

Bless'd be the tie that binds (Psalms 133:1)
He aquí, qué bueno y qué agradable es para los hermanos
habitar juntos en unidad. (Salmo 133:1)

My theme “*Bless'd be the tie that binds*” is the title of a hymn often sung in Churches of the Brethren at the conclusion of love feast or a conference. It holds special meaning for many of us who grew up with this tradition. It also speaks to our unity in the Christian faith supported by Psalms 133 (the first and last phrases, taken from several translations and paraphrased by Willard Ressler):

How wonderful! How beautiful!
How good and pleasant it is when all God's people, as
sisters and brothers,
live together in unity!
On them the LORD pours out
His blessing of abundant, eternal life.



Our service project this year is knitting rectangles for afghans which will be pieced together and given to various organizations. www.pswdcob.org/distconf/service
Our tied yarn knits our churches to members of our communities.

Gratefully,

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Delegates' Dedication

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We gather today as delegates from across our district, representing our churches in Arizona and California, to listen, respond, learn, and determine the next steps for our mission as Christians devoted to God's calling.

Though we are meeting virtually for the first time in our PSWD history, we are connected by our calling as the Priesthood of Believers to act from our faith in Jesus Christ, to sense the Spirit of God moving among us, and to recognize the blessings of the ties that bind us together in Christian Love. Amen.

Welcome to Business:

As we focus on Jesus, and acknowledge that Apart from Him we can do nothing, we embrace our commitment to work together in love. We invite your presence among us as we consider which paths to follow, including calling members to leadership positions and using our financial resources to undergird our ministries. Be with us now in this time of discernment. Amen.