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PCA Women's Ministry Newsletter

Reflecting on the 2014 Women's Ministry Leadership Training Conference







Women's Ministry Leadership Training brought over 260 women to Atlanta from as close as the neighboring suburbs to the far reaches of Anchorage, Alaska. The overarching theme of our time together was "Called to Serve. Equipped to Lead. Leading with Truth." These ideas were unpacked over three days by keynote speakers such as Nancy Guthrie, Tara Barthel, Ellen Dykas, Melanie Cogdill, and Sarah Ivill. Workshops also covered topics such as *The Marvelous Mission of Mentoring*, *Biblical Peacemaking*, *Leadership in the Gospel of Grace*, *Women's Ministry 101*, and *What the Bible says regarding Homosexuality*. Women were able to build relationships with women from their region of the country in breakout sessions led by our Women's Ministry Regional Advisors and our Women's Ministry Trainers. The Friday

evening denominational dinner is always a highlight of the



conference. The Coordinators from all the PCA committees and agencies gather together to give the women a picture of denominational connectionalism. To express their gratitude for these committees and agencies, the Women's Ministry of the PCA designates one of them as the recipient of the annual Love Gift. The proceeds of the 2013 Love Gift were designated to go to Ridge Haven for expansion of their cafeteria. Women gathered \$62,000 from across our denomination. Another high point in the evening was the "passing of the mantel of leadership" from Jane Patete to Karen Hodge. Susan Hunt and many of the team members from throughout the years gathered to praise God for His grace in this smooth transition. The women were especially excited to premiere the 2014 Women's Ministry Love Gift video. The recipient will be Christian Education and Publications for the development of resources and training to reach the next generation of women. Our prayers coming out of Leadership are that women were trained and equipped in all areas of life and have a new passion to take what they have learned back to their churches and that their investment will yield great kingdom fruit in the years to come.









Teach What is Good

2014 Women's Ministry Love Gift

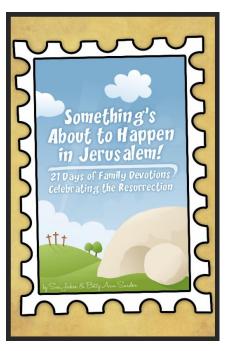
The 2014 Women's Ministry Love Gift will benefit the work of Christian Education and Publications (CEP), and particularly the work of discipleship among women in the PCA. Women play a life-giving role in the life and ministry of the Church, and we must seek to address the needs of women in our culture with the encouragement of Christ-centered community and the redemptive truth of God's Word.

Your gift of \$25, \$50, \$100, or any amount will equip women to understand God's Word better through Bible study or to serve the body of Christ well through training designed to develop teachers and mentors. Our goal is to raise \$120,000 with which we hope to create and distribute a variety of resources designed for women in the local church:

- · Video-based training for ministry leaders
- Intergenerational resources for life-on-life discipleship
- Exegetical Bible study materials
- Scholarships for women to attend training events
- "Seed money" to offer regional training throughout the PCA

If you'd like a way to promote this year's love gift at your church, <u>click here</u> to view our video explaining our need or <u>click here</u> to order the same video in DVD format. We also have bulletin inserts available; <u>click here</u> to order those. (There is no charge for the DVD or bulletin inserts.)

Pre-Order Items You Don't Want to Miss Out On Getting!



Something's About to Happen in Jerusalem!

21 Days of Family Devotions Celebrating the Resurrection

by Sue Jakes & Betty Ann Snider

This family devotional starts on April 7 and lasts for 21 days. It is a study of the scripture from Luke 18:31-Luke 24. Beginning with Jesus' announcement to the disciples, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem" to his command to "Go and make disciples" at his ascension, the days surrounding his resurrection are unfolded for even the smallest child to understand. Hymns, craft ideas, and memory verses are included; this will be a great tool for your children to study the meaning of the Resurrection with their parents.

Pre-order deadline: Friday, March 21

Books start to ship: March 27



(quantity discounts available)

Life With God 50 Days of Prayer by Mike Ross

Every year Christian Education and Publications (CEP) and Mission to North America (MNA) work together to produce a devotional uniting the PCA in prayer during the days leading up to General Assembly. For 2014 Mike Ross, pastor of Christ Covenant Church in Matthews, NC, is preparing a devotional on the theme of "Life with God," a Trinitarian view of the Christian life with the Father in Creation, the Son in the Kingdom and the Spirit in the Community of the Church. Each devotion will include prayer requests from the 10 PCA agencies and committees. This devotional runs May 2 through June 20.

Pre-order deadline: April 3

Books arrive: April 11



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