

August 1, 2005

To: Historians
From: Starling Edwards, Tres Rios PW Historian

Enclosed is a packet of material for your Presbyterian Women or all Church history for 2005.

My thanks to all of you who sent your histories and/or Statistical forms to me for the year 2004. I was able to send my report to Mary Baggett, our Synod PW Historian and a copy to the Department of History in Philadelphia, PA.

Our histories are fun to read at church celebrations and will provide a record for future generations of church events. When you send your history to Montreat, NC it will be kept on file to be read by any who visit there and would like to read it.

Your church history or PW history for 2004 should have been mailed by January 31. If it was not, it will be welcome at any time during the year. The history sent to Montreat should be on acid-free paper which is readily available at office supply stores and Wal-Mart. If you have trouble finding it, please contact me and I will mail some to you.

Following is a list of some of the information your might like to include in your history:

- Life membership recipients
- Special mission projects
- Names of speakers and workshop leaders
- Names of women honored for leadership in the wider church
- Attendees of Synod and Presbytery gatherings
- Members of your coordinating team
- Dates and places of gatherings and retreats

My church has an organized women's group. It was suggested to me that we save church newsletters and weekly bulletins which I have done. Each historian can go through these and organize them in categories such as the following: youth activities, special services, community activities, fellowship gatherings and etc. Please let me know if you think of any other means of gathering information for our histories.

Even if you do not choose to write a history, if you would fill out the statistical form included with this letter and return it to me, it will be of much help in compiling my history to Synod.

Again, let me sincerely thank each of you who sent a statistical report and/or a history to me in 2004. I look forward to receiving your reports for the year 2005 by January 31, 2006.

My address for your statistical reports and / or histories is:
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