

ITEM C.202
FOR INFORMATION

CELEBRATE THE GIFTS OF WOMEN SUNDAY
CELEBRATING THE BOND BETWEEN YOUNG AND SENIOR WOMEN
MARCH 8, 2015

On Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday, March 8, 2015, we honor women who contribute their gifts to the church and community, lift up issues of women's rights, and focus on the role of women in our communities and world. Your congregation or women's groups may use this resource on March 8, 2015, or on any date that you choose to celebrate the bond between young and senior women in God's household. This year's resource is written by Rev. Dr. Rhashell Hunter, Director of Racial Ethnic & Women's Ministries. The Celebrate the Gifts of Women resource is available in the November/December 2014 issue of *Horizons* magazine, or as a free download. Click on the links below to download the resource.

In the story of Ruth and Naomi, we see a spoken and unspoken bond between these two women. Who can forget when Ruth said to Naomi, "Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die, I will die – there will I be buried. May God do thus and so to me and more as well, if even death parts me from you!" (Ruth 1:16-17).

The connection between this young woman and her older relative is both spoken, in the familiar words above, and also unspoken. Chapter 1, verse 18 reads, "When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her." There was nothing more she needed to say.

- The Celebrate the Gifts of Women resource includes a worship service with a call to worship, call to confession, prayer of confession, assurance of pardon, suggested hymns & scripture readings,
- a sermon starter and program suggestions, &
- a responsive litany "For All the Faithful Women."

Download English resource:

https://www.presbyterianmission.org/site_media/media/uploads/raciaethnic/pdf/2015_celebrate_the_gifts_resource_lo_rez.pdf

Download Spanish resource:

https://www.presbyterianmission.org/site_media/media/uploads/raciaethnic/pdf/2015_celebrate_the_gifts_spanish_lorez.pdf

Download bulletin cover:

https://www.presbyterianmission.org/site_media/media/uploads/raciaethnic/pdf/celebrate_the_gifts_2015_bulletin_cover_lo_rez.pdf

Download flier:

https://www.presbyterianmission.org/site_media/media/uploads/raciaethnic/pdf/2015_nov-dec_celebrate_the_gifts_flier_lo_rez.pdf

Visit the PC(USA) Store to order printed versions of resource <http://store.pcusa.org/2750115001> or Bulletin Cover <http://store.pcusa.org/2750115002>