

Devotion:

This reflection is from the Daily Devotional Booklet from the PW USA Mission Experience, July 18, 2019, written by Carissa Herold.

"You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with richness. The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy, the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy." Psalm 65: 11-13

The Native American tale of "The Three Sisters" (corn, beans and squash) tells of the abundance available to humankind thanks to a generous Creator: "You crown the year with your bounty." From ancient days, corn, beans and squash were welcomed and understood as precious gifts of the Great Spirit, for they truly are foods of life. Nutritionally, the sisters provide protein, carbohydrates, and essential vitamins.

But this tale is a cautionary one as well: the sisters thrive together, but grieve when they are apart. They are interdependent, and it is at their peril that they forget God's intent: corn grows tall and gives beans structure to grow upward; beans, in turn provide nitrogen that nourishes sister corn, and provide a steady base for windier days. Squash vines keep weeds at bay (especially the prickly variety of squash!). Our sweet family of sisters also provides nourishment for the soil, for the following year's planting.

As we spend our time together, let us remember that our interdependence is of God. We are blessed to serve one another and creation. We are blessed to see with our own eyes the glory of God's good world and the miracle that all good things are freely provided. Let us "shout and sing together for joy".

PRAYER: Generous Creator, we offer our thanks for pastures, hills, meadows and valleys that provide beauty and life-giving abundance to your creation. United by your Spirit, we acknowledge your precious gifts and stand together in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen

Matthew 25 in the PC(USA)

PW in PNK are looking at becoming a Matthew 25 Presbytery PW. What does this mean?

It would mean that we accept the PC(USA)'s invitation to follow Jesus' teachings in Matthew 25:21-46 by becoming active disciples and making a difference in our communities and the world.

As part of our Matthew 25 commitment, we pledge to embrace on or more of these three areas of focus:

- Building PW vitality by deepening and energizing our faith and growing as joyful leaders and disciples actively engaged with our community as we share the gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed.
- Dismantling structural racism by fearlessly applying our faith to advocate and break down the systems, practices and thinking that underlie discrimination, bias, prejudice and oppression of people of color.
- Eradicating systemic poverty by acting on our beliefs and working to change laws, policies, plans and structures in our society that perpetuate economic exploitation of people who are poor.

To learn more visit pcusa.org/matthew25.

October 22, 2019

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Necrology Report by October 15

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