

The Original 9.15.14 Proposal PDA PW Disaster Prep Training

To: Members of the PW CCT Mission Committee

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Proposal: Collaboration between Presbyterian Women (PW) and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) to engage PW in the ministry of disaster preparedness.

The ministry of PDA is to enable congregation and mission partners of the PCUSA to witness to the healing love of Christ through caring for communities adversely by crisis. This proposal speaks to the purpose of PW by supporting the mission of the church worldwide and building an inclusive, caring community of women that that strengths the PCUSA and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom.

The proposal is for PDA to train PW leaders to train congregations and presbyteries to be prepared for disaster. At the conclusion of the training PDA proposes to give trainers a certificate and a co-branded scarf. PDA will provide support for the PW trainers and feature this collaboration in PDA media.

Benefits for PW:

- Potential to bring mission focused young women into the work of PW
- Potential to increase number of PW circles within PWPs
- Expand the visibility of PW in the congregations and the presbyteries

No cost to PW – PDA will provide materials and resources for the initial training and for PW when they train congregations and Mid Councils.

Benefits for PDA:

- Expand our volunteer base to enable us to prepare congregations and presbyteries to be ready to respond to disasters in their communities.
- Reduce our training expenses by using the expertise of trained PW leaders
- Expand our collaboration with a key mission partner of the PCUSA
- Increase knowledge of PDA, a One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) ministry

If the Mission Committee approves this proposal PDA:

Requests exhibit hall space at the 2015 Churchwide Gathering in Minneapolis, MN June 18-21, 2015. Purpose: sharing information on the program and registering those interested in participating in the program. PDA would also like to advertise this program in the Gathering Booklet.

Thanks you for your consideration of this collaboration.