

The leaves are beginning to change, the days are getting shorter, flip flops are moving to the back of the closet and you are wondering if all your gloves have a match!!

That could only mean the Columbiette year is underway!! The District Deputy and Officer Seminar was attended by almost 200 Auxiliary, Chapter and State Officers. The open discussions welcomed many important questions. Thank you to all who attended.

Our State Fundraisers this year are the Yankee Candle Sale running online all year and our 30 Week Club which begins December 7th. These are both wonderful ways to support the NJ State Council Columbiettes and purchase gifts for family and friends or maybe win something for yourself.

Please visit the NJ State Council Columbiettes website at [njcolumbiettes.com](http://njcolumbiettes.com). This is a great tool for all Columbiettes. You will find all of the Program information and forms, the directory, calendar of events, logo wear and much more. Don't forget to submit your auxiliary events to be included on the calendar!!

May our little acts of Kindness shine with great Love!

Elena McFarland

## **State President** Prayer Service - November – Gratitude

### *Leader: Opening Prayer*

May we be grateful each morning for the gift of a new day, and grateful each evening for the good we have received during the day, and for the good we have been able to do.

May we praise God through our giving thanks for his abundant love. May we praise God for offering such love to one another.

### *Reader: Reading from Scripture Psalm 67*

May God be gracious to us and bless us; may God's face shine upon us. So shall your rule be known upon the earth, your saving power among all the nations. May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you!

May the nations be glad and shout for joy; for you govern the peoples justly, you guide the nations upon the earth. May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you!

The earth has yielded its harvest; God, our God, blesses us. May God bless us still, that the ends of the earth may revere our God.

### *Reflection (Do as a group or break into smaller groups):*

- How has God shared the gift of abundance with you, your family and your community?
- What particularly are you thankful for at this time of celebrating and giving thanks?

Prayers of Petition and Gratitude:

- For what else shall we be thankful for?

*Leader: Closing Prayer*

God, Creator, we celebrate your overflowing love, and we give thanks to you for all that we have, all that we are. We know abundance because of you.

May we offer thanks to you by sharing what you have blessed us with, our talents, our graces, our spiritual as well as material goods. May we live in your light and in your love during this season, and during all the seasons of life. Amen.

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