

**Presbyterian Women  
Presbytery Western North Carolina  
General Council Report  
October 2019**

The Presbyterian Women of Western North Carolina began the program year with two Fall Gatherings – one in the eastern part of the Presbytery and one in the western part. At both gatherings our PWNC General Presbyter Bobbi White led a workshop about the history of the Rwanda genocide of 1994 and her most recent trip there for the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the genocide.

The first gathering was on Saturday, September 14, 2019 at FPC Newton, NC. There were 40 attendees representing 10 churches. The collected mission offering in the amount of \$783.00 has been distributed to Safe Harbor of Hickory whose mission is to provide a safe, secure environment for women and children who are living in threatening situations.

The second gathering was on Saturday, September 28, 2019 at Brevard-Davidson River PC. There were 59 attendees representing 11 churches. The collected mission offering in the amount of \$1,131.00 will be distributed to Centro Comunitario Hispano-Americano of Brevard, NC whose mission is to enhance the well-being and integration of Latinos in the community.

The Guatemala Microloan Project is quickly seeing the end of giving loans to the four original microloan groups. There will be a celebration of sorts for these women who will be “graduating” from the project. Through the support of these loans as well as Formation Workshops they are well on their way to growing their businesses in an effort to financially support their families. Having a desire to celebrate with these women the Guatemala Microloan Taskforce has planned a Microloan Delegation trip for January 27-February 3, 2020. As the 2016-2018 PW PWNC Treasurer and now as the current PW PWNC Moderator I have seen this project take shape and grow. I have submitted an application to Susan Maveety to travel with them to Guatemala.

Respectfully submitted,  
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