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FOR INFORMATION

RACIAL ETHNIC & WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
EVENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

Commission on the Status of Women – March 14 - 24, 2016, New York City, NY. The 60th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) will take place at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. The priority theme is “Women’s empowerment and its link to sustainable development.” CSW is a functional commission of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). Every year representatives of member states gather at the United Nations Headquarters in New York to evaluate progress on gender equality, identify challenges, set global standards and formulate concrete policies to promote gender equality and women's empowerment worldwide. A delegation from Presbyterian Women and Women’s Leadership Development and Young Women’s Ministries in Racial Ethnic & Women’s Ministries will be attending. For more information, contact Jewel McRae (jewel.mcrae@pcusa.org).

National Taiwanese Presbyterian Council (NTPC) Annual Conference – April 14-16, 2016, Los Angeles, CA. The annual meeting of the NTPC will follow a three-day Asian Leadership Study Program. For information, contact Mei-hui Lai (mei-hui.lai@pcusa.org).

Southeast Asian Lay Training – May 30 - June 3, 2016, Austin, TX. This training is being sponsored by the Asian Congregational Support Office. The training will be held at the Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Courses will be offered by the professors from Austin Seminary. For information, contact Mei-hui Lai (mei-hui.lai@pcusa.org).

National Asian Presbyterian Women Gathering – April 22-24, 2016, Burlingame, CA. Held once every three years, the 2016 Gathering is being organized by the Northern California chapter. This is an opportunity for Asian women from across the country to be in fellowship and explore issues to strengthen themselves spiritually and mentally. For information, contact Mei-hui Lai (mei-hui.lai@pcusa.org).

General Assembly Racial Ethnic & Women's Ministries Reception for the Moderator – June 18, 2016, Portland, OR. This reception is the newly elected moderator’s initial introduction to the national caucuses and councils of the PC(USA), and the diversities and gifts they bring to the denomination. For information, contact Alex Sherman (alex.sherman@pcusa.org).

General Assembly Women of Faith Awards Breakfast – June 19, 2016, Portland, OR. This year’s theme is “Women Building Bridges of Reconciliation.” At the Women of Faith Breakfast, we will demonstrate and proclaim God’s reconciliation and recognize women who build bridges of reconciliation in their communities. We are blessed to know women in our professional lives, in our church, and in our families, who have been the key component in pulling groups together and working together for the common good. Gratitude abounds for these women who are ministers of reconciliation. *“And for anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation. The old order has passed away; now everything is new! All of this is from God, who ransomed us through Christ — and made us ministers of that reconciliation.”* - 2 Corinthians 5:17-18. For information, contact Alex Sherman (alex.sherman@pcusa.org).