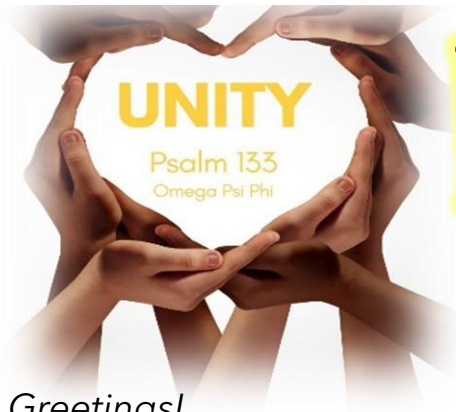


# PW in the Synod of the Covenant Gathering 2026



## Bound Together in Unity & Love

**Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!**

**Psalms 133:1 NKJV**

Greetings!

We hope you make it a point to join us for our Synod of the Covenant Gathering, **July 24-25, 2026**, being held at **Southminster Presbyterian Church**, 7001 Far Hills Ave., Dayton, Ohio, 45459. Here's their web site: <https://sminster.com>.

The registration **fee** of \$75 (full 2-day experience) or \$50 (1-day only) **includes**: all programming for both days, Friday's dinner, and lunch on Saturday! Use the registration form below to help us plan a joy filled event from start to finish! Please make checks payable to PWSOC and **mail your response to our registrar**: Audra Carr - 4731 Holt Rd., MI 48842 by June 29, 2026.

**Questions or Concerns?** Contact Anita Betts - P W Gathering Coordinator @ [busybeemom50@yahoo.com](mailto:busybeemom50@yahoo.com) or call (517) 993 7000.

### **Please Provide the Following Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Presbytery: \_\_\_\_\_ Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

### **Participation Options and Choices!** (Please fill in missing information and/or check the boxes)

Your name tag will say, My Name is... \_\_\_\_\_

Meals needed: Friday Dinner  Saturday Lunch

Dietary Restrictions/Requests: Vegetarian:  Gluten Free:  Other:

Special diet or unique limitations: \_\_\_\_\_

Sat. AM **Workshop Selection** (See Sat description): A  B  C  D

Join Us in Support of  
**Artemis House!**

**Gift cards from the following  
retailers are needed!**

**Kroger Meijer Target Speedway**

# A Schedule that Values Your Presence!

## FRIDAY 7-24 Activities and Events

- 3PM** Check-in
- 3:30** Lighting of the Christ Candle, Greeting and Land Acknowledgement
- 3:40** Opening Devotions with Chris Wolfe
- 4:00** Welcome - Chip Hardwick  
Executive for the Synod
- 4:25** Horizon Skit
- 4:35** Business Meeting - Part 1  
\* Break
- 5:30** Blessing and Dinner
- 6:45** Energizers & Music
- 7:00** **Keynote: Dr. Sarah Leer**
- 7:50** **Closing** for the evening
- 8:00** **Let's PLAY Bingo!**



Sarah Leer PhD

**Sarah - Arkansan native & lifelong Presbyterian. She has served non-profits for 10+ years, including the Presbyterian Church (USA), owner of Sarah Leer Consulting, LLC.**

## SATURDAY AM Activities & Events

- 8:00** Morning Check-in
- 8:30** Welcome Devotions by Jane Mytenko
- 9:00** **News from Louisville**  
P W Exec. Dir.- Susan Jackson Dowd  
Pam Synder: Gathering Moderator

\* **Susan Jackson Dowd** has served on the PC(USA) national Louisville staff since 1988. The first six years with the Presbyterian Publishing Corporation and the remaining years with the *PW Horizons*.

- 9:50** **Keynote: Dr. Lisa Hess**  
\* Break

### 10:40 Workshops

- A.** Dr. Leer: 26-27 Bible Study Questions
- B.** Dr. Hess: Writing as a spiritual practice
- C.** Sue Ochs & Rhonda Martin:  
The Role and Duties of a P W Treasurer
- D.** Susan J. Dowd & Pam Snyder  
P W Essentials

## SATURDAY PM Activities & Events

### NOON Blessings and Lunch

- 1:00** PW Business Meeting - Part 2
- 1:30** **Presentation by the Artemis Center** -  
Dayton's Domestic Violence Resource Agency  
\* Break
- 2:30** Closing Worship
- 3:30** Extinguishing Christ Candle and optional walk to the Sojourner Truth Statue

Planning to spend Friday night in Dayton? Audra Carr - our registrar, will provide Internet links for the following 2 hotels when she receives your reservation information.

\*Both locations provide Continental Breakfasts!

**Home 2 Suites by Hilton:** 5161  
Cornerstone N. Blvd. Centerville, OH  
45440

**Holiday Inn Express by IHG:** 5655  
Wilmington Pike Centerville, OH 45440

Lisa is a professor-scholar, poet, teaching-elder (PCUSA), Circle-Way facilitator, and an avid Peloton & Cross Fitter enthusiast. Ohio is home for Lisa and her family.



Lisa M. Hess, PhD

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If the answer is YES let us know when you check in and get your DRAWING TICKET!