LINKAGE

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF SAN JOSE PRESBYTERY

DECEMBER 2022

Join us to celebrate Epiphany Jan. 8 – And get your daily devotional for the week prior to Epiphany!
See details on Page 3.

BOOKS TO READ & GIVE AS GIFTS

2023 JUSTICE and PEACE Book Discussion Group

Reading Selections
(6:30 PM – 8:30 PM Eastern Time)

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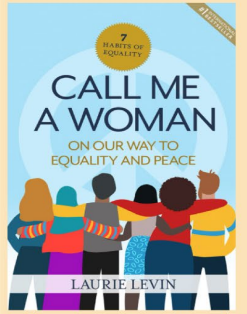

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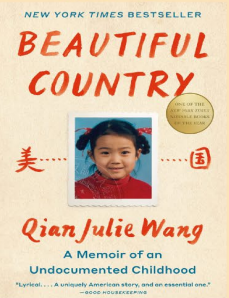

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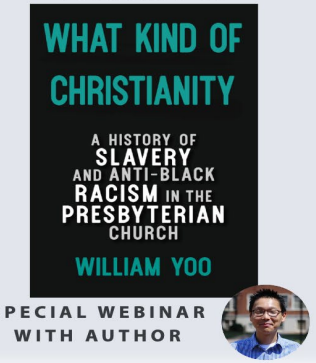

SPECIAL WEBINAR WITH AUTHOR

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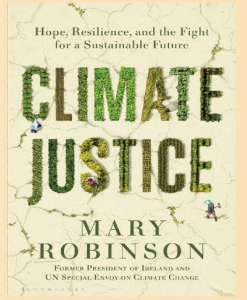

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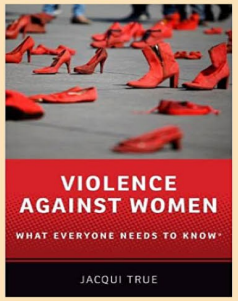

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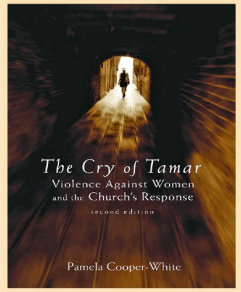


NOVEMBER 13

- DISCUSS THE BOOKS WITH OTHERS VIA ZOOM
  - The *J&P Book Discussion Group* is open to all!
- DISCUSSION GROUP MEETS EVERY OTHER MONTH
  - Read and discuss any or all books that appeal to you. Registration will be needed to join the discussion on Zoom.
- RECEIVE STUDY GUIDES TO INFORM YOUR READING
  - Questions for discussion or reflection will be sent with your registration confirmation.

To register, scan the QR code with your smart phone or go to presbyterianwomen.org/justice.

Selections are recommended by the Justice & Peace Committee of PW's Board of Directors.

Start the New Year off right. Save these dates…

PWP Annual Epiphany will once again be virtual. We will offer a daily devotion for the week beginning January 1, 2023.

Then we will gather virtually on Sunday, January 8 at 2 pm with candles, music, poems, and a story. We wish we could meet in person with pie and conversation. Maybe next year?

To join us, email me at—

rmgzisch@gmail.com
Linkage Editor

PW ACTION --

WALKING FOR WOMEN'S RIGHTS

PW Blesses our Mission Visitor

PW supports Emmaus House in Hollister serving women and children

PW Group gathers

A Land Acknowledgment Prayer…

We gather as Presbyterian Women and are reminded that God created this land for all people. We are called to be humble stewards of this earth and to protect and restore it. Living in this place for thousands of years were the Muwekma tribe and the Rumsen tribe.
They did not own this land but were its caretakers. We recognize these indigenous peoplefor the value they placed on all creation that the Great Spirit provided them.
Throughout the Bay Area today, Native Americans identify themselves as from the Ohlone tribe. They invite all to join them to keep their stories alive and honor their rightful place in our history.
May we walk gently and know the beauty of God's creation helping the land to be here for future generations. Amen

WE WANT YOU THERE-
LEARNING AND SPEAKING OUT

UN Commission on the Status of Women 67 –

Register Now !!

When: **March 6-17, 2023**

- Location: **UN Headquarters in New York City and online**

- Cost: $0 for online; TBD for in-person

- Application deadline:

- How to apply**: Return your completed application to Patricia at** patricia.longfellow@pcusa.org
- **by December 10, 2022**

The application can also be found on the PW web site here:

https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/downloads/commission-on-the-status-of-women-application-2/

- **The PW Purpose**
- Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves
- - to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study,
  - to support the mission of the church worldwide,
  - to work for justice and peace, and to build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom.

CONTINUE OUR JOURNEY

SACReD

Spiritual Alliance of Communities for Reproductive Dignity

Join the Spiritual Alliance of Communities for Reproductive Dignity (SACReD)
They believe in our shared values of justice, dignity, human rights, compassion, and expansive love, & we will discover how faith and reproductive liberation work together for the benefit of women.

Faith Community Leaders Issue Statement Condemning Dobbs Decision, Abortion Access a "Moral and Social Good"

June 24, 2022

WASHINGTON D.C.—We at SACReD believe that affordable access to all forms of reproductive healthcare, including abortion, is a moral and social good that enables equality and the well-being of all people.
Conversely, state bans on abortion amount to forced gestation and birth and are, therefore, morally barbaric. Such laws, which the *Dobbs* ruling will now allow to proliferate, violate the most basic human rights to bodily autonomy, reproductive dignity, and moral agency.
Further, the bans' disproportionate burdens on Black people and other people of color call to mind historical atrocities committed against enslaved and other colonized women
For further information go to ---

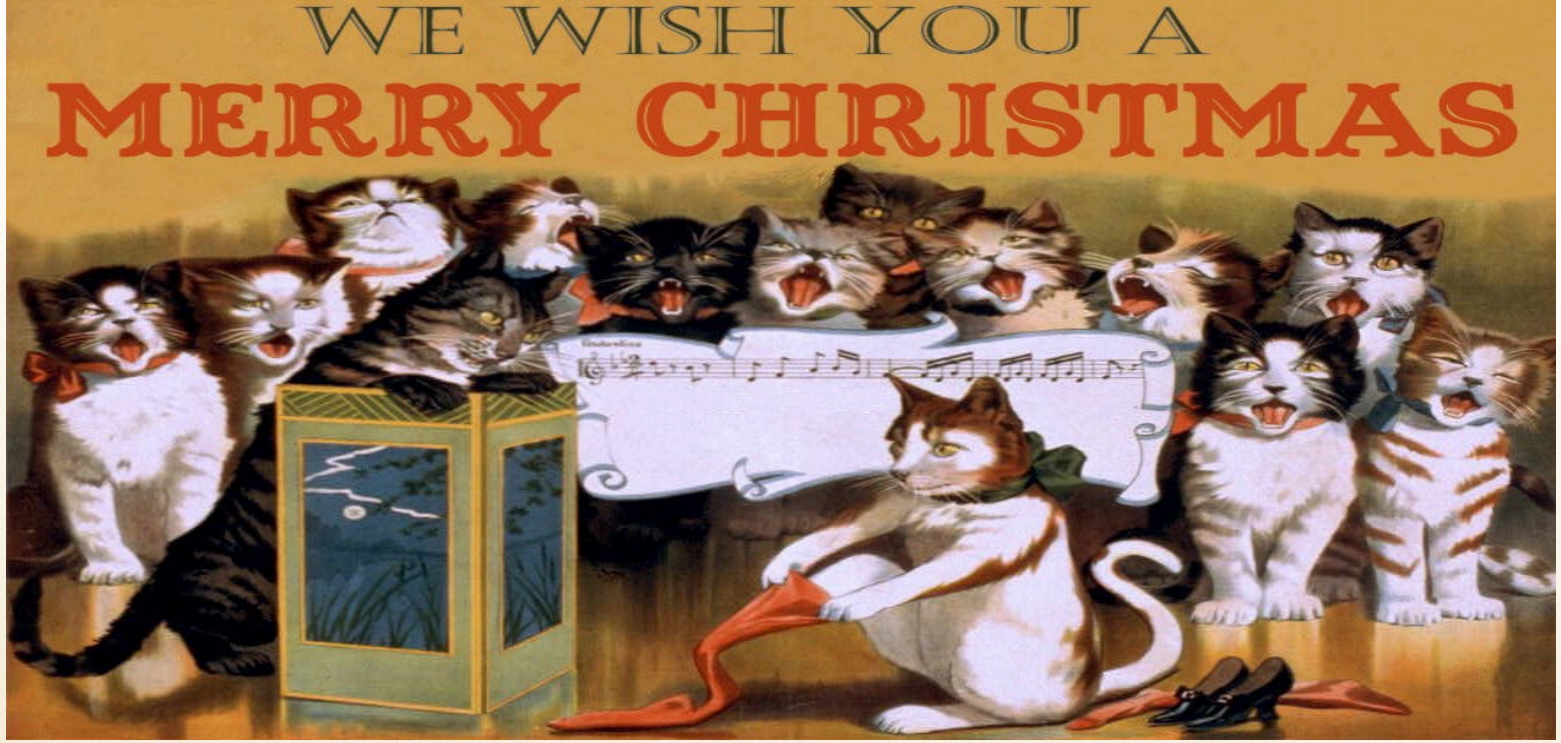
www.thesacredalliance.org

Relying on God's grace,
the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship imagines a world of peace
where all God's creation can thrive.

In local and global communities,
we will use every nonviolent means to disrupt and transform
the culture of domination that normalizes
racism, ecocide, militarization, and war.

We build peace through the abolition of structural violence
and by living into alternatives to violence
with creativity, intelligence, imagination, and love.

Wishing you and yours a beautiful Advent
as you remember all our blessings and
God's Grace.
Rosaleen, PWP Moderator



Sunnyvale Presbyterian Women
Christmas Angel Tea
Thursday, December 8
To register:
https://sunnyvalepresbyterianchurch.breezechms.com/form/43b90a

Sunnyvale Presbyterian Women (PW) invites everyone to the annual Christmas Angel Tea to celebrate the holiday season. Please join us for tea and refreshments and enjoy some special holiday music from the Mountain View High School choir. Cost is $15.