerment at the international level and how we carry this advocacy back to our own communities. Bettie is currently serving as our Synod coordinator for Leadership, Resources and Communications.

3. “Radical Welcome: The Key to Communications With the Larger Community”

In this workshop we will explore an in-depth look at how our churches, presbyteries, and gathering spaces have perpetuated harm & oppression for many and how we can help to center the voices, concerns, and interests of those often not fully embraced within the church or society. Participants will discover how radical hospitality blesses our communities, enriching our dialog and creating greater engagement with the larger community. This workshop will be led **by Samantha Davis (Sam)**. Sam is a native of Pittsburgh and grew up in Grace Memorial Presbyterian Church. Samantha is serving as the Associate of Gender, Racial and Intercultural Justice and is an organizer with Free DC and Founder of the Black Swan on national committees within the Presbyterian Church, USA: Black Women and Girls Advocacy Task Force and the Self Development of People.

4. PW Horizons Bible Study 2026-27

“United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other: Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthians”

Preparing our local circle leaders to journey on the road with Paul.

Leadership T/B/A

Workshop Session II (Friday 1:30-2:30)

5. “Mulanje Mission College of Nursing and Midwifery in Malawi” – Our Synod Mission Project 2026

Participants will learn how our one time giving will enhance this program for students of the Nursing College, led by **Rev. Paula Cooper**. Paula served eight years as the regional liaison for East Central Africa, facilitating PC(USA) relationships with partner churches and institutions in Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda and Zambia where the church is growing rapidly and pastoral training and leadership development are of major concern. Paula has provided support for PC(USA) mission personnel and Young Adult Volunteers (YAVs) in the region. She is a lifelong Presbyterian and completed her seminary training (MDiv) at Pittsburgh Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

6. The Joy Workshop

When we offer up what gives us joy inside community, God connects us and multiplies our gifts! We are all multifaceted women with many finely developed gifts that we routinely use in our ministries. But connecting and reconnecting through what brings us joy is unmistakably different. Let's explore together how we're not meant to be just hard workers, but rather workers living in the overflow of God's love and the Holy Spirit's gift of joy. **Rev. Sharon Woomer** will lead this workshop. Sharon is a Presbyterian minister and the founding Pastor of Hope Community church, a new worshipping community that has emerged from an outreach ministry with Haitian neighbors in Charleroi, Pennsylvania

7. Joy in the Spirit Walk

A guided walk on the beautiful grounds of Antiochian Village. This walk will be led by **Rev. Betsy McCormick** our PW Synod Chaplain. Walking shoes and a hat!

The Book Circle – gather around a lunch table on Friday to discuss either one of two books:

“*The House in the Cerulean Sea*” by T.J. Klune will be led by Karen Haas.

“*The Celebrants*” by Stephen Rowley will be led by Sue Mummert.