



# 219<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (2010) Minneapolis, Minnesota

## *Schedule of Events* (as of 5/3/10)

Please review this entire schedule **before** you begin to register. Events that are **boxed and shaded** are official meetings of the assembly.

### Location Codes:

- Hilton – Hilton Minneapolis
- Hyatt – Hyatt Regency Minneapolis
- MCC – Minneapolis Convention Center
- WPC – Westminster Presbyterian Church

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### Friday, July 2

8:00 am–8:00 pm **Young Adult Advisory Delegate Orientation; Hyatt;** Conducted by Young Adult Advisory Delegate Advisors with support from staff of the Office of the General Assembly and the General Assembly Mission Council. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner are included.

12:00 noon-6:00 pm **Exhibit Hall open; MCC**

12:00 noon-7:00 pm **Meet the Candidates for Moderator; MCC;** The candidates for Moderator of the 219<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (2010) will be available to meet commissioners, advisory delegates and other participants.

**1:00 pm – 9:00 pm Assembly Committee on the New Form of Government; MCC**

2:00 pm-5:00 pm **Auburn Media Training Workshop; Hilton;** Media has become the new public square and is a powerful way of sharing ministry in the changing church. This workshop will prepare pastors and lay leaders on how to take their message to the media. Auburn Media (a ministry of Auburn  
Ticket - \$15



Seminary) has trained more than 600 pastors and lay leaders. Limited to 12 participants.

- 3:00 pm-4:00 pm      **Resource Person Training; MCC;** For those designated as resource persons related to business before the assembly. Repeated on Saturday morning at 10:00 am.
- 4:00 pm-8:00 pm      ***Shalom, Salaam, and Peace: One Hope, Two Peoples, Three Faith Traditions - Pre-Assembly Conference sponsored by the Middle East Study Committee; MCC;*** This conference is sponsored by the Middle East Study Committee that will report to the 219<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (2010). Speakers for the conference include Avraham Burg (Israeli author and former member and speaker of the Knesset), Mitri Raheb (pastor, Christmas Lutheran Church in Bethlehem, and leader in the development of the International Center of Bethlehem). Dinner is included.  
Ticket - \$60
- 5:00 pm-7:00 pm      **Ecumenical Advisory Delegate Orientation and Reception; MCC**
- 5:30 pm-8:00 pm      **Missionary Advisory Delegate Orientation and Dinner; MCC**
- 5:30 pm-8:00 pm      **Theological Student Advisory Delegate Orientation/Student Assistant and Dinner; MCC**
- 5:30 pm-7:00 pm      **Overture Advocate Training; MCC;** Conducted by the Office of the General Assembly, for designated presbytery and synod advocates for overtures to this assembly. Repeated on Sunday evening at 5:00 pm.
- 6:30 pm-8:30 pm      **Covenant Network Commissioner Dinner; WPC;** The topic is *That's For Sure* by Doug Nave, an attorney, a Covenant Network director, and a member of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian, NYC. On the eve of GA, plan to gather with the Covenant Network to hear about the challenges before the assembly. This event is an opportunity for commissioners, advisory delegates and observers to think together about how to make a difference in the coming week. Candidates for Moderator have been invited to introduce themselves.  
Ticket - \$34
- 7:30 pm-9:00 pm      **Commissioner Orientation to Racial Ethnic Concerns - Ice Cream Social; Hilton;** Introduction and overview of business before the assembly that is of particular interest and significance to people of color. This session will include information on reports and recommendations from the Advocacy Committee for Racial Ethnic Concerns as well as "Advice and Counsel" offered by the committee on pending issues. Commissioners will have an



opportunity to raise questions with ACREC committee members. Come enjoy an elucidating and refreshing session.

8:00 pm-10:30 pm     **Presbyterians for Renewal Get Acquainted Reception; Hyatt;** A significant part of GA is connecting with brothers and sisters in Christ. Commissioners and observers are warmly invited to join the PFR Team for fellowship and dessert the evening before it all begins. Candidates for Moderator have been invited to join us for informal conversation.

8:00 pm     **Welcome to Minnesota and its Music!; WPC;** Enjoy a cool evening of some of Minnesota's hottest music! All are invited to this free program at Westminster Presbyterian Church, just across the street from the Convention Center and close to all of the hotels. One of the nation's premier bluegrass bands, Monroe Crossing, will perform ([www.monroecrossing.com](http://www.monroecrossing.com)), as will Cantus, considered by many critics to be the nation's top male *a capella* ensemble ([www.cantusonline.org](http://www.cantusonline.org)). Both are local groups with international reputations and showcase some of the best – and most entertaining – music Minnesota has to offer. Sponsored by Westminster Presbyterian Church. Donations accepted at the door. Doors will open at 7:30 pm.

8:00 pm-10:00 pm     **YAAD Gathering; Hyatt**



## Saturday, July 3

- 7:00 am-8:30 am **Women's Issues Orientation; MCC;** Enjoy breakfast with other advocates for gender justice at the General Assembly while learning and gaining insight about items of business before the assembly connected to women's issues. Sponsored by the Office of Women's Advocacy, the Advocacy Committee for Women's Concerns, and the Office of Gender and Racial Justice, GAMC.  
Ticket - \$25
- 7:00 am-8:30 am **Presbyterian Voice for Justice Commissioner Orientation/ Breakfast (formerly the Witherspoon Commissioner Orientation); Hilton;** Everything Presbyterian progressives need to know to be effective participants. This is a wake-up call that will include a continental breakfast, interactive sharing, worship, and information about GA issues. Come be energized for our week together!  
Ticket - \$27
- 7:00 am-8:45 am **Presbyterians for Renewal General Assembly Overview Breakfast; Hyatt;** Let us help you get your bearings. Commissioners and observers are invited to start your assembly with PFR. We offer light refreshments and accessible presentations on the major issues coming before each GA Committee. No charge for commissioners, but a ticket is required.  
Ticket - \$5  
\$FREE for Commissioners
- 9:00 am-5:00 pm **Exhibit Hall open; MCC**

8:30 am-12:00 noon **Riverside Conversations: Pre-assembly workshops for Commissioners and Advisory Delegates; MCC**

The *Riverside Conversations* is a pre-assembly experience for commissioners and advisory delegates. On Saturday morning before the 219<sup>th</sup> GA convenes that afternoon, the commissioners and advisory delegates will begin engaging the key issues before the General Assembly, encountering each other and listening for God's Spirit of discernment as a gathering body.

Two periods of 90-minute Conversations will be scheduled between breakfast and lunch. Topics will be repeated so commissioners and advisory delegates can choose two Conversations without conflict. The six Conversations are:

- Equipping the Church for Ministry with God's Diverse Family: Sharing the gospel, nurturing disciples and building the church in today's complex multi-cultural, multiracial society requires new

skills. Come learn about some of the tools and resources available to Presbyterians who seek to meet this challenge and continue the Presbyterian Church's long standing commitment to address racism.

- Reports from the Stated Clerk and Executive Director of the GAMC: Each assembly hears reports from the Stated Clerk and the Executive Director of the GAMC. This conversation will provide an interactive format for engaging Gradye Parsons and Linda Valentine in their ministries and the state of the church.
- Conversations about the Confessional Statements: Two Special Committees formed by previous assemblies will be making recommendations to the 219th concerning our confessional statements. Members of the Committees on the Belhar Confession and on translating the Heidelberg Catechism will lead this conversation.
- Conversations about the proposed new Form of Government: The New Form of Government Task Force has been in conversation with the church and brings its final recommendation to the 219th Assembly. Task Force members will lead a conversation with the commissioners and advisory delegates who will be deciding if this revision should be sent to the church for adoption.
- Conversations about the Middle East Study Committee Report: Members of this Special Committee, commissioned by the 218th Assembly, will share some of their experiences and engage commissioners and advisory delegates in the issues they will be bringing to the assembly.
- Conversations about the Special Committee on Civil Unions and Christian Marriage Task Force Report: The 218th Assembly convened this special committee to study (among other things) the history, theology, pastoral implications and place within the Christian community of marriage and civil unions. Members will lead a conversation about their report and the recommendations they bring to the 219th Assembly.



- 10:00 am-11:00 am **Resource Person Training; MCC;** For those designated as resource persons related to business before the assembly.
- 11:30 am-1:30 pm **Presbyterian Outlook Luncheon; Hilton;** The lunch that launches the GA will give you your initial introduction to all the candidates for Moderator, as they cast their vision for the PC(U.S.A.). Join hundreds of commissioners, former moderators, advisory delegates, friends of the Outlook, editor Jack Haberer, staff and board members. A distinguished Presbyterian leader will receive the Presbyterian Outlook Foundation's Ernest Trice Thompson Award for a lifetime of service.  
Ticket: \$34
- 11:30 am-1:30 pm **Korean Luncheon; Korean Presbyterian Church;** All Korean-American commissioners, advisory delegates, staff, guests and friends are invited to this community building luncheon coordinated by the National Council of Korean Presbyterian Churches (NCKPC) and hosted by the Korean Presbyterian Church of Minnesota at 5840 Humboldt Avenue N, Brooklyn Center, MN 55430. Contact the church (763.560.6699) or Yushin Lee (530.902.0562) for reservations and information. Shuttle bus will transport participants to and from the church. Meet outside the MCC entrance on Second Avenue South.
- 12:00 noon-7:00 pm **Meet the Candidates for Moderator; MCC;** The candidates for Moderator of the 219<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (2010) will be available to meet commissioners, advisory delegates and other participants.
- 12:00 noon-5:00 pm **Israel Palestine Mission Network Gathering Room; WPC;** The PC(U.S.A.) Israel Palestine Mission Network invites commissioners and visitors to General Assembly to visit their meeting and gathering. Activities to be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and the 5<sup>th</sup> to the 8<sup>th</sup> include educational resources, both in print and DVD format, conversations with IPMN members and invited guests as well as small group discussions on the issue of a just and secure peace for both Israel and Palestine. Please visit the IPMN booth in the exhibit hall for specific information on scheduled events.
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| 1:30 pm | <b>General Assembly Convenes – Business Meeting 1; MCC</b> |
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- 4:00 pm-5:00 pm **More Light Presbyterians National Celebration Reception; Hilton;** Start your General Assembly in good company and with hope! All are invited to a national welcoming and affirming Presbyterian celebration reception hosted by More Light Presbyterians. MLP is a national Pro-LGBT Equality network of individual members, families, churches and local chapters working for spiritual, ordination and marriage equality in the



PC(U.S.A.). You are invited to the reception whether or not you plan to attend the More Light Presbyterians Celebration dinner which follows. See good friends and make new ones at this rainbow family reunion within our Church.

5:00 pm-6:45 pm      **MLP National Celebration Dinner; Hilton;** All are invited to a national welcoming and affirming Presbyterian celebration dinner hosted by More Light Presbyterians (MLP). MLP is a national Pro-LGBT Equality network of individual members, families, churches and local chapters working for spiritual, ordination and marriage equality in the PC(U.S.A.). A festive celebration of faith, hope and love for persons of all sexual orientations and gender identities and God-given differences. The program includes a keynote address, national awards, legislative priorities for this GA, a Shower of Stoles Project display and Voices of Hope.  
Ticket - \$45

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm      **Commissioner and Advisory Delegate Group Dinner and Orientation to the General Assembly Agencies; Exhibit Hall, MCC**

7:00 pm      **General Assembly Business Meeting 2; MCC;** The election of the Moderator of the 219<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (2010).

7:30 pm      **More Light Presbyterians Hospitality Suite; TBA;** All are welcome to relax and enjoy fellowship, share in daily prayers and vespers, refreshments, watch movies, discover new pro-LGBT educational resources and more.

9:00 pm-11:30 pm      **Racial Ethnic and Women's Ministries/Presbyterian Women Reception; Hilton;** This reception is the newly elected moderator's first opportunity (invited) to be introduced to the National Caucuses of the PC(U.S.A.), and the diversities and gifts they bring to the denomination.

9:30 pm-11:00 pm      **YAAD Gathering; Hyatt**



## Sunday, July 4

- 7:00 am-9:00 am  
Ticket - \$15
- Seeking a Lasting Peace: Presbyterians for Middle East Peace; Hyatt;** Our group includes the broad political and theological diversity within the PC(U.S.A.). We are committed to bringing Presbyterians together around the PC(U.S.A.)'s long-held vision of a just and lasting peace in which two states, Palestine and Israel, live side by side peacefully and thrive economically. We aim to be and have the PC(U.S.A.) be a non-partisan voice amidst harsh, partisan rhetoric that so often dominates discussion of these issues. Please look for announcements of our events at the assembly.
- 7:30 am-9:15 am  
Ticket - \$30
- Women of Faith Award Ceremony-Breakfast; Hyatt;** Sponsored by the Racial Ethnic and Women's Ministries/Presbyterian Women ministry area. We recognize the faithful witness of three women who have served the church as "Women with a Peaceful Heart: Guiding Paths of Peace." Women will be honored who have helped the church to grow in its witness and commitment to peacemaking.
- 7:45 am-9:00 am  
Ticket - \$30
- Presbyterian Coalition Breakfast; Hilton;** How does the Holy Spirit guide the church? What is the Spirit's role in processes of discernment, especially in times of disagreement? How can we tell when our decisions are "of the Spirit" or not? Mateen Ellass, Senior Pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Edmond, OK, will set a thoughtful tone for the week's deliberations. Mateen Ellass (PhD, University of Durham in England) was raised as a Muslim in Saudi Arabia. He is the author of *The Holy Spirit* (Geneva Press, 2005) and *Understanding the Koran: A Quick Christian Guide to the Muslim Holy Book* (Harper Collins, 2004).
- 8:00 am-9:30 am
- Being Church Leaders in a Time of re-Formation; Hilton;** The Presbyterian Foundation trustees and staff extend an invitation to the middle governing body executives to attend breakfast with guest speaker Phyllis Tickle. Phyllis, author of *The Great Emergence, How Christianity is Changing and Why*, will discuss adjusting to change within the church. By Invitation, RSVP by July 1 to Serrita Bell at [srb@fdn.pcusa.org](mailto:srb@fdn.pcusa.org) or 502-569-8919.
- 10:00 am-12:00 noon **Service of Opening Worship and Communion; MCC;** Bruce Reyes-Chow, preaching. The service features communion and offering. Reyes-Chow is the Moderator of the 218<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (2008). He serves as pastor of Mission Bay Community Church in San Francisco, CA, and is a member of San Francisco Presbytery.



12:00 noon-5:00 pm **Exhibit Hall open; MCC**

12:00 noon-1:30 pm **Group Lunch for Commissioners and Advisory Delegates; MCC**  
Ticket - \$30

12:00 noon-1:30 pm **Presbyterians Pro-Life Luncheon; Hilton; What about abortion?**  
Ticket - \$30 How should the church respond? If we are going to live obediently and faithfully to the Lord, these questions need to be examined honestly. Our speaker, David Swanson, looks closely at one of the most significant moral issues of our time, seeking the counsel of God's Word, and offering the hope of God's redeeming love and grace to those who have experienced wounds as the result of abortion decisions.

12:00 noon-2:00 pm **Presbyterian World Mission Luncheon; Hyatt**  
Ticket - \$43

12:00 noon-2:30 pm **Presbyterian Voices for Justice Awards Luncheon (formerly by the Witherspoon Society); Hyatt; Speaker Mary Elva Smith's topic is "God's Urgings: Are We Listening?"** A spiritual director who has served in many roles in the PC(U.S.A.), she will explore how to discern in community what God may be calling us to do now. Two awards will be presented (congregation and individual) that exemplify the commitments of Presbyterian Voices for Justice (this is the new name for two organizations that merged in 2009: Witherspoon Society and Voices of Sophia). *NOTE:* The Membership Business Meeting will be held immediately after the Luncheon program.

1:30 pm-4:30 pm **Assembly Committee Meetings I; MCC; the first hour of these initial meetings may be closed sessions.**

5:00 pm-6:00 pm **Overture Advocate and Commissioner Resolution Training; MCC; see full description for event listed for Friday, July 2.**

5:30 pm-7:30 pm **Moderator's Reception; Nicollet Island; The reception for the newly elected Moderator of the 219<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (2010), open to everyone, will be held at the Nicollet Island Pavilion, a historical site (and building) on an island in the Mississippi River. The pavilion and surrounding park on the river bank at St. Anthony Falls and overlooks the city of Minneapolis. Shuttles will run from hotels on a regular basis. Come and plan to stay for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July picnic! (below).**



6:30 pm-10:30 pm **4<sup>th</sup> of July Picnic and fireworks; Nicollet Island;**

Ticket - \$12 for adults and children 13 and over; \$6 for children 4-12; and free (no ticket required) for children 3 and under.

Held at the same location as the Moderator's Reception (above), the park grounds will be transformed into a family 4<sup>th</sup> of July picnic with food, games for children, and a variety of entertainment for young and old. The evening will culminate with the City of Minneapolis' annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks over the river, one of the largest fireworks displays in the U.S. Shuttles will run from hotels on a regular basis. Plan to come and bring your family!

7:30 pm

**More Light Presbyterians Hospitality Suite; TBA;** see full description listed for Saturday, July 3.



## Monday, July 5

7:00 am–9:00 am  
Ticket- \$25

**General Assembly Breakfast and Morning Prayers; MCC;** Join the staff of the Office of the General Assembly as together we hear from Phyllis Tickle about the church’s re-formation. Comments from Gradye Parsons, Stated Clerk, and morning prayers will also be included. The event is a group meal for commissioners and advisory delegates.

7:00 am–8:30 am

**Westminster’s Calvin Café – breakfast; WPC;** Start your General Assembly morning right with a delicious full breakfast for you to enjoy in our Great Hall or al fresco in the Courtyard, across the street from the Convention Center. No need to pre-order tickets.

7:00 am- 9:00am  
Ticket - \$20

**Presbyterian Lay Committee Breakfast - A Matter of Trust: Church Property and the Case of the “Trust Clause”;** Millennium; Speaker: Attorney Lloyd Lunceford, author of “The Guide to Church Property Law.” The denomination asserts a trust over all church property. But asserting a trust does not a trust make. Cases have been decided in many jurisdictions and are pending before several state Supreme Courts. What are the issues? Why does it matter? What legal arguments can be expected? Does it matter where you came from, the UPC or PCUS? It is not a matter of “staying” or “leaving,” it is a matter of trust.

### 9:00 am **Assembly Committee Meetings II; MCC**

9:00 am–4:30 pm  
Ticket - \$50

**Mission Tour 1: Dead Sea Scrolls; Science Museum of Minnesota, St. Paul;** Take advantage of this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to witness one of the greatest archaeological finds of the 20th century—The [Dead Sea Scrolls](#) which include the earliest known Biblical writings. These 2,000-year-old, authentic text fragments are steeped in scientific, religious, and cultural significance. The Science Museum's one-of-a-kind exhibition invites visitors to learn about the science behind The Dead Sea Scrolls, and to reflect upon their significance. Lunch on your own. Repeated Tuesday at 9:00 am and 5:30 pm, and Wednesday at 9:00 am.

9:00 am–5:00 pm  
Ticket - \$50

**Mission Tour 2: Presbyterian Pioneers in the Minnesota River Valley;** Gideon Pond House, Bloomington Historical Society, Oak Grove Presbyterian Church. This tour involves walking to various venues and includes facilities which are not ADA compliant. Travel back in time to learn about the Presbyterian pioneers who came to the Minnesota Territory in the 1830s to share the gospel with the Native Americans



along the St. Peter's River (now called the Minnesota River). Visit the sites of three mission stations founded by the Pond brothers and enjoy a guided tour of the [Gideon Pond house](#) built in 1856. Listen to the stories of the missionaries and Native Americans from the descendents of the Pond brothers, Thomas S. Williamson, Robert Hopkins, and Chief Cloud Man. Eat lunch with current members of the congregations founded by Presbyterian missionaries throughout the Minnesota River Valley at the [Oak Grove Presbyterian Church](#). View artifacts from this era at the [Bloomington Historical Society](#). (Lunch included in ticket price).

9:15 am-7:00 pm

**Exhibit Hall open; MCC**

9:30 am-3:30 pm

Ticket - \$65

**Mission Tour 3: Mississippi Canoe Trip** - Led by [Wilderness Inquiry](#) and the National Park Service; Discover the wilderness running through the midst of metropolitan Minneapolis and St. Paul: the mighty Mississippi. Paddle down the river in 10-person canoes and discover how big and powerful the river is. Learn about the river, its history, geology and ecology, and the vital role it has had and continues to play in Minnesota's history and economy. Enjoy lunch on a sandy beach and take a trip through the Ford lock and dam. (Lunch included in ticket price).

11:30 am-1:30 pm

Ticket - \$22

**Presbyterians Affirming Reproductive Options Luncheon; WPC;** Frances Kissling is a visiting scholar at the University of Pennsylvania Center for Bioethics. She has worked on international reproductive health issues for over 40 years with extensive experience in Latin America. Kissling has addressed parliaments in the UK, Brazil, Uruguay, and Argentina as well as the United Nations, Portugal and Spain on the importance of religious freedom and reproductive health.

11:30 am-1:00 pm

Ticket - \$10

**Westminster's Calvin Café – lunch; WPC;** purchase a ticket for a delightful (and attractively priced!) box lunch. Then come and pick it up and enjoy it on our shady Courtyard while listening to live music in our Great Hall or with views of downtown Minneapolis. Avoid the lunch lines elsewhere! Plus, we're just across the street from the Convention Center!

12:00 noon-1:00 pm

Ticket - \$27

**Chaplains' Luncheon, and Friends of PCCMP; Hilton;** This luncheon is a time for a gathering of military and VA chaplains, retired and former chaplains, family members, and all friends of the Presbyterian Council for Chaplains and Military Personnel. Presbytery officers are encouraged to attend to learn more about the ministry of their military and VA members, some serving far from home and outside the bounds of a presbytery. The speaker is Rear Admiral Mark Tidd, a Presbyterian Navy



chaplain and member of National Capital Presbytery; he was recently selected as the new Deputy Chief of Chaplains for the Navy and serves as the Chaplain of the Marine Corps. All who support military and VA chaplaincy are most welcome.

- 12:00 noon-1:30 pm **Covenant Network Commissioner Luncheon; Hilton;** “Tolerance is a Floor, Not a Ceiling” by Gus Niebuhr – Featured Speaker. Gustav Niebuhr is Associate Professor of Religion and the Media at Syracuse University, where he is director of the Religion & Society Program and founding director of the Carnegie Religion and Media Program. Dr. Niebuhr is author of *Beyond Tolerance: Searching for Interfaith Understanding in America* (Viking, 2008) and contributes to the “On Faith” blog at [www.washingtonpost.com](http://www.washingtonpost.com) and [www.newsweek.com](http://www.newsweek.com). As committee work continues, plan to enjoy lunch on Monday with the Covenant Network, reflect on our continuing vision of a church that is as generous and just as God’s Grace, and hear Gus celebrate the ways that we can move beyond mere toleration of differences to mutual respect and understanding.  
Ticket - \$28
- 12:00 noon-1:30 pm **GA Media Luncheon: “The Changing Landscape of Youth and Media!”; Hyatt;** “Multi-tasking by kids and youth is a growing phenomenon in media use and we don’t know whether it’s good or bad or both” - from the Kaiser Family Foundation Study. What implications does youth media use have for today’s Church? Hosted by Presbyterian Media Mission and partially underwritten by Church Restoration Group.  
Ticket - \$30
- 12:00 noon-5:00 pm **Israel Palestine Mission Network Gathering Room; WPC;** see full description listed for Saturday, July 3.
- 12:00 noon-1:30 pm **Presbyterians for Renewal Mid-day Briefings; Hyatt;** Bring sense and spiritual stability back into each assembly day. PFR offers daily opportunities for prayer and refocusing, up to the minute progress reports on the work of assembly committees, and informed interpretation of issues emerging in plenary sessions. Commissioners are encouraged to bring questions and find networks of affinity. Observers are also welcome. Fellowship and networking opportunities are continuous. The briefings will begin around 1:00.
- 12:00 noon-1:30 pm **Small Church Luncheon; Hyatt;** Join us as we lift up stories of smaller membership churches that have journeyed on a path leading to transformed congregational life. These stories capture a range of topics including spiritual discernment, changing demographics, pastoral leadership, and church building issues. Sponsored by the GAMC.  
Ticket - \$18



12:00 noon-1:30 pm **Synod of the Rocky Mountains Luncheon; Hyatt;** all participants from within the synod (commissioners, advisory delegates, staff, and visitors), as well as friends of the synod, are invited to gather for a lunch time gathering (no chicken will be served). This is an opportunity to get to know one another and compare notes on the Assembly.  
Ticket - \$15

1:30 pm	Assembly Committee Meetings III	MCC
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3:00 pm-5:30 pm **A Workshop with Phyllis Tickle (for middle governing body staff) Hilton;** An open invitation is issued to middle governing body staffs and visitors to the General Assembly to dialogue with Phyllis Tickle, author of *The Great Emergence* and speaker at the 219<sup>th</sup> General Assembly Breakfast. For those new to Ms. Tickle's work this will be a challenging and provocative examination of the current cultural context which she calls the "every five hundred year rummage sale". For those familiar with her theories, this workshop promises to delve deeper into her assessments and projections for the emerging church of the next five hundred years! This event is graciously hosted by the Synod of Lakes and Prairies and the Office of the General Assembly – all middle governing body staff are encouraged to attend.

4:00 pm-6:30 pm **Westminster Presbyterian Church Open House; WPC;** Visit the thriving downtown Presbyterian church across the street from the Convention Center: hear about best practices in mission, church officer development, and adult education; chat with Westminster clergy; tour our nationally-known art gallery and archive; have a chair massage (courtesy of the Westminster Counseling Center... FREE to commissioners!); use the free wireless Internet access; buy a handmade cross from Cuba to support our youth; see the Chapel and historic Sanctuary, open for quiet time and prayer; relax in our shady courtyard; enjoy refreshments.

5:15 pm-7:15 pm **PHEWA Ministry Awards Reception; WPC;** Join us in recognizing and celebrating exemplary justice outreach ministries across the PC(U.S.A.); faithful servants who have proven ministry models to share, as effective methods of evangelism and transformation. Too often, these ministries work tirelessly on the margins and this is your opportunity to join in lifting them up for denominational thanks, well deserved! Hot hors d'oeuvres will be served.  
Ticket - \$15

5:30 pm-7:30 pm **Association of Executive Presbyters Dinner; Hilton;** The annual dinner



Ticket - \$46 for members of the association is a time to thank those retiring, welcome those entering this call, and celebrating the crucial ministry of anyone called to the position of Middle Governing Body Executive. To come together to thank, to honor, to laugh with, and to encourage – one of the few times Executives can gather and be uplifted as a body.

5:45 pm-7:15 pm  
Ticket - \$25 **A Simple Meal; WPC;** The PC(U.S.A.) ministry area of Compassion, Peace and Justice (GAMC) invites you to take time during the assembly to join with us at the table for a Simple Meal. In the spirit of living simply so others may simply live, we invite you to gather with folks who have passion around issues of empowerment, justice, and lifestyle integrity for a vegetarian meal of fresh local food. A portion of the ticket price will go to support ministries of compassion, peace and justice in the Minneapolis area.

**7:30 pm Assembly Committee Meetings IV, MCC**

7:30 pm **More Light Presbyterians Hospitality Suite; TBA;** see full description listed for Saturday, July 3.

8:00 pm-10:00 pm **A Taste of Austin; Hyatt;** sponsored by Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Did you know that Austin is the Live Music Capital of the World? And, in 2009, named:

- #3 Best Places to Live
- #1 College Town
- Greenest City in America
- Least stressful large metro area.

While enjoying our guacamole bar and your favorite “Texas Tea,” experience the musical sounds that put Austin on the map. Alumni/ae, friends and guests are invited. You’ve been working hard all day, kick back, relax, come taste and see all things Austin.

8:30 pm-10:30 pm **McCormick Seminary/Chicago Presbytery Reception; Hyatt;** The Presbytery of Chicago and McCormick Theological Seminary cordially invite all friends, faculty, alums and students to share good food and warm fellowship in a relaxed setting. Come unwind with us!

9:00 pm-11:00 pm **Young Women’s Leadership Development Reception; Hyatt;** Come and join other young women to share and learn about opportunities for leadership, including National Network of Presbyterian College Women (NNPCW) & Racial Ethnic Young Women Together (REYWT).



9:30 pm-11:00 pm **YAAD Gathering; Hyatt**



## Tuesday, July 6

- 7:00 am-8:30 am      **Westminster's Calvin Café – breakfast; WPC;** see full description listed for Monday, July 5.
- 7:00 am-8:15 am      **International Health Ministries/Medical Benevolence Foundation**  
Ticket - \$35      **Breakfast; Hyatt;** The breakfast will highlight the transforming health and medical work done by our international church partners around the world and how presbyteries, congregations and individual Presbyterians can be part of this expression of Jesus' healing ministry.
- 7:00 am-8:15 am      **Maryville College Breakfast; Hyatt;** Maryville College (Tennessee)  
Ticket - \$10      has been "challenging students to search for truth, grow in wisdom, work for justice and dedicate lives of creativity and service to the peoples of the world" for 190 years. As the next chapter begins with a new president, a new strategic plan and a new world class performing arts center, the College is grateful for its many blessings and celebrates the promise of the future. As partners in mission since 1819, you are, with gratitude, invited to share in the "news!"
- 7:00 am-8:30 am      **Breakfast with Pittsburgh Presbytery; Hyatt;** A time for members,  
Ticket - \$26      former members and friends of Pittsburgh Presbytery to renew friendships and have fellowship together; and hear from Pastor to Presbytery Sheldon Sorge about what's happening in Pittsburgh Presbytery.
- 7:00 am – 8:15 am      **Voices of Sophia Breakfast, sponsored by Presbyterian Voices for**  
Ticket - \$27      **Justice; Hyatt;** *Reimagining Church: De-Centering Privilege as an Act of Global Citizenship.* Speaker: Christine Smith (UCC), professor of preaching, United Seminary of the Twin Cities and preacher at the first "Re-Imagining" in 1993. What is social privilege? How might Christians "de-center" (relocate) themselves socially? How is de-centering a prophetic act of justice in our world? Dr. Smith will challenge us to look at the complex language of margin and center. She will also discuss actions and spiritual disciplines that all of us, as privileged citizens, can adopt in order to live more justice-loving lives. Christine Smith is eminently qualified to *re-imagine* a just church in a global world.
- 8:00 am-11:00 am      **National Presbyterian Men Breakfast; Hyatt;** Don't miss this  
Ticket - \$27      opportunity to fellowship with Presbyterian Men of various ages, and racial/ethnic backgrounds from throughout the United States at the 2010 National Presbyterian Men Breakfast. The breakfast will feature a



keynote speaker on Fighting Human Trafficking, which is one of the national mission projects of National Presbyterian Men in 2010. Purchase your ticket early as space will be limited in this popular event.

8:00 am–4:30 pm  
Ticket - \$50

**Mission Tour 4: St. John's Bible, St. John's University, Collegeville, MN;** Travel to St. John's University in Collegeville to learn about the [St. John's Bible](#) project. In addition, there will be a tour of the [Abbey](#), and the [Institute for Ecumenical and Cultural Research](#). The St. John's Bible was commissioned by St. John's Abbey and University in 1998. This is the first hand-scribed, hand-illustrated Bible commissioned since the advent of the printing press more than 500 years ago. Calligraphers have used traditional hand-made quills and inks to scribe pages on vellum. Artists have produced contemporary illuminations using minerals and stones such as lapis lazuli, malachite and vermilion as well as 24-karat gold, silver and platinum. The result is an amazing work of art that "combines ancient Benedictine tradition with the technology and vision of today, illuminating the Word of God for a new millennium." The tour will include an introduction to the Bible project, explanations of the process of calligraphy and illumination, Vision Divina Bible study focusing on a single scripture passage and the accompanying illumination from a page of the Bible currently on display, and time to view pages of the Bible on display. (Lunch included in ticket price).

8:30 am

**Morning Worship; MCC;** Taylor Lewis Guthrie, preaching. Guthrie, a candidate for Minister of Word and Sacrament, under the care of Mid-Kentucky Presbytery, is a student at the Harvard Divinity School in Cambridge, MA.

9:00 am–4:30 pm  
Ticket - \$50

**Mission Tour 5: Dead Sea Scrolls; Science Museum of Minnesota, St. Paul;** Repeated Monday at 9:00 am, Tuesday at 5:30 pm, and Wednesday at 9:00 am. See full description on page 11. Lunch on your own.

9:00 am–5:00 pm  
Ticket - \$60

**Mission Tour 6: Presbyterian Pioneers in the St. Croix River Valley, Stillwater tour, Warden's House, trolley ride, paddleboat cruise;** This tour involves walking to various venues and includes facilities which are not ADA compliant. Travel back in time to learn about the Presbyterian pioneers who came to the territories of Wisconsin and Minnesota in the 1840s to share the gospel along the St. Croix River, particularly Rev. William T. Boutwell. Ride the [trolley](#) through downtown [Stillwater](#) to view the historic churches, Victorian homes, and lumber mill. Tour the [Warden's House](#) (circa 1853) at the site of the first territorial prison in Minnesota. Cruise the St. Croix River on a [paddleboat](#) while enjoying



lunch and presentations from local historians, environmentalists, park rangers, and current members of the [congregations](#) founded by Presbyterian missionaries throughout the St. Croix River Valley. (Lunch included).

9:15 am-7:00 am **Exhibit Hall open; MCC**

9:30 am **Assembly Committee Meetings V; MCC**

9:30 am-3:00 pm **Mission Tour 7: Minneapolis – The Mill City: Mill City Museum, St. Anthony Falls Riverfront district;** [Mill City Museum](#) chronicles the flour milling industry that dominated world flour production for roughly a half-century and fueled the growth of Minneapolis, recognized across the nation and around the world as “Mill City.” Built within the ruins of a National Historic Landmark — the Washburn A Mill — the museum provides a multi-sensory, interactive journey. The story of flour milling — and its impact on Minneapolis, the nation and the world — comes to life through the eight-story Flour Tower and other hands-on exhibits. At the Mill City Museum, our group will receive a private showing of the impressive Flour Tower multimedia show, and of a 19-minute film of Minneapolis history. This tour will include a 90 minute guided bus tour of the historic [St. Anthony Falls riverfront district](#). (Lunch included)  
Ticket - \$45

11:00 am-3:00 pm **PC(U.S.A.) Seminary Fair; Exhibit Hall; MCC**  
Discover the rich offerings of the Presbyterian theological institutions, including degree and non-degree programs. Talk with representatives of the various schools.

11:30 am-1:30 pm **Company of Pastors Luncheon; Hilton;** This annual event provides an opportunity for Company members and those who are interested in becoming a member to meet and share table fellowship. There will be a featured keynote speaker, as well as opportunities to meet with Company of Pastors coordinators. As Company of Pastors works to become more interactive for members, and to expand membership into regional groups, this luncheon provides a place to begin the relationships that the Company believes are crucial to ministry. For additional information, contact Karen Russell, (502) 569-5401; [karen.russell@pcusa.org](mailto:karen.russell@pcusa.org).  
Ticket - \$31

11:30 am-1:30 pm **Presbyterians for Earth Care Luncheon (formerly known as Presbyterians for Restoring Creation); Hyatt;** Rick Ufford-Chase, former PC(U.S.A.) moderator/co-director of Stony Point Center, will connect the  
Tickets - \$38



dots between peace and social justice. PEC is a national grassroots organization to support people of faith working towards “environmental wholeness with social justice.” PEC helps the church to fulfill its current environmental policies, to create new policies and practices, and to energize, educate and equip church members. Program includes two awards - William Gibson Lifetime Achievement Award, presented to an individual, and another award, given to a congregation, governing body, ecumenical agency or Presbyterian-related entity - both awarded to those whose work for eco-justice is praise-worthy and creative.

- 11:30 am-1:30 pm     **Collegiate Ministries Lunch; Hyatt;** The college years can be some of the most exciting and pivotal times in one’s life. There are major decisions made during these crucial years of faith development. What role should – or could – the church play during this period in the lives of college students? Come listen to what Stephen A. Hayner brings to the conversation about college ministry and the PCUSA. He has worked with college students for over three decades, serving as a church college pastor, a university administrator, a professor, president of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship and is currently the president of Columbia Theological Seminary. Sponsored by the GAMC.  
Ticket - \$35
- 11:30 am-1:00 pm     **Westminster’s Calvin Café – lunch; WPC;** see full description listed for Monday, July 5.  
Ticket - \$10
- 12:00 noon-1:00 pm     **Interim Ministry Luncheon: *Strategic Leadership for a Change: Facing Our Losses, Finding Our Future*; Hyatt;** Many congregations have experienced significant losses and are grieving profoundly. Their grief is shaped significantly by the depth of their attachment to those things they have lost, are losing, or fear losing. Their losses have resulted in a loss of energy, vitality, and passion for ministry. A key challenge for leaders is guiding a process through which congregations can grieve their losses and develop a capacity to *attach anew*. This capacity is born of faith, inspired by hope, and reflected in vision. Ken McFayden is Dean of The Center for Ministry and Leadership Development, Union Presbyterian Seminary. Sponsored by the Association of Interim Ministry Specialists.  
Ticket - \$36
- 12:00 noon-1:00 pm     **National Association of Presbyterian Scouters; WPC.**  
Ticket - \$19
- 12:00 noon-1:15 pm     **OneByOne Luncheon - Ministry to the Homosexual Struggler; Hilton;** Brad Grammer will share his struggle with unwanted same-sex attraction and what the Church can do to provide a place for redemptive healing.  
Ticket - \$29



Through support groups and discipleship, Brad has counseled many Christian men and women bound by sexual sin. Brad is a pastor of Redeemer Presbyterian Church (PCA) in Indianapolis, where he seeks to provide a safe place for those confused about their sexuality as well as those who battle life challenges of addictions and poverty. Brad and his wife, Laura, have two sons and live in a multi-racial neighborhood in inner-city Indianapolis.

- 12:00 noon–1:00 pm **Synod of the Covenant Luncheon; Hyatt;** Commissioners, presbytery and synod staff, visitors and friends of the Synod of the Covenant are invited. Join us for food and fellowship.  
Ticket - \$5
- 12:00 noon-1:30 pm **Presbyterians for Renewal Mid-day Briefings; Hyatt;** see full description listed for Monday, July 5.
- 12:00 noon-1:30 pm **Transforming Lives and Transforming Communities; Hyatt;**  
Ticket - \$58 The Association of Presbytery Executives is hosting an Evangelism luncheon in cooperation with Evangelism and Church Growth, GAMC. A primary need for the PC(U.S.A.) is an intentional focus on evangelism. Ray Jones, Coordinator for Evangelism, is the speaker. The health of a denomination relies heavily on congregations that are growing spiritually and in number. Healthy congregations create a healthy denomination. Embracing the joy of the Christian journey and helping others experience that joy, is the mission of congregations.
- 12:00 noon-2:00 pm **More Light Presbyterians Educational Luncheon - "Marriage Equality: Church and State"; Hilton;** All are invited to join More Light Presbyterians, a National Pro-LGBT Equality Network working to end discrimination and achieve equality for LGBT persons and their families in both church and society, for faithful conversations about love, sex and marriage. This educational program will include a panel of Presbyterians personally affected by the definition and restriction of marriage to opposite sex couples only. The panel and attendees will share reflections on the meaning of marriage, the role of the Church, the impact upon couples and children, and why marriage equality matters in both church and state. Educational and pastoral care resources will be shared at the luncheon.
- 12:00 noon-2:00 pm **OGA - Presbyterian Historical Society Luncheon; Hilton;** Please join us for fellowship and a talk by Debby Applegate, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *The Most Famous Man in America: The Biography of Henry Ward Beecher*. Beecher (1813–1887), noted minister, abolitionist and



public intellectual, preached a loving God instead of a wrathful one, repudiating the Calvinism of his youth and making happiness and self-fulfillment, rather than sin and guilt, the centerpiece of modern Christian ideology.

- 12:00 pm-1:30 pm **Synod of the Sun Luncheon; Hyatt;** Come join us for good food and fellowship with your friends in the Synod of the Sun. No long speeches, just good conversation.  
Ticket - \$20
- 12:00 noon-5:00 pm **Israel Palestine Mission Network Gathering Room; WPC;** see full description listed for Saturday, July 3.
- 12:15 pm-1:15 pm **Women of the Bible: A luncheon drama; Hilton;** Sponsored by Presbyterians Pro-Life. In a dramatic one woman presentation, Actress Anita Gutschick reprises the stories of two women of the Bible. Through the voices of these women, you will discover how precious you are to God. You will realize anew how God cared for you even before you were born and that He is a God who can be trusted with your life and your future.  
Ticket - \$30
- 1:00 pm-5:00 pm **Mission Tour 8: Affordable Housing Development with Congregational Partnerships;** This tour will look at various models of affordable housing development carried out by the [Plymouth Church Neighborhood Foundation](#) in partnership with local congregations, including [Westminster Presbyterian Church](#). Housing models include a 42-unit apartment building to provide supportive housing and supportive employment to homeless young people and youth (18-21) in extended foster care, workforce housing, limited equity coops, Section-8 rental, supportive housing for disabled adults, apartments for refugee resettlement, a housing model linked to training the health care workforce and affordable housing targeted to participants in a Teen Indian Parent program, who are in school or working. Tour will cover some of the physical buildings and construction sites and also include time to talk about developing affordable housing in partnership with multiple partner congregations, especially in the current fiscal environment.  
Ticket - \$20
- 1:00 pm-4:30 pm **Mission Tour 9: Underground Railroad in Minnesota, Pilgrim Baptist Church, Kamau Kambui Circle of Cultural Learning, St. Paul;** Slaves were instructed to follow the “North Star” to freedom. It led them along the Mississippi River to St. Paul, Minnesota. One of the “Train Station Stops” in St. Paul was [Pilgrim Baptist Church](#). From there, former slaves either



settled in the area or continued their journey to freedom in Canada. Visit with the [Kamau Kambui Circle of Cultural Learning](#) and members of Pilgrim Baptist Church to learn more about the Underground Railroad and its stops in Minnesota.

1:30 pm	<b>Assembly Committee Meetings VI; MCC</b>
3:00 pm – 4:30 pm Ticket - \$6	<b>Small Church Coffee and Dessert Hour; Hilton;</b> Come join others interested in small church, urban, and/or rural ministries as we share ideas and information and learn about new resources available. Sponsored by Small Church and Community Ministry Office, GAMC.
4:00 pm-6:30 pm	<b>Westminster Presbyterian Church Open House; WPC;</b> see full description listed for Monday, July 5.
5:30 pm–10:30 pm Ticket - \$45	<b>Mission Tour 10: Dead Sea Scrolls; Science Museum of Minnesota, St. Paul;</b> Repeated Monday at 9:00 am, Tuesday at 9:00 am, and Wednesday at 9:00 am. See Full description on page 11. Eat on your own prior to tour.
5:30 pm-10:00 pm	<b>YAAD Event hosted by the Committee on Local Arrangements; TBA.</b>
5:30 pm-7:00 pm	<b>Middle Governing Body Reception; WPC;</b> sponsored by the Middle Governing Body Relations Office. By invitation only- for more information contact Angela Lucear at <a href="mailto:angela.lucear@pcusa.org">angela.lucear@pcusa.org</a> .
5:30 pm-7:00 pm	<b>Marriage: A Treasure Worth Keeping; Hilton;</b> What’s so special about marriage? Why is it important to Christians? What would we lose if we changed the definition to just “any two persons”? These are big questions before the PC(U.S.A.) and this assembly. We need to think carefully before we act. Dr. Edith M. Humphrey, the William F. Ore Professor of New Testament at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, will explain how our understanding of marriage is in fact closely connected to key Christian doctrines such as the Trinity. Dr. Humphrey is the author of <i>Ecstasy and Intimacy: When the Holy Spirit Meets the Human Spirit</i> , among other books. Sponsored by Presbyterian Action for Faith and Freedom.
6:00 pm-8:00 pm Ticket - \$51	<b>Native American Consulting Committee/Caucus Meeting; Hyatt;</b> Join members of the Native American Consulting Committee (NACC) in a joyous celebration of Native American Ministry. Elder Elona Street-Stewart, Chair, Board of Education, St Paul Public Schools will address



issues and challenges of "leadership" from both a Native and Christian perspective. Elona is well-known and respected member of the PC(U.S.A.) and staff of the Synod of Lakes and Prairies.

- 6:00 pm-7:30 pm      **National Middle East Presbyterian Caucus Dinner; WPC.**  
Ticket - \$22
- 6:30 pm-8:30pm      **National Asian Presbyterian Council Dinner; Hilton**  
Ticket - \$42
- 7:00 pm-8:30 pm      **Worship Celebration with More Light Presbyterians; Hilton;** Sponsored  
by More Light Presbyterians
- 7:00 pm-9:30 pm      **Grace Presbytery Dinner; Hilton;** Join friends of Grace Presbytery for  
dinner. Contact Tom Laney ([laney305@suddenlink.net](mailto:laney305@suddenlink.net) or 903.657.4706)  
for more information.
- 7:30 pm-9:00 pm      **30th Anniversary Dessert – Presbyterian Peacemaking Program; Hyatt;**  
Ticket - \$16      Peacemaking remains the believers’ calling. Presbyterians have followed  
Jesus in diverse ministries seeking peace and doing justice. Thirty years  
ago those efforts took a new beginning as the Presbyterian Peacemaking  
Program and the Peacemaking Offering were created. Generous financial  
gifts from Presbyterians to the offering support the program and  
peacemaking initiatives across the church. Gather to give thanks for  
peacemaking that has been, celebrate present peacemaking endeavors,  
and dream of peacemaking that may be. Gather for dessert, great music  
and inspiration for the journey!
- 7:30 pm-9:00 pm      **University of Dubuque Theological Seminary Reception; Hyatt.**
- 7:30 pm      **More Light Presbyterians Hospitality Suite; TBA;** see full description  
listed for Saturday, July 3.
- 8:00 pm-9:00 pm      **Presbyterian Global Fellowship and the PC(U.S.A.) - A Panel Discussion;**  
Ticket - \$FREE      **Hyatt.**
- 9:00 pm-1:00 am      **Witherspoon Society Dance; Hilton;** Time for a break! This is a  
Ticket - \$20      great chance to relax and enjoy great music, dancing, and conversation –  
and an informal place to meet and mingle with others at the Assembly.  
Sponsored by Presbyterian Voices for Justice.



- 9:00 pm-11:00 pm     **Princeton Seminary Reception; Hyatt;** Open to all Princeton Seminary alums and friends, including those considering further theological education. Hosted by the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid.
- 9:00 pm – midnight     **National PC(U.S.A.) Persons of Color Recruiting Network Reception; TBA;** This reception provides an opportunity for people in the church who are interested in increasing diversity and inclusiveness, especially among leadership, to meet with members of the network and learn more about this new initiative. The network provides support in recruiting, exchanges materials, and resources and maintains an updated database of potential candidates. All are welcome!



## Wednesday, July 7

- 6:00 am-8:00 am      **Presbyterians for Renewal “Gospel Hope” Breakfast; Hilton;** In the middle of the Assembly, take time to remember whose you are and why you’re here. Warm fellowship, glorious singing, prayer, proclamation, and joy are all hallmarks of the PFR Breakfast, culminating in the presentation of the Bell-Mackay Prize for outstanding missionary service. Join us in celebrating our biblical and missional heritage and in boldly proclaiming the hope of the gospel.  
Ticket - \$30
- 6:45 am-8:15 am      **The Peace Breakfast; “Faith, Conscience and War”;** Hilton;  
Speaker: Camilo Mejía, President of Iraq Veterans Against the War. Peaceseeker Awards to: Bill Galvin for work with Conscientious Objectors, and Mel Duncan, co-founder of Nonviolent PeaceForce. \$10 rebate to Commissioners and Advisory Delegates wearing their GA name tag. Full breakfast. Sponsored by the Peace Fellowship.  
Ticket: \$25
- 7:00 am-8:30 am      **Westminster’s Calvin Café – breakfast; WPC;** see full description listed for Monday, July 5.
- 7:00 am-8:30 am      **Ecumenical Breakfast; Hilton;** “Justice and the Earth: Interreligious Perspectives on the Accra Confession.” The message adopted at the Accra General Council meeting of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches, "Faith Stance on Covenanting for Justice in the Economy and the Earth," has stirred a variety of responses. We will hear perspectives on this statement and the issues it addresses from the three guests invited to the Assembly from Native American, Muslim and Jewish traditions. Discussion will follow.  
Ticket - \$29
- 7:00 am-8:30 am      **Presbyterian Publishing Corporation Breakfast; Hyatt;** The official publisher of the PC(USA) invites you to its GA breakfast. An excellent opportunity to learn firsthand about many new resources that will be helpful to you and your ministry. Those who attend will be treated to a light breakfast and an engaging presentation that will include updates on the latest additions to the popular online Web sites, [www.TheThoughtfulChristian.com](http://www.TheThoughtfulChristian.com) and [www.ThePresbyterianLeader.com](http://www.ThePresbyterianLeader.com); information on the work of the Presbyterian Committee on Congregational Song; and an introduction to new resources for clergy and church leaders. Though the breakfast is free, please be sure to order a ticket so we know to expect you!  
Ticket - \$Free



8:30 am	<b>Ecumenical Service of Worship; WPC;</b> Peg Chamberlin, preaching. Chamberlin, a Moravian clergywoman and executive director of the Minnesota Council of Churches, is the President of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.
9:00 am–2:30 pm Ticket - \$45	<b>Mission Tour 11: Dead Sea Scrolls; Science Museum of Minnesota, St. Paul;</b> Repeated Monday at 9:00 am, and Tuesday at 9:00 am and 5:30 pm. See full description on page 11. No opportunity for lunch time is included.
9:15 am–7:00 pm	<b>Exhibit Hall open; MCC;</b> closing day for the Exhibit Hall.
9:30 am–11:30 am	<b>Committee on Ministry (COM) Conversations; MCC;</b> Sponsored by the Office of Vocations. For COM members, moderators, seminary and presbytery staff. An arena to share wisdom, discuss committee on ministry issues, best practices. Meet national staff and COM colleagues from across the church.
9:30 am–11:30 am	<b>Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM)/Exams Conversations; MCC;</b> Sponsored by the Office of Vocation. For CPM members, moderators, seminary and presbytery staff. An arena to share wisdom, discuss preparation for ministry issues, best practices. Meet national staff and CPM colleagues from across the church
9:30 am–12:30 pm	<b>The Church and Social Media; MCC;</b> Sponsored by United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities. This course, taught by Jann Cather Weaver, professor of Worship, and Theology and the Arts at United Theological Seminary, will cover the basic technological – and theologically – aspects of creating social media networks within local congregations, as well as for the church at large. We will explore the various uses of blogs, Facebook, and Twitter for communication, community building, and our life in worship. We will also discuss setting appropriate boundaries and establishing criteria within a theological and pastoral framework for using social media.
9:30 am–4:00 pm Ticket - \$35	<b>Mission Tour 12: Minnesota Tribal Nations Plaza and Fort Snelling State Park B'dote (History Walk): University of Minnesota TCF Stadium, Fort Snelling State Park;</b> Visit the artistically and architecturally unique display of eleven soaring, 18-foot, glass sky markers that contain tribal flags, images and facts about each of the 11 tribal nations within Minnesota. The Plaza is located at the West Entrance of the University of Minnesota's new football stadium, part of a major gift from the <a href="#">Shakopee</a>



[Mdewakanton Sioux \(Dakota\) Community](#). After lunch, we will continue to the B'dote. The B'dote tour is a historical walking tour of a part of [Fort Snelling State Park](#) below the hilltop fort itself. Tour will include Interpretive Center at the site. Learn about the history of the glaciers, the spiritually significant confluence of the Mississippi and Minnesota Rivers and the history of the Dakota internment camp at this location. This tour illustrates an important chapter in Native American history in Minnesota. (Lunch included).

10:00 am-11:00 am **Presbyterian Committee on Congregational Song Reception; MCC.**

10:00 am-5:00 pm **Mission Tour 13: Presbyterian Pioneers in St. Paul, Minnesota:**  
Ticket - \$50 **Summit Avenue bus tour, Central Presbyterian Church, James J. Hill House;** The Hill House is ADA compliant except for the Boiler Room. Central Presbyterian Church is ADA compliant. Travel to St. Paul, MN to learn about the Presbyterian pioneers in the capital city, particularly Rev. Dr. John G. Riheldaffer (Old School) and Rev. Dr. Edward Duffield Neill (New School). Enjoy a guided bus tour along Summit Avenue to view the historic churches and homes. Participate in the weekday worship at [Central Presbyterian Church](#) built in 1889, followed by lunch with historians and congregation members. Tour Central's Richardsonian Romanesque building including the Akron plan sanctuary. Enjoy a guided tour of the [James J. Hill mansion](#), the largest, most expensive home built in Minnesota in 1891. (Lunch included).

#### ***Luncheons sponsored by Theological Institutions***

11:00 am-1:30 pm **Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary Luncheon; Hilton;**  
Ticket - \$35 Austin Seminary welcomes friends and alumni/ae to a time of food, fun and fellowship. Come join us to reconnect with friends and hear about the exciting things happening at A.P.T.S.

11:00 am-1:30 pm **Fuller Seminary Alumni/ae and Friends Luncheon; Hyatt;** Join Fuller Theological Seminary alumni/ae and friends to network and reconnect with other Fuller colleagues and to hear Richard J. Mouw, President of Fuller Theological Seminary and Professor of Christian Philosophy.

11:00 am-1:30 pm **Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary Luncheon; Hyatt;** Alumni and prospective students are welcome to join us for lunch and fellowship. Come learn about our vision and celebrate God's transformative work within the lives of our students. Our featured alumnae speaker will be Mimi Haddad, president of Christians for Biblical Equality and



contributing author to *Global Voices on Biblical Equality: Women and Men Serving Together in the Church*.

11:00 am-1:30 pm  
Ticket - \$36

**Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary Luncheon; Hilton.**

11:00 am-1:30 pm  
Ticket - \$35

**Louisville Seminary Alum Lunch; Hilton;** Join us for lunch as Louisville Seminary brings the Twin Spires to the Twin Cities! We'll celebrate President Dean K. Thompson as he heads down the stretch for the final leg of his presidency and hear news of the latest additions to our stable of long distance runners, including an update from our Presidential Search Committee. Consider this your call to the post!

11:00 am-1:30 pm  
Ticket - \$21

**McCormick Theological Seminary Luncheon; Hyatt;** "Theological Crumbs for Interculturally Competent Christian Leaders" with Luis R. Rivera, Dean of Faculty, Vice President for Academic Affairs, and the James G.K. McClure Professor of Theological Education at McCormick Theological Seminary. Join President Cynthia Campbell, faculty, students, alums and friends as we hear from our new dean, rekindle old friendship and make new ones, and learn what's new at McCormick.

11:00 am-1:30 pm  
Ticket - \$25

**Princeton Theological Seminary Luncheon; Hilton;** a luncheon for alumni and friends.

11:00 am-1:30 pm  
Ticket - \$20

**University of Dubuque Theological Seminary Alumni Luncheon; Hilton.**

11:30 am-1:00 pm  
Ticket - \$25

**Columbia Theological Seminary Luncheon; Hilton;** Meet our new president! Alumni/ae and friends of Columbia Theological Seminary are invited to our luncheon. Steve Hayner, who will be inaugurated as the seminary's ninth president on April 13, is featured speaker.

11:30 am-1:30 pm  
Ticket - \$30

**San Francisco Theological Seminary Luncheon; Hilton;** Enjoy conversation and lunch with alumni/ae, friends, current and prospective students.

11:30 am-1:30 pm  
Ticket - \$15

**Union-PSCE Luncheon; Hilton;** Union-PSCE (soon to be Union Presbyterian Seminary) invites alumni/ae and friends to join us for what will surely be a fun-filled and inspirational luncheon. Our very own Brian Blount, president of Union-PSCE, will serve as keynote speaker. If you have never heard him speak, you're in for a real treat! He is a celebrated author and copies of his most recent book, *Then the Whisper Put on*



*Flesh: New Testament Ethics in an African American Context*, will be given away as door prizes. Come join us!

11:30 am-1:30 pm  
Ticket - \$42

**Auburn-Union Luncheon; Hyatt;** Join alumni/ae and friends of Auburn Theological Seminary and Union Theological Seminary in New York City, where Auburn sponsors creative initiatives supporting the 21<sup>st</sup> century church and the Program for Presbyterian Students preparing for leadership in the PC(U.S.A.). Meet and hear from Katharine Rhodes Henderson, Auburn's newly-installed president, and Serene Jones, president of Union, about the present and future of both institutions, and their unique relationship.

12:00 noon-1:30 pm  
Tickets - \$22

**Pittsburgh Theological Seminary Luncheon; US Bank Plaza;** Good food, good conversations, and good news will abound at the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary Luncheon. The event will be held in the Atlas Grill, located in the lobby level of the US Bank Plaza, 200 South Sixth Street building, which is an easy walk from the convention center. All are welcome!

11:30 am-3:30 pm  
Ticket - \$25

**Mission Tour 14: Partnerships Changing Ministry for Seniors: McKenna Crossing, Prior Lake;** Partnerships with diverse groups create expanded options for services and connections in communities. The partnership creating [McKenna Crossing](#), a [Presbyterian Homes and Services \(PHS\)](#) senior housing continuum is the theme of the tour which includes lunch and a walk through Shepherd's Path, connecting Presbyterian Homes, Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church and a YMCA. Buildings, programs and people have come together to maximize living well for seniors and the whole community. Discuss how to find resources and expand the role your church has in serving all members of your congregation and community, including and especially seniors. Presbyterian Homes and Services, based in Minnesota, is the largest Presbyterian provider of senior services and the fourth largest provider of senior services of its kind in the country. It provides a broad continuum of care to older adults in a wide variety of settings. In carrying out its mission PHS has some of the most innovative state-of-the art communities and care systems available. (Lunch included).

11:30 am-1:00 pm  
Ticket - \$10

**Westminster's Calvin Café – lunch; WPC;** see full description listed for Monday, July 5.

12:00 noon-5:00 pm

**Israel Palestine Mission Network Gathering Room; WPC;** see full description listed for Saturday, July 3.



12:00 noon-1:30 pm **Presbyterians for Renewal Mid-day Briefings; Hyatt;** see full description listed for Monday, July 5.

1:00 pm–4:00 pm **Mission Tour 15: ISAIAH – Faith Based Community Organizing (FBCO);**  
Ticket - \$20 Visit local sites that illustrate the key issues on which local faith based organizing groups are working. We will engage in dialogue with leaders from these groups and their community partners and allies as they discuss their successes, challenges, and opportunities. Leaders will share how they are working to address racial justice while attempting to build a multiracial organization. Depending on what is happening in July, issues to be discussed may include: creating affordable housing (in the suburbs); access to good jobs for disadvantaged people, neighborhood development, and immigration reform. Sponsored by Presbyterian Small Church and Community Ministry, Presbyterian Health Education and Welfare Association, and Presbyterian Association for Community Transformation

1:30 pm–5:30 pm **General Assembly Business Meeting 3; MCC**

4:00 pm–6:30 pm **Westminster Presbyterian Church Open House; WPC;** see full description listed for Monday, July 5.

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm **Reception Celebrating the Work of the Rawdat El Zahur School in East Jerusalem, in honor of the Rev. Elizabeth Knott and Connie DePond, sponsored by Pal Craftaid; WPC;** The Board of Pal Craftaid, Inc. invites you to honor the work of The Rev. Elizabeth Knott, founder, and Connie DePond, long time primary assistant, upon their retirement from active leadership. This is the kick-off of the Knott-DePond campaign in support of the Rawdat El Zahur School in E. Jerusalem. Pal Craftaid was founded in 1993 to address humanitarian needs in the Occupied Palestinian Territories and Gaza through the selling of olive wood sculptures and traditional needlework items. A multimedia presentation will explain projects supported by Pal Craftaid. Please join us for this tribute to Liz and Connie.

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm **Mission Personnel Reception; WPC;** Come celebrate with us and honor our newly appointed mission personnel, our recently retired mission personnel and all who have served in mission with the PC(USA). A buffet of "finger food" will be served, with a program to honor those serving in mission.



5:30 pm-7:30 pm      **Multicultural Church Dinner and Celebration; Hilton;** This year's program includes an exciting and energizing multicultural worship lead by the Church of All Nations' choir and dance teams and featuring Jin S. Kim as keynote speaker, in addition to several other features and surprises. This event is sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Congregational Support in partnership with the national Presbyterian Multicultural Network, (PMN).  
Ticket - \$27

6:00 pm-7:30 pm      **Synod of Lincoln Trails Dinner; TBA;** contact Kristi Miller at [Kristi@lincolntrails.org](mailto:Kristi@lincolntrails.org) for more information.

7:30 pm      **General Assembly Business Meeting 4; MCC**

7:30 pm      **More Light Presbyterians Hospitality Suite; TBA;** see full description listed for Saturday, July 3.

8:30 pm – 10:00 pm      **Caffeine Pie: Animated Conversation with the Synod of Mid-America; WPC;** It's more than coffee and Coke with pizza and pie. You've checked facebook, linkedin, pcusa.org, www, twitter feeds, youtube and you've noticed it. There's a working concept of a mass of small changes adding up to form a bigger movement out in the bigworldofwonder. If you decide to participate in this convo, you're thrilled to be a pcusa-er who chooses to engage in creative dialogue with a positive purpose to bring meaning to healthy relationships within the church. Special guest speaker TBA. It's not just funky food and evening caffeine absent the obnoxious....it's church together. Limited availability of tickets to be requested through the Synod Office. Please e-mail your request for tickets (only \$12) to [kerrysl@synodma.org](mailto:kerrysl@synodma.org) before 12:00 noon CT on June 11.

9:30 pm-11:00 pm      **YAAD Gathering; Hyatt**



## Thursday, July 8

- 7:00 am-8:30 am     **Westminster's Calvin Café – breakfast; WPC;** see full description listed for Monday, July 5.
- 7:00 am-8:15 am     **Synod of the Southwest Breakfast; Hyatt;** for members and friends of SSW. Join us for fellowship, conversation about business at GA, and what's coming up in the Synod. Reservations preferred by email to Robin Thomas at [admin@synodsw.org](mailto:admin@synodsw.org) or Jan DeVries at [jan@synodsw.org](mailto:jan@synodsw.org).
- 7:30 am-9:00 am  
Ticket - \$25     **Theological Education Award and Recognition Breakfast; Hilton;** Join us as we celebrate the work of the Committee on Theological Education (COTE) and the Theological Education Fund's Seminary Support Network! The Award for Excellence in Theological Education will be presented to Dr. Barbara Wheeler who will also address the gathering. Awards and recognition will also be given to several presbyteries that have exceeded expectations in Theological Education Fund participation and support, as well as to Seminary Support Network members for their excellence in leadership.
- 7:00 am-8:15 am  
Ticket - \$26     **Evangelism Breakfast; Hilton;** Please join the GAMC Evangelism ministry area for breakfast and conversation. The featured speaker will be Stephen A. Hayner, the president of Columbia Theological Seminary. Hayner loves the church. His passion is to prepare men and women to pastor and to lead congregations toward the fulfillment of God's call to be missional churches—churches which are biblically faithful and growing steadily in their love for God, their love for each other, and their love for Christ's work in the world.
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| 8:30 am | <b>Service of Daily Worship; MCC;</b> Hakeem Jefferson, preaching; featuring the commissioning of Mission Personnel and the recognition of retiring Mission Personnel. Jefferson, from Gable, SC, is a student at the University of South Carolina, where he studies Political Science and African American Studies major with a minor in Speech/Rhetoric. |
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- 8:45 am–2:45 pm  
Ticket - \$25     **Mission Tour 16: Church Developments in the Twin Cities Area: Kwanzaa Community Church, North Minneapolis; Familia de Fe, South Minneapolis; Church of All Nations, Columbia Heights;** The Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area has intentionally focused on new church developments and church transformations for over 20 years, using a variety of models and approaches. Successful projects have spanned the spectrum from “traditional” suburban churches to those initiated to



include the area's wide ethnic diversity and large immigrant populations, including three Walton Award winning new church developments. This tour will visit three of the most diverse new churches. [Kwanzaa Community Church](#), is the first and only Afrocentric Presbyterian Congregation in Minnesota. It is housed on two campuses and provides a vital, essential ministry of community engagement to one of the most marginalized areas of the city. Familia de Fe Church <http://www.hopeocmc.com/familia-de-fe.html> is a current new church development focused on the Hispanic community. It provides worship and spiritual support while addressing the unique issues of immigration and settlement which are a daily part of the Hispanic community. The third church, [Church of All Nations](#) is intentionally multicultural and has many ethnic groups worshipping together. During the tour, other church developments and transformations will be highlighted and members from those churches will be available for discussion. Lunch will be served at one of the churches. (Lunch included).

9:00 am – 1:00 pm  
Ticket - \$20

**Mission Tour 17: Immigration and Refugee Resettlement: Cultural Centers, Midtown Global Market, Minneapolis;** Experience the reality of the extent of refugee resettlement from all over the world into the Twin Cities. There are large established Somali, east African and Hmong communities living throughout the area along with representatives from many other countries. In 2010, the Minnesota Department of Human Services is proposing that the state accept an additional 2,000 refugees. The tour will provide a general overview of who Minnesota's refugees are and how they came to the US, a review of the resettlement process, presentations from several refugees who have settled here, a visit to several major cultural centers and lunch at the [Midtown Global Market](#). Tour participants will purchase their own lunches from approximately 20 ethnic offerings in a diverse food court. [Minnesota Council of Churches, Refugee Services](#). (Lunch on your own during tour).

9:30 am

**General Assembly Business Meeting 5; MCC**

11:15 am-1:15 pm  
Ticket - \$38

**Order of Elders/Diakonia Luncheon; Hilton;** Enjoy a delicious lunch while electronic violinist Bob White serenades you. Also join members of the Order of Elders and members of the new covenant network Diakonia for a presentation from The New Life Players Christian Comedy Team. Membership applications will be available for both groups. Space is limited to 50 persons.

11:30 am-1:30 pm

**Synod of Alaska-Northwest Luncheon; Hyatt.**



- 11:30 am-1:00 pm **Westminster's Calvin Café – lunch; WPC;** see full description listed for Monday, July 5.  
Ticket - \$10
- 12:00 noon-1:30 pm **CEL Reunion Luncheon; off-site;** e-mail [kerry.rice@pcusa.org](mailto:kerry.rice@pcusa.org) for more information.
- 12:00 noon-1:30 pm **National Association of Presbyterian Clergywomen Luncheon; Hilton;**  
Ticket - \$50 Join other clergywomen and our allies for fellowship, sharing, and support and hear about what's new with the National Association of Presbyterian Clergywomen (NAPC). This event promises to be helpful and informative for all clergy women.
- 12:00 noon-5:00 pm **Israel Palestine Mission Network Gathering Room; WPC;** see full description listed for Saturday, July 3.
- 12:00 noon-1:30 pm **Presbyterians for Renewal Mid-day Briefings; Hyatt;** see full see full description listed for Monday, July 5.
- 12:00 noon-1:30 pm **Presbyterian Writers Guild Luncheon; Hilton;** An event for Guild members and anyone interested in the art and craft of writing, offering participants a chance to network with writers, publishers and editors. Eugene Peterson will be given the Guild's prestigious David Steele Distinguished Writer Award and will be the featured speaker at the luncheon. Peterson, author of more than 30 books, is probably best known for his translation, *The Message: The Bible in Contemporary Language*. Well-known poet Ann Weems will receive the Guild's Lifetime Achievement Award, an honor not granted at every Assembly but only when a writer has merited that distinction. All are welcome.  
Ticket - \$28
- 12:00 noon-1:30 pm **Science and Faith Luncheon; Hilton;** Science and Faith are not enemies but together show the glory of God! Come to the science and faith lunch to hear Biblical scholar William Brown and to meet persons who care about the science-faith dialogue; you will also meet the person(s) honored in the annual Science as a Christian Vocation program. William Brown, PhD is Professor of Old Testament at Columbia Theological Seminary and author of *The Seven Pillars of Creation: The Bible, Science, and the Ecology of Wonder* (released March 2010). Sponsored by the Presbyterian Association on Science, Technology and the Christian Faith.  
Ticket - \$28
- 1:00 pm–4:00 pm **Mission Tour 18: Interfaith Public Policy Advocacy: Minnesota State**



Ticket - \$20    **Capitol, St. Paul;** Minnesota is the first state to have a state-wide social justice advocacy coalition that is sponsored by the four largest faith-groups in the state: MN Council of Churches; MN Catholic Bishop's Conference; Jewish Community Relations Council of MN, SD, and ND; Islamic Center of MN. [The Joint Religious Legislative Coalition](#) and the Interfaith Children's Advocacy Network organize religious communities from these traditions to advocate for just state policies in a wide range of policy areas. Tour the MN State Capital and get briefings on advocacy from the Executive Director of JRLC and state legislators.

1:30 pm-6:00 pm    **General Assembly Business Meeting 6; MCC**

4:00 pm-6:30 pm    **Westminster Presbyterian Church Open House; WPC;** see full description listed for Monday, July 5.

6:00 pm – 7:30pm    **Group Dinner for Commissioners and Advisory Delegates; MCC**  
Ticket - \$33

6:00 pm-7:30 pm    **Presbytery of Great Rivers Dinner; WPC;** contact Sue Krummel at [skrummel@greatriverspby.org](mailto:skrummel@greatriverspby.org) for more information.

7:30 pm    **General Assembly Business Meeting 7; MCC**

7:30 pm    **More Light Presbyterians Hospitality Suite; TBA;** see full description listed for Saturday, July 3.

9:30 pm-11:00 pm    **YAAD Gathering; Hyatt**



## Friday, July 9

7:00 am-8:30 am **Westminster's Calvin Café – breakfast; WPC;** see full description listed for Monday, July 5.

8:30 am **Service of Daily Worship; MCC;** Ruth-Aimee Belonni-Rosario, preaching. Belonni-Rosario, a member at-large of New York City Presbytery, serves as administrator of Grove Reformed Church in North Bergen, NJ.

9:30 am **General Assembly Business Meeting 8; MCC**

12:00 noon-1:30 pm **Group Lunch for Commissioners and Advisory Delegates; MCC**  
Ticket - \$22

11:30 am-1:00 pm **Westminster's Calvin Café – lunch; WPC;** see full description listed for Monday, July 5.  
Ticket - \$10

12:00 noon-1:30 pm **Presbyterians for Renewal Mid-day Briefings; Hyatt;** see full description listed for Monday, July 5.

1:30 pm-6:00 pm **General Assembly Business Meeting 9; MCC**

4:00 pm-6:30 pm **Westminster Presbyterian Church Open House; WPC;** see full description listed for Monday, July 5.

6:00 pm – 7:30pm **Group Dinner for Commissioners and Advisory Delegates; MCC**  
Ticket - \$33

7:30 pm **General Assembly Business Meeting 10; MCC**

7:30 pm **More Light Presbyterians Hospitality Suite; TBA;** see full description listed for Saturday, July 3.

9:30 pm-11:00 pm **YAAD Gathering; Hyatt**



## Saturday, July 10

9:00 am

**General Assembly Business Meeting 11; MCC**

11:00 am

**Service of Daily Worship; MCC;** G. Christopher Scruggs, preaching. Scruggs has served two pastorates near Memphis, Tennessee, for the past 15 years and is a member of the Presbytery of the Mid-South. Prior to professional ministry he practiced law in Houston, Texas.