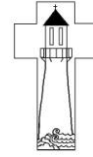




**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN in the SYNOD of the NORTHEAST**



### **SISTERS STAND AND WALK TOGETHER**

SISTERS STAND and WALK TOGETHER (SSWT) is beginning enrollment for its 3rd class. It is a 3 year program of Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Northeast, designed to acclimate women in congregations within the Synod who have come from other countries to Presbyterian Women and the Presbyterian Church (.US.A.). Thus far, participants and organizers have come from 4 continents and 6 countries-Brazil, Ghana, Korea, Nigeria, Taiwan and the US. There is no cost to the participant.

The purpose of the program is to prepare women for leadership roles within Presbyterian Women and throughout all levels of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The program has also shown the leadership of Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Northeast new ways of being an 'inclusive, caring community' and the talents of women who have come from other places.

The group meets at Stony Point Conference Center 3 times a year. Participants are encouraged to attend Presbyterian Women's events such as the Leadership Enhancement Workshop, Triennial Gathering and the Churchwide Gathering. The sessions have included:

- Exposure to the Presbyterian Women's manual (purpose, principles, and structure)
- History of the Racial Ethnic Dialogue in Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Northeast
- How to develop and lead a Bible study using the *Horizons* Bible study as a resource (including how to conduct an 'ice breaker')
- Conversations about cultural barrier issues and women's role in the church
- How to plan a worship service
- Introduction to many resources (Book of Order, Book of Common Worship, Hymnals, periodicals, websites, etc)
- Creation and participation in worship services during the sessions
- Homework was given to participate and/or lead in a worship service, small group session or Sunday School class in our home church.

The next program begins Sat., Apr. 21, 2012, from 9:30- 3:00 pm. Subsequent classes will be arranged according to the participant's schedules. For further information, contact:

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