

During the last 100 years, the St Giles Women's groups have been strong and vital in the congregation. In 1925, in January, the very first women's organization was formed. These women took on the responsibilities of fundraising, cleaning, and helping the Board of Managers in any way they could. Their motto was 'Let's get on with the job', and so they did! Their incredible work and dedication helped furnish and raise money for the new church.

Later, in December of 1925, the Women's Missionary Society was formed. A wide range of missions in the church and the world was undertaken.

In 1929 the "Guild" was organized, bringing the young women together. During the war years, the Guild sewed and knit for the servicemen. They became the support group for the Board of Managers. They decorated the church with fresh flowers for special occasions, and helped the congregation whenever called on.

In 1948 the Young Women's Auxiliary was formeddedicated to mission activities, and later took on money raising projects. They later changed their name to The Pauline Brown Auxiliary to honour our own missionary in India.

Another group was the Elders Wives Association. They maintained the communion silver and the linens. They also did much for the sick and shut-ins

In recent years, the many groups joined together until there was the Women's Missionary Society and the Pauline Brown group.

Now we have the St. Giles Presbyterian Women. We organize the Christmas Fayre and the Great Glebe Garage Sale participation. We maintain the church kitchen, and provide food for other occasions. Our mission work continues by donating to two charitable organizations twice a year.

We cherish our past at St. Giles, and we continue with faith and hope for the future.

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