

218TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY (2008)

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

The meetings and events that make up the official docket are highlighted throughout the text in a distinct font.

Italics indicate meetings and events intended for the audience indicated or those who are invited.

All assembly business meetings will take place in the San Jose McEnery Convention Center (SJCC) in downtown San Jose. Assembly committee meetings will be held there and in the Marriott and Hilton hotels, which are connected to the convention center.

Unless otherwise indicated (at the end of the event description), the event location is the convention center. Most other events will be held at one of the downtown assembly hotels, located within two blocks of the convention center. Addresses are shown for other locations.

Some of the events and tours in this schedule require a ticket for admission – as indicated with a ticket price (sometimes “free”). Tickets can be purchased in advance (at www.pcusa.org/ga218) or on-site; note that some events and tours do sell out. Advance purchase is recommended.

More complete descriptions of the Mission Tours sponsored by the Committee on Local Arrangements are available at www.pcusa.org/ga218. Unless indicated in the description, all parts of the tour are accessible for those in wheelchairs. Transportation is included for most tours; please indicate a need for a wheelchair lift equipped coach or other special needs in advance (when purchasing tickets). Coaches depart from the convention center at the published start time

Friday, June 20

9:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. Assembly Exhibit Hall Open

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.. *Orientation for Youth Advisory Delegates (YADs)*

YADs – please travel to San Jose on Thursday in order to attend this orientation, conducted by the Youth Ministries Office and the YAD advisors. Lunch is included. (Dinner is provided on Thursday evening, courtesy of the Presbyterian seminaries.)

Location: Crowne Plaza Hotel

12:00-2:00 p.m.. *Orientation for Ecumenical Delegates and Representatives*

Conducted by the Office of the General Assembly and the GAC World Missions.

Location: Fairmont Hotel

12:30 - 2:30 p.m. *Orientation for Missionary Advisory Delegates (MADs) and Theological Student Advisory Delegates (TSADs)*

Conducted by the Office of the General Assembly and the GAC World Missions.

MADs and TSADs – please travel to San Jose on Friday morning in order to attend this orientation to roles and responsibilities. Some time will be spent in separate groups. Lunch is included.

1:00-3:00 p.m. Witherspoon Society's Semper Reformanda Conversation

Ticket - \$15

Twelfth (Bi)Annual Semper Reformanda Conversation; Speakers: Dr. Rita Nakashima Brock on "Saving Paradise"; The Rev. Noelle Damico, Campaign for Fair Food
Location: Ramada Limited, 455 S. Second Street, San Jose (walking distance).

3:00 - 6:00 p.m. Introduction to Antiracism Training for Commissioners and Advisory Delegates

Building Beloved Community: an Introduction to Antiracism Training.

As directed by the 215th General Assembly, the General Assembly Council and Office of the General Assembly is providing this session for commissioners and advisory delegates – who are urged to plan their travel to San Jose in order to attend.

This session is a tool to equip the church and its members to be agents of change, honoring the church's covenant to become an antiracist community by working to dismantle racism in its own life and in society. Participants will learn about the assumptions and definitions on which the PC(USA) antiracism training is based and the training models that are utilized to foster constructive dialogue and equip participants with an understanding of the dynamics of systemic racism and privilege.

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Meet the Candidates for Moderator

The candidates for Moderator of the 218th General Assembly (2008) will be available to meet commissioners, advisory delegates and other participants.

6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Covenant Network of Presbyterians Commissioner Convocation Dinner

Ticket - \$33

Speaker: Susan Andrews, Moderator of the 215th General Assembly and General Presbyter, Hudson River Presbytery. Hear how the Covenant Network is pursuing "a Church as generous and just as God's grace" – and how you can participate. 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.

Location: City Hall Rotunda, 200 E. Santa Clara Street, San Jose (walking distance).

7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Form of Government Task Force Presentation

A proposed new Form of Government is a major item of business before the 218th General Assembly. At this presentation, the Form of Government Task Force will explain the history, theology, and rationale behind the two documents it has submitted for approval. Participants will have the opportunity to engage in discussion around this important matter in the life of the PC(USA). It will be repeated on Sunday afternoon.

8:00 - 10:30 p.m. Presbyterians for Renewal Welcome Reception

Commissioners and visitors are warmly invited to join the PFR Team for fellowship and hors d'oeuvres. Candidates for Moderator and Stated Clerk have been invited to speak and share informal conversation.

Location: Fairmont Hotel

Saturday, June 21

7:00 - 9:00 a.m. Hot Cakes and Hot Issues: Women's Orientation Breakfast

Ticket - \$27

Sponsored by the Office of Women's Advocacy. Whet your appetite for justice — while enjoying pancakes — and connect with other advocates at the General Assembly. Hone your advocacy skills and learn the specifics about items of business before the assembly. Sharpen your insights while interacting with the Moderator and Stated Clerk candidates (invited). All attendees leave with a copy of the "red book," a one-stop guide to women's issues at this assembly. Note: Those with dietary restrictions may request an alternate menu during advanced ticket sales only.

Location: Marriott Hotel

7:00 - 9:00 a.m. Presbyterians for Renewal G.A. Overview:

Commissioners and visitors are invited to start your Assembly with PFR; coffee, pastries and presentations on the major issues coming before each GA committee. No charge for commissioners; all others \$5.

7:30 - 9:30 a.m. Witherspoon Society Commissioner Orientation

Ticket - \$15

Overview of the Assembly - An opportunity to learn about the issues and how to be an effective participant. This program reflects a progressive view.

Location: Ramada Limited, 455 S. Second Street, San Jose (walking distance).

8:00 - 10:00 a.m. Meet the Candidates for Moderator

The candidates for Moderator of the 218th General Assembly (2008) will be available to meet commissioners, advisory delegates, and other participants.

9:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. General Assembly Exhibit Hall Open

From 2:00-5:00 the hall will be open only to commissioners and advisory delegates, as part of the assembly orientation sessions.

10:00 a.m. - Noon General Assembly Convenes – Business Meeting 1

Opening business meeting. Commissioning service, key reports and the welcome from our host, the Presbytery of San Jose.

Noon - 1:30 p.m. Group Lunch for Commissioners & Advisory Delegates

Ticket - \$26

This meal is provided for commissioners and advisory delegates. Others wishing to take part will purchase a ticket.

1:30 - 5:00 p.m. General Assembly Business Meeting 2

This session will include the 3-part orientation for commissioners and advisory delegates and key reports.

4:00 - 6:45 p.m. More Light Presbyterians Reception and Dinner-

Ticket - \$55.00

It's About Time: A Church for All God's People! Start your Assembly in good company and with hope. All are invited to the National Welcoming & Affirming Presbyterians' Celebration reception and dinner, hosted by More Light Presbyterians, a national LGBT Equality Network of individual members, families, churches and local chapters working for spiritual, ordination and marriage equality in the PC(USA).

A festive celebration of faith, hope and love for persons of all sexual orientations and gender identities and God-given differences. Speaker: Randall Miller, program officer, Equality & Justice, at the Evelyn and Walter Haas, Jr. Foundation. The program includes national awards, legislative priorities at this G.A., a Shower of Stoles Project display, and Voices of Hope.

Reception with cash bar at 4:00.

Ticket required for the dinner beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Location: Marriott Hotel

5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Presbyterian Outlook Dinner

Ticket - \$51

Candidates for Moderator of the 218th General Assembly are invited to speak. A distinguished Presbyterian leader will receive the Presbyterian Outlook Foundation's Ernest Thompson Award.

5:00 - 7:00 p.m. National Korean Presbyterian Council Dinner

A Korean dinner for Korean commissioners, staff, guests and friends. This event is a welcome reception for all Korean Americans. Please contact Yushin Lee at yblee@ucdavis.edu with any questions.

Location: Deasung Presbyterian Church, 425 Tasman Drive, Sunnyvale.

Transportation provided from the SJCC at 5:15p.m., returning by 7:00 p.m..

5:30 - 7:00 p.m. World Mission - Mission Personnel & Alumni Reception

Ticket - \$30

Help 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.

7:00 - 9:30 p.m. General Assembly Business Meeting 3
The election of the Moderator of the 218th General Assembly (2008)

10:00 p.m. – Midnight Racial Ethnic and Women's Ministries Reception

This reception is the newly elected moderator's initial introduction to the National Caucuses of the PC(USA), and the diversities and gifts they bring to the denomination.

Location: Marriott Hotel

11:30 p.m. That All May Freely Serve Midnight Meditation and Post-Modern Prayer

Join us each evening in a prayer celebration for the church and for ALL. Watch for signs and check www.tamfs.org on where to gather.

Sunday, June 22

7:30 - 9:15am Women of Faith Breakfast

Ticket - \$30

Sponsored by the Racial Ethnic and Women's Ministries/PW ministries area. We recognize the faithful witness of three women who have served the church as "Visionary Women Transforming the Church & Society." We celebrate these women, who have transformed the church and society through their Christian witness, service, and leadership.

Location: Fairmont Hotel

10:00 am - Noon Service of Opening Worship and Communion

Joan S. Gray, preaching. Joan is the Moderator of the 217th General Assembly (2007). This simultaneous service in two locations will feature communion, the commissioning of mission personnel, and recognition of military chaplains.

Thousands of Presbyterians from San Jose and the Bay area will join assembly attendees for this special service.

Location: San Jose State Event Center and the SJCC Civic Auditorium (both within walking distance).

12:30 - 2:00 p.m. General Assembly Media Luncheon

Ticket - \$45

Sponsored by the Presbyterian Media Mission & Presbyterian Communicators Network.

“Critical Thinking for the Common Good,” a conversation featuring actor and human rights activist Mike Farrell (M*A*S*H & Providence TV shows).

Mike Farrell writes in his book “Just Call Me Mike” ... “when I’m interviewed on TV and radio – the discussion may not be only about the shows. We’re just as likely to talk about war, or peace, or human rights, or maybe even how I could possibly object to executions. I don’t want to be put into somebody’s category. I’d rather just talk and let whoever’s listening take it in, see if it fits and figure out how they feel about it – maybe even why. Pigeonholing does the public’s thinking for them, and kind of insults them in the process.” A book signing of Just Call Me Mike will follow the luncheon.

For more information on this event contact Tina Hartung at (412) 323-1400 (ext 310) or e-mail

thartung@nauticom.net

Location: Fairmont Hotel

12:30 - 2:30 p.m. Presbyterian Coalition Luncheon Event

Ticket - \$39

Post-worship meal with Mark Labberton, Senior Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Berkeley. Dr. Labberton's recent book is *The Dangerous Act of Worship: Living God's Call to Justice*.

Location: Fairmont Hotel

12:30 - 3:00 p.m. Witherspoon Society Awards Luncheon

Ticket - \$45

Speaker: Rev. Carol Hovis, executive director of Marin Interfaith Council, and minister member of Redwoods Presbytery, on "Interfaith Relations and the New Sanctuary Movement." Whole Gospel Congregation recipient: First Presbyterian, Palo Alto. Andrew Murry award winner: Clifton Kirkpatrick.

Location: Fairmont Hotel

1:00-7:30 p.m. General Assembly Exhibit Hall Open

1:00 - 3:00 p.m. World Mission Luncheon

Ticket - \$35

Rev. Dr. Hunter Farrell, director of GAC World Mission for the General Assembly Council, will speak about the exciting new ways the PC(USA) is engaging in mission both in the United States and around the world.

Location: Fairmont Hotel

1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Reception for the Moderator of the 218th General Assembly (2008)

Sponsored by the Committee on Local Arrangements of San Jose Presbytery.

An opportunity to meet the newly elected moderator and enjoy light refreshments.

Location: City Hall Rotunda, 200 E. Santa Clara Street in downtown San Jose

**2:00 - 3:30 p.m. South Louisiana Presbytery Project Homecoming -
“The Name of the Rain”**

“The Name of the Rain” is a documentary drama that captures the story of evacuees from Hurricane Katrina who stayed in a church shelter in Baton Rouge. The play’s author is Rev. Hawley Wolfe, pastor of Broadmoor Presbyterian Church, where about 200 people found shelter. The production tells the story of what happened in those hectic months in 2005, what is happening now, and how the audience can help.

Presented by Project Homecoming, a disaster recovery program of the Presbytery of South Louisiana. The troupe of actors is touring the country and will bring this remarkable, hope-filled performance to the assembly. The show is free and open to everyone. An offering will be received and all contributions will go toward the purchase of materials for the rebuilding of hurricane damaged homes. Come see the show, hear miraculous stories of deliverance and heroism and find out how you can become involved in helping families recover, rebuild and rejoice! The play will also be presented on Tuesday evening.

Location: Fairmont Hotel.

3:00 – Midnight Collegiate Ministries Open House

An informal gathering for those who are involved with and/or interested in campus ministries. Chaplains, campus ministers, pastors, lay folks, MGB staff and others are welcome stop by to meet, greet and network with people who share a commitment to sharing the Good News with college students and campus communities.

Location: St. Claire Hotel

3:00 - 4:30 p.m. More Light Presbyterians Worship Celebration

Sanctuary. Celebration. Community. All are welcome to come just as you are and to experience Sanctuary, Celebration and Community in worship of the God who creates, loves and embraces all. Join other open-hearted Christians in a welcoming and affirming worship encounter that celebrates all persons as God’s children and recognizes the gifts of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Presbyterians and their families in the life of our Church and the Body of Christ. Sponsored by More Light Presbyterians, a National LGBT Affirmation & Equality Network of individual members, families, churches and local chapters working for spiritual, ordination and marriage equality in the PC(USA).

Location: Fairmont Hotel

**3:30 - 5:00 p.m. Advisory Committee on Racial Ethnic Concerns (ACREC)
Commissioner’s Briefing**

Introduction and overview of business at this assembly that is of particular interest and significance to people of color: the Belhar Confession; Troubled but Not Destroyed--The Katrina Resolution; Creating a Climate for Change Report and Recommendations; as well as Advice and Counsel on overtures to the assembly. Commissioners will have an opportunity to raise questions with ACREC committee members. Refreshments provided

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3:30 – 7:30 p.m. Mission Connections Fair

Sponsored by the GAC World Missions. Meet representatives of the Mission Networks and other friends of World Missions.

5:00 - 6:00 p.m. General Assembly Business Meeting 4
The Stated Clerk Nominating Committee will present its report and nomination.

6:00-7:30 p.m. Group Dinner for Commissioners & Advisory Delegates
Ticket - \$49

This meal is provided for commissioners and advisory delegates. Others wishing to take part will purchase a ticket.

6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Association of Executive Presbyters Dinner (for members of the AEPs)
Ticket - \$45

Executive presbyters and families are invited to attend a festive evening to welcome new colleagues, celebrate the ministries of those who are retiring, and renew old friendships.

Location: Fairmont Hotel

7:30 - 9:30 p.m. General Assembly Committee Meetings
The first hour of these initial meetings may be closed sessions
Locations: **SJCC, Marriott and Hilton**

7:30 - 10:00 p.m. McCormick Seminary and Chicago Presbytery Joint Reception
Location: St. Claire Hotel

9:00 - 11:00 p.m. Princeton Seminary Reception
Open to all GA attendees and free of charge. Come enjoy fellowship with members of the Princeton Seminary community.
Location: Fairmont Hotel

11:30 p.m. That All May Freely Serve Midnight Meditation and Post-Modern Prayer
Join us each evening in a prayer celebration for the church and for ALL. Watch for signs and check www.tamfs.org on where to gather.

Monday, June 23

7:00 - 9:00 a.m. General Assembly Breakfast and Morning Prayer.
Ticket \$30

Sponsored by the Office of the General Assembly
Speaker: **David LaMotte, Musician and Humanitarian**
Location: **Fairmont Hotel**

8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Mission Tour 1: Monterey Aquarium and Steinbeck's World
Ticket - \$60

Monterey Bay Aquarium (www.mbayaq.org) featuring 200 galleries and exhibits, including a 3-story living kelp forest, great white shark exhibit and the freshwater otters. World-renowned **Cannery Row**, made famous by John Steinbeck. Lunch with members of **First Presbyterian Church, Monterey** and hear stories of the Japanese **El Estero Presbyterian Church**, begun as a Presbyterian mission to Japanese fishermen in 1908. Hear how the Japanese churches survived the World War II internment.

Travel by coach, three hours round trip.

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Women Executive Presbyters and Synod Executives Coffee.

Sponsored by the OGA/GAC Office of Middle Governing Body Relations. A time of fellowship and sharing for women in these positions.

9:30 a.m. - Noon General Assembly Committee Meetings
Locations: SJCC, Marriott, Hilton

9:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. General Assembly Exhibit Hall Open

10:00 a.m. – Noon Mission Tour 2: Walk to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Library

Ticket: free

San Jose is the first U.S. city to combine its public library with that of a university (www.sjlibrary.org). Specialty exhibits include the Ira F. Brilliant Center for Beethoven Studies, devoted to the composer's life, works and accomplishments; and the Martha Heasley Cox Center for Steinbeck Studies, housing over 40,000 items and publishing the Steinbeck Review. Contemporary art includes 3 sculptures by African American artist Edmonia Lewis and 33 works by contemporary artist Mel Chin.

This docent led walk is approximately 6 to 7 blocks each way, pointing out other features along the way. Wear comfortable shoes, sun protection.

11:00 - 3:00 p.m. Presbyterian Seminary Fair

Discover the rich offerings of the Presbyterian theological institutions, including degree and non-degree programs. Talk with representatives of the various schools. Refreshments served.

Noon - 1:00 p.m. Congregational Transformation Lunch

Ticket - \$41

Sponsored by the GAC Church Growth and Ministry Support. "Missional Church, Appreciative Inquiry, and Leading Change." Rev. Mark Lau Branson is the Homer L. Goddard Associate Professor of the Ministry of the Laity, Fuller Theological Seminary, where he teaches courses in congregational leadership and community engagement.

Location: Fairmont Hotel

Noon - 1:30 p.m. Covenant Network of Presbyterians Luncheon

Ticket - \$42

Speaker: John M. Buchanan, Moderator of the 208th General Assembly, editor and publisher of *The Christian Century*, pastor of Fourth Presbyterian Church, Chicago and founding co-moderator of the Covenant Network. He will reflect on our continuing vision of a church that celebrates the welcoming gospel. Harry Knox, Director of the Religion and Faith Program of the Human Rights Campaign, will offer brief remarks.

Location: Fairmont Hotel

Noon - 1:30 p.m. National Association of Presbyterian Clergywomen Luncheon

Ticket - \$51

Speaker: Harriet Nelson, Moderator of the 196th General Assembly. Following her service as moderator she attended seminary and was ordained as Minister of Word and Sacrament. Rev. Nelson remained active at the denominational level and on the staff of San Francisco Theological Seminary, and is presently Visitation Pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Napa, California

Location: Fairmont Hotel

Noon – 1:30 p.m. OneByOne Luncheon - Living with AIDS

Ticket - \$18

Bob Blackford, former Young Life leader, shares his story of coming out to his family and friends about his secret homosexual life after he was diagnosed with HIV/AIDS. Bob has spoken nationally and has traveled to Africa many times to bring hope to those who live with AIDS.

Location: Bella Mia Restaurant, 58 S. First Street, San Jose (walking distance).

11:45am - 2:00 p.m. Presbyterians Affirming Reproductive Options (PARO) Luncheon

Ticket \$25

Anne Eggebroten, editor of *Abortion--My Choice, God's Grace*, will describe prayerful journeys of Christian women who chose to end unplanned pregnancies in her talk, "Christians & Abortion: Finding a Middle Ground between Extremes."

Location: Fairmont Hotel

Noon - 1:30 p.m. Presbyterian Network to End Homelessness Luncheon

Ticket - \$25

"An End to Homelessness: Building Housing, Building Justice." Speakers include Mike Yankoski, author of *Under the Overpass: A Journey of Faith on the Streets of America*, and Rev. Laura Jervis, director of the Westside Federation for Senior Housing and chair of the PC(USA) Overture Task Force on Homelessness and Affordable Housing.

Location: Camera 12 Theater, 288 S. Second Street, San Jose (walking distance).

Noon – 1:30 p.m. Presbyterians for Renewal (PFR) Mid-day Briefing

Presbyterians for Renewal offers daily updates, progress reports and interpretation on the work of the Assembly committees and the issues emerging in plenary sessions. Lunch available, \$15 per person. Commissioners are encouraged to bring questions. Observers are also welcome.

Noon - 1:15 p.m. Presbyterians Pro-Life TSAD/YAD Luncheon

Does the Bible have something to say about abortion? What guidance can we find in God's word that relates to this critical topic? Presbyterians Pro-Life invites all Theological Student and Youth Advisory Delegates to lunch. The pizza is on us! Bring your questions and concerns and prepare for a lively discussion with PPL staff, board members, and friends.

Location: Fairmont Hotel

Noon - 1:30 p.m. Small Church Luncheon

Ticket - \$ 17

Sponsored by the GAC Small Church and Community Ministry office of Evangelism and Church Growth. Friends of small church ministry will gather to break bread, swap stories, and listen to small church reflections.

Location: St. Claire Hotel

Noon - 1:30 p.m. Synod of the Rocky Mountains Luncheon

Ticket - \$15

Participants from within the synod AND friends of the synod from across the church are invited to gather for lunch and an opportunity to catch up with one another and compare notes on the assembly.

Location: Fairmont Hotel

Noon That All May Freely Serve "Something Happening for Love Justice and Jesus"

Come out to celebrate the ALL of the Church's future. Music? Art? Theater? Something Else? Watch for signs, check www.tamfs.org for where to gather for these daily events.

12:30 - 1:20 p.m. Presbyterian Action Briefing

Your chance to hear Presbyterian Action's side on social action matters having an impact on the church. Get the kind of facts and information rarely provided from denominational sources, but yet vitally important as this G.A. makes key decisions. This free event provides an opportunity to meet Presbyterian Action leadership, hear a brief presentation and interact on vital issues. **Lunch is not served.**

Location: Fairmont Hotel

1:15 – 5:00 p.m. Mission Tour 4 Hike through Earthquake Country

Ticket \$28

Docent guided exploration of the 264-acre Los Trancos Open Space Preserve, split by the San Andreas Fault. Located in the Santa Cruz mountains north of San Jose, with rolling grassland knolls alternating with oak woodland and shaded forest. On a clear day one can see the skyscrapers of San Francisco. The trail is about 1½ miles and climbs about 300 feet. This tour is not wheelchair accessible, and not appropriate for those with most physical disabilities or limitations. Wear layered clothing, sun hat and shoes for hiking.

Travel time by coach, 2 hours round trip.

1:30 – 5:30 p.m. General Assembly Committee Meetings

Locations: SJCC, Marriott, Hilton

2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Mission Tour 3: San Jose City History - Downtown Historical Buildings

Ticket \$6

A walking tour to 2 sites. The restored Peralta Adobe, the oldest address in San Jose showcases the city's Spanish and Mexican roots. Later builders built more elaborate structures, of which the Fallon House (1855) is an example. Located in historic San Pedro Square, both houses help you relive periods in San Jose's past. (www.historysanjose.org/visiting_hsj/peralta_fallon). A docent led walk, 7 blocks each way, through San Jose's restaurant district. *Note: the upstairs rooms of the Fallon House are not accessible by wheelchair.* Wear comfortable shoes, sun protection.

5:00 - 6:30 p.m. PHEWA Awards and Music Celebration.

Ticket - \$15

Come celebrate! The Presbyterian Health Education and Welfare Association's (PHEWA) reception this year will be a celebration expressed through music and awards. Our celebration begins with the special music written to benefit mental health services in New Orleans and the Gulf Coast, a unique project called the Winds of Hope, Winds of Healing. Outstanding ministries of justice, throughout the PC(USA), will be honored for their outreach to and inclusion of marginalized communities.

Location: Fairmont Hotel

5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Group Dinner for Commissioners and Advisory Delegates

Ticket \$49

This meal is provided for commissioners and advisory delegates. Others wishing to take part will purchase a ticket.

6:45 - 7:30 p.m. Evening Worship

Thomas Richard Daniel, preaching. Thomas is the organizing pastor of Atlantic Station New Church Development in Atlanta, Georgia, Greater Atlanta Presbytery.

Location: Civic Auditorium at the SJCC

7:30 - 10:30 p.m. Presbyterians for Just Immigration (PFJI) Open House

Please join us for conversation and idea sharing if you are interesting in the immigration issues in our nation, our communities and our churches. PFJI is a list serve for Presbyterians who are interested in learning and sharing around immigration issues.

Location: Hilton Hotel

7:30-9:30 p.m. San Francisco Theological Seminary President's Reception

Hosted by President Phil Butin, this dessert reception is open to alumni/ae, friends, current and prospective students of SFTS. Reconnect with the SFTS community and enjoy an evening of fellowship and friendship.

Location: St. Claire Hotel

8:00 - 9:30 p.m. General Assembly Committee Meetings

Location: SJCC, Marriott and Hilton

11:30 p.m. That All May Freely Serve Midnight Meditation and Post-Modern Prayer

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Tuesday, June 24

7:00 - 8:30 a.m. "Hungry Hearts" Gospel Blues Breakfast

Ticket - \$29

Sponsored by the GAC Office of Spiritual Formation. This event will offer an explosive start to your day, further proving that not all events sponsored by the Office of Spiritual Formation are set in silence. The dynamic vocals of powerhouse psalmist, Mary D. Williams will revive your weary mind, restore the joy of your salvation and set your hands to clapping.

Location: Fairmont Hotel

6:45 - 8:15am International Health Breakfast

Ticket - \$20

Sponsored by the Medical Benevolence Foundation (MBF) and the GAC International Health Ministries Office. International health issues and the Presbyterian response.

Location: Fairmont Hotel

7:00 - 8:00 a.m. Breakfast with Maryville College

Ticket \$free

The Maryville College Experience: Stretch Your Mind – Stretch Your Heart. From its founding in 1819 by Rev. Isaac Anderson, Maryville College in Maryville, Tennessee has shaped generations of graduates to be successful and make a difference in the world. Join President Gerald Gibson for a presentation and conversation about the student experience of faith and learning.

Location: Fairmont Hotel

7:00-8:30 am Breakfast With Pittsburgh Presbytery

Ticket \$20

Location: Fairmont Hotel

7:00 - 8:15am Voices of Sophia (VOS) Breakfast

Ticket - \$25

Speaker: Mary E. Hunt, feminist theologian and co-founder and co-director of the Women's Alliance for Theology, Ethics and Ritual (WATER) in Silver Spring, MD. A Roman Catholic, she lectures and writes on theology and ethics with particular attention to liberation issues. Feminist Religious Leadership—The New Agenda. Women continue to provide religious leadership that improves the quality of ministry, raises the level of theological discourse and broadens the scope of caring. Challenges abound: how to be Christian in a multi-religious world; why stay in denominations that persist in discriminating when good alternatives are available; what to do about the growing conservative power in both religions and nations? We have learned a lot in shared struggles that will stand us in good stead as we embrace the new agenda. Let the needs of the world not the failings of the churches set our direction.

Location: Fairmont Hotel

8:30 – 9:15am Morning Worship

Jin S. Kim, preaching. Jin is the pastor at the Church of All Nations in Minneapolis, Minnesota, Twin Cities Presbytery.

Location: Civic Auditorium at the SJCC

8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Mission Tour 5. Interfaith Exploration

Ticket - \$20

San Jose has a rich tradition of immigration that has built a city of great diversity. Out of a large number of religious traditions, explore three that most Presbyterians are least likely to encounter: **The Sikh House of Worship** (www.sikhgurdwarasj.org) or Gurdwara, is the House of God where the Guru dwells, built particularly for congregational worship. The spectacular building stands on 40 acres in the east foothills of San Jose. An invitation to sample their foods is part of the tour.

The Muslim Community Association Mosque and School (www.mcbayarea.org) represents a diverse Muslim community made up of over 40 nationalities, most from Pakistan, India and the Middle East. It functions as a community center as well as a place of worship and is located in Santa Clara. Lunch will be served.

San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin, (www.sjbetsuin.com) is located in Japantown just north of downtown San Jose. Founded in 1902, the church's primary focus is following the path to enlightenment by preserving the Three Treasures of the faith: Dharma (the teachings), Sangha (the people) and Buddha (the Enlightened One). If time allows, you may walk through Japantown and its unique stores.

Travel by coach with approximately one hour at each stop.

9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Mission Tour 6. Cameron House, San Francisco Chinatown

Ticket - \$33

Started by Presbyterians as the Occidental Mission Home for Girls in 1874, **Cameron House** (www.cameronhouse.org) began by rescuing young Asian women from virtual slavery in domestic service or prostitution. The House has evolved to a comprehensive family service organization serving low income, Asian immigrants and families in the Chinatown area. The tour will include a visit and lunch in the **Presbyterian Church in Chinatown**, the oldest Chinese Presbyterian Church in North America. There will be information from the San Francisco Presbytery Cameron House Partnership Task Force on Healing Workshops on sexual abuse. As time permits, visit a fortune cookie factory, the cable car barn or Chinatown shops. This trip is wheel chair accessible but a caution as to maneuverability due to crowds and traffic in the Chinatown area.

Travel by coach, approximately 2 hours round trip.

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Interim Executive/General Presbyters and Interim Synod Executives Coffee
Sponsored by the OGA/GAC Office of Middle Governing Body Relations. Meet and greet other interim executives to share your challenges and successes.

9:30 a.m. - Noon General Assembly Committee Meeting
Locations: SJCC, Marriott, Hilton

9:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. General Assembly Exhibit Hall Open

10:00 - 11:00 am Rural Ministry Coffee Hour

Ticket \$4

Sponsored by the GAC Small Church and Community Ministry office of Evangelism and Church Growth. Friends of rural ministry will gather to network, fellowship and swap stories. Please join us for coffee and refreshments.

Location: St. Claire Hotel

Noon - 1:30 p.m. Associate Executive Presbyters Lunch Gathering

For Associate Executives in Presbyteries. Presentation by Jill Hudson, PC(USA) Coordinator of Middle Governing Body Relations. For more information, contact Joey Lee at joey@sanjosepby.org. Location: Bella Mia Restaurant, 58 South First Street, downtown San Jose.

Noon - 1:15p.m. APIMS Luncheon

Ticket - \$30

Sponsored by the Association of Presbyterian Interim Ministry Specialists (APIMS). Speaker: Deborah Bruce, associate manager, Research Services, General Assembly Council, and project manager of the U.S. Congregational Life Survey. She will speak on "Tools for Congregational Transitions," giving attention to the Congregational Life Survey used by many interims in assisting congregations during times of transition, and to other resources and research findings, such as results from the recent study about interim ministry.

Location: Fairmont Hotel

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Company of Pastors/Order of Elders Luncheon

Ticket - \$45

Friends of the GAC Office of Theology and Worship are invited to hear an address from Rev. Michael Lindvall; *In Loco Pastoris*. Rev. Lindvall is the senior minister of Brick Presbyterian Church, New York City, and author of *Good News from North Haven* and the *Geography of God*. Members of COP/OOE who attend the luncheon will receive a complimentary copy of a newly released book published by Westminster Press.

Location: Fairmont Hotel

Noon - 1:00 p.m. Military and V.A. Chaplains Luncheon

Ticket - \$25

Sponsored by the Presbyterian Council for Chaplains. Your military chaplains serve around the world and in danger. Two will speak of their recent deployed experiences in Southwest Asia. Others will be in attendance. The Presbyterian Council for Chaplains is our church agency supporting nearly 400 PC(USA) clergy and seminarians taking part in military and V.A. chaplaincies.

Location: Fairmont Hotel

Noon - 1:30 p.m. More Light Presbyterians Educational Luncheon

Ticket - \$33

Impossible Choices: Our Gay Children or the Church? Parents and family members are put in impossible situations when their church, faith tradition or denomination is not accepting of their lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender loved ones. Many parents describe the dilemma of being asked to choose between their child, their faith or place in church. It should not be this way.

Join More Light Presbyterians, the national LGBT Equality Network for a panel conversation led by Presbyterian parents with LGBT children. Mitzi Henderson and Sally and Dave McClure will offer inspiration and personal insights. Pastoral care and educational resources for families, pastors, Christian Educators, Stephen's ministers, deacons, campus and youth ministers will be offered.
Location: Fairmont

12:15 – 1:30 p.m. National Association of Presbyterian Scouters (NAPS) Luncheon

Ticket - \$15

Location: Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1100 Shasta Ave., San Jose.

Noon - 1:30 p.m. New Church Development Luncheon

Ticket - \$26

Sponsored by the GAC Office of New Church Development, Church Growth and Ministry Support. The current status of new church development is the future status of the denomination. Is it possible to reach the fifth largest population in the world? Speaker: Brian Clark, pastor of Riverside Presbyterian Church, Sterling, Virginia and field staff for the Office of New Church Development.
Location: Fairmont Hotel

Noon - 1:30 p.m. OneByOne Luncheon

Ticket - \$18

Addressing Bisexuality and Lesbianism. Kristin Johnson, executive director of OneByOne and a long-time Presbyterian, shares her testimony of struggling with unwanted same-sex attraction. Kristin chose to find help and healing instead of embracing a lesbian identity. She offers this same hope to women and men who desire to find freedom from unwanted same-sex attraction.
Location: Bella Mia Restaurant, 58 S. First Street, San Jose (walking distance).

Noon - 2:00 p.m. Presbyterian Historical Society Luncheon

Ticket - \$30

Speaker: Dr. Elliott West, Professor of History, University of Arkansas, "God on the Fringes: The Spiritual Life of Western Pioneers."
Location: St. Claire Hotel

Noon-2:00 p.m. Presbyterian Women and Presbyterian Czech Mission Network Luncheon

Ticket - \$35

Speaker: Joel Ruml, Moderator of the Evangelical Church of the Czech Brethren. Mr. Ruml will share the good news of the life and work of the ECCB as well as discuss demographic and political trends that are currently impacting the Central Europe region.
Location: Fairmont Hotel

Noon – 1:30 p.m. Presbyterians for Renewal (PFR) Mid-day Briefing

Presbyterians for Renewal offers daily updates, progress reports, and interpretation on the work of the Assembly committees and the issues emerging in plenary sessions. Lunch will be available for \$15 per person. Commissioners are encouraged to bring questions. Observers are also welcome.

Noon - 1:30 p.m. Presbyterians for Restoring Creation Eco-Justice Luncheon

Ticket - \$30

Do you care for God's Creation? Break bread (with a vegetarian meal) and share ideas in community. Celebrate with us faith-filled examples of eco-justice ministry for young and old through this year's awards and exciting guest speakers.
Location: Fairmont Hotel.

Noon – 1:30 p.m. *Presbyteries of Seattle, Olympia and North Puget Sound Luncheon*
For commissioners and friends of these presbyteries. For information and reservations, contact Barbara Ranta, Seattle Presbytery, Barbara@presbytery.org.

Noon–1:15p.m. *Synod of the Covenant Luncheon*
Ticket - \$5
Commissioners, presbytery and synod staff, visitors and friends of the Synod of the Covenant are invited. Food and fellowship, with time for sharing information about current mission projects, grant recipients and future directions.
Location: Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1100 Shasta Avenue, San Jose. Transportation provided.

Noon - 1:30 p.m. *Synod of the Sun Luncheon*
Ticket - \$42
Come and enjoy good food and fellowship with your friends in the Synod of the Sun.
Location: Fairmont Hotel

Noon *That All May Freely Serve "Something Happening for Love Justice and Jesus"*
Come out to celebrate the ALL of the Church's future. Music? Art? Theater? Something Else? Watch for signs, check www.tamfs.org for where to gather for these daily events.

1:30 p.m. *General Assembly Committee Meetings*
Locations: SJCC, Marriott, Hilton

2:00 - 5:00 p.m. *Mission Tour 7: History Park San Jose*
Ticket - \$22
Reliving the “Valley of Heart’s Delight,” Santa Clara Valley in 1890 – 1920. History Park San Jose (www.historysanjose.org) is a living museum, with 27 original and replica homes, businesses and landmarks illustrating the Santa Clara Valley’s agricultural past. The 14- acre site includes paved streets, running trolleys, O’Brien’s café, an old print shop, a blacksmith’s, a stable, a trolley barn, a doctor’s office and more. A museum store offers historical books, gifts and children’s toys. A short walk leads to a traditional Japanese garden - areas of which are NOT wheelchair accessible. Located about 3 miles from downtown; travel by coach, approximately 45 minutes round trip. Docent led walking tour of exhibits. Wear comfortable shoes, sun protection.

2:30 - 3:30 p.m. *Urban Ministry Dessert & Coffee Hour*
Ticket - \$5
Sponsored by the GAC Small Church and Community Ministry office of Evangelism and Church Growth. Friends of urban ministry will gather to network, fellowship and swap stories. Please join us for coffee and dessert.
Location: St. Claire Hotel

6:00 – 7:30 p.m. *Grace Presbytery Dinner*
For commissioners and others from Grace Presbytery.
Location: St. Claire

6:00 - 8:30 p.m. *National Asian Presbyterian Council (NAPC) Banquet*
Ticket - \$30
A time of fellowship, friendship and a celebration of unity with our community. We welcome all commissioners, friends and members of NAPC to join us.
Location: Fairmont Hotel

5:00 - 8:00 p.m. National Hispanic/Latino Presbyterian Caucus Dinner

Ticket - \$51

Cliff Kirkpatrick is the invited guest. Come on celebrate with us our cultural diversity with music and food. Learn the stories about the Hispanic/Latino Ministries challenges and hopes.

Location: Fairmont Hotel

5:30 - 7:30 p.m. National Middle Eastern Presbyterian Caucus Dinner

Ticket - \$25

Speaker: Peggy Thomas

Location: Stone Church, San Jose. Transportation provided from the convention center.

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. National Presbyterian Men's Dinner

Ticket \$67

Location: Fairmont Hotel

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Native American Consulting Committee Native American Reception

Ticket - \$50

The journey of faith for Native Americans includes recognition of our engagement in Tribal governments. After 25 years of negotiation, the United Nations finally adopted the *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* on September 13, 2007. Come and listen to the voices of those focused on the struggles of "Indigenous People".

Location: Fairmont Hotel

6:00 - 7:30 p.m. South Louisiana Presbytery Project Homecoming - "The Name of the Rain"

"The Name of the Rain" is a documentary drama that captures the story of evacuees from Hurricane Katrina who stayed in a church shelter in Baton Rouge. The play's author is Rev. Hawley Wolfe, Broadmoor Presbyterian Church, where about 200 people found shelter. The production tells the story of what happened in those hectic months in 2005, what is happening now and how the audience can help.

Presented by Project Homecoming, a disaster recovery program of the Presbytery of South Louisiana. The troupe of actors is touring the country and brings this remarkable, hope-filled performance to the assembly. Free and open to everyone. An offering will be received; contributions will go toward the purchase of materials for the rebuilding of hurricane-damaged homes. Come see the show, hear miraculous stories of deliverance and heroism and find out how you can become involved in helping families recover, rebuild and rejoice! Also presented on Sunday afternoon.

Location: Fairmont Hotel

6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Women's Advocacy Network Meeting

Sponsored by the GAC Racial Ethnic & Women's Ministries. The grassroots network's inaugural meeting of women and allies to discuss denominational, national and global gender justice issues, make connections, begin to plan a way forward and brainstorm actions. Seating is limited; tickets are required. For a free ticket, contact Molly Casteel at Molly.Casteel@pcusa.org or (888) 728-7228 x5403. Light refreshments.

Location: St. Claire Hotel

7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Micah Goes to the Movies

Sponsored by GAC Media Services and by MicahsCall, an online community focused on action, discussion of issues and concerns and prayer for individuals and situations in the world. A free, fun event - view recent movies about Presbyterians embodying Micah 6:8 through stories of social justice, compassionate acts of kindness and prayerful worship. Popcorn, soda and candy provided.

Location: Marriott Hotel

7:00 - 9:30 p.m. Middle East Prayer Vigil

Sponsored by the Israel-Palestine Mission Network, the Iraq Network, the Office for the Middle East and Asia Minor, the Office of Interfaith Relations, the Office of Middle Eastern Ministries, the Peacemaking Program, the Presbyterian Council for Chaplains, the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship, the UN Office and the Washington Office.

Please join in a time of prayers for peace with all the peoples in the Middle East. This is a time to bring the cares, concerns, sorrows, partnerships and joys that touch and are touched by our Middle Eastern brothers and sisters before God and before each other. Guests from the Middle East are particularly invited. Focus times are:

7:00 p.m. -- for Israel/Palestine

7:30 p.m. -- for Iraq

8:00 p.m. -- for the greater Middle East

8:30 p.m. -- for military forces and their families

9:00 p.m. -- for peace in all parts of the world

Location: St. Claire Hotel

7:30 - 10:00 p.m. Pittsburgh Theological Seminary Reception

Fellowship, light refreshments, and special music provided by David Bailey.

Location: Fairmont Hotel

7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Presbyterian-Reformed Ministries International (PRMI) Worship Service

Time of prayer and worship for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit to exalt Jesus Christ and ignite revival in the church.

Location: Fairmont

7:30 - 9:30 p.m. University of Dubuque Seminary Reception

Location: St. Claire Hotel

9:00 p.m. - 1:00 am Witherspoon Society Dance

Ticket - \$20

Time for a break! A great opportunity to relax, catch your breath and enjoy good music, dancing and informal conversation. Also one of the best networking opportunities at the Assembly.

Location: Fairmont

11:30 p.m. That All May Freely Serve Midnight Meditation and Post-Modern Prayer

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Wednesday, June 25

7:00 - 8:15am Ecumenical Breakfast

Ticket - \$28

Sponsored by the Office of the General Assembly and the GAC World Missions.

What is Required of Us? Interfaith Perspectives on Relationship and Cooperation.

As Presbyterians, we are always learning more about God's call to live as Christians with neighbors of many faiths and cultures. At this assembly, for the first time, official interfaith guests will join us, representing the Islamic Society of North America, the Conservative, Reconstructionist and Reform Jewish movements and the Buddhist Churches of America. They will share their perspectives on interfaith relationships and cooperation. One of our ecumenical guests will respond, followed by open discussion.

6:45 - 8:15am Presbyterian Peace Fellowship Peace Breakfast

Ticket - \$20

Speaker: Jonathan Kuttab, Palestinian Christian Human Rights Attorney in Israel and Palestine.
Topic: "Following Jesus' way to a Just Peace in Israel-Palestine". Peaceseeker Awards to Beth Pyles and Anita David (Christian Peacemaker Teams in Iraq) and Gary Cozette (Chicago Religious Leadership Network on Latin America). \$10 rebate to commissioners and advisory delegates wearing GA name badge. Full Breakfast.
Location: Fairmont Hotel

6:30 - 8:30 a.m. Presbyterians for Renewal (PFR) Gospel Hope Breakfast

Ticket - \$21

Speaker: Dr. Mark D. Roberts, pastor, author, blogger, senior director and scholar-in-residence at Laity Lodge. Fellowship, worship, inspiration, and joy culminate in the presentation of the Bell-Mackay Prize for outstanding missionary service. Celebrate our biblical and missional heritage and the recovery of gospel hope in the PC(USA).
Location: Fairmont Hotel

7:00 - 8:30 a.m. Presbyterian Publishing Corporation Breakfast

Ticket - \$free

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 online resource center, www.TheThoughtfulChristian.com, information on the hymnal development process and an introduction to new resources for clergy and church leaders including the exciting new commentary series, *Feasting on the Word: Preaching the Revised Common Lectionary* and *The Discipleship Study Bible: New Revised Standard Version including Apocrypha*.
Location: Marriott

8:30-9:30 a.m. Ecumenical Service of Worship

Archbishop Chacour, preaching. Father Elias Chacour is the Archbishop of the Melkite Catholic Church.

Location: Civic Auditorium at the SJCC

8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Mission Tour 8: Steinbeck's Eden—Salinas

Ticket - \$47

John Steinbeck was born and lived in the Salinas Valley. At the **Steinbeck Center** (www.steinbeck.org) and **Rabobank Agriculture Museum**, experience a journey through the world of his writing. Seven themed theaters showcase works including *East of Eden*, *Cannery Row*, *The Grapes of Wrath* and more. The Rabobank Agriculture Museum shares the stories of the Salinas valley "from field to fork." Lunch at the **First Presbyterian Church**, Salinas, with a contemporary ministry center opened in 2004. Share conversation about **Lincoln Avenue Presbyterian**, begun as a ministry to Japanese farm workers in 1913, whose story includes the time of internment during World War II.
Travel by coach, approximately 2 hours round trip.

**8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Mission Tour 9: Guadalupe River Park and Gardens;
The "Green" Foothill Presbyterian Church.**

Ticket \$30

How Green Is My Valley? The **Guadalupe River Park** (www.grpg.org) is a 2 mile ribbon of green running through downtown San Jose to the San Francisco Bay. Trails, public gardens and public art enhance a flood control project for the city core that also protects much of the natural habitat for

endangered fish (you may also see egrets, kingfishers and herons). High points include a children's carousel, rose garden, historic orchard, a demonstration recycled water garden, a plaza high-lighting the Ohlone Indians and a commemoration of five Olympic ice skaters from the San Jose area.

Foothill Presbyterian Church (www.foothillpc.org) is the first "business" in San Jose, to go "green." Learn how that is accomplished, and see the evidence in the building and grounds. Lunch at the church will include locally grown produce.

Travel by coach to selected points; walking from point to point. This tour not advised for those who have trouble walking long distances. Wear comfortable shoes, sun protection.

9:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. General Assembly Exhibit Hall Open

This is the closing day for the exhibit hall.

9:30 - 11:00 a.m. ACWC Consultation with Clergywomen

Clergy women and their allies are welcome to meet with GAC Advocacy Committee for Women's Concerns (ACWC) members in an open forum format for a discussion of the November 2007 Presbyterian Panel on the status of women in PC(USA) and other issues facing women clergy in the Church. Light refreshments.

Location: SJCC

9:30 - 11:30 am Committee on Ministry (COM) Conversation

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.

Location: SJCC

9:30 - 11:30 am Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CP.M.) Conversation

Sponsored by the Office of Vocation. For CP.M. members, moderators, seminary and presbytery staff. An arena to share wisdom, discuss preparation for ministry issues, best practices. Meet national staff and CP.M. colleagues from across the church

Location: SJCC

9:30 - 11:00 a.m. Presbytery/Synod Moderators Coffee

Sponsored by the OGA/GAC Office of Middle Governing Body Relations.

An informal gathering for those currently serving as the moderator of their presbytery or synod. Light refreshments.

Location: Marriott

10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Using Film to Tell Your Story: Working with Film Makers

Sponsored by Reach and Teach. Technology has made filmmaking an accessible tool to even the most budget-conscious churches and organizations. Ann Hedreen of *White Noise Productions* (Seattle, WA), will walk us through the steps of choosing and working with a film maker: how to plan a film that reaches and moves your audience; how to work with the filmmaker on the story outline, on the script, in the field, in the digital editing and the DVD design process to get the film that you need and market your film for maximum use. *White Noise Productions* has produced several films about Presbyterian churches and programs as well as many other award-winning productions (www.whitenoiseproductions.com).

Location: Marriott

10:30-11:30 a.m. Conversation with Archbishop Chacour

Sponsored by the Office of Ecumenical and Agency Relations and the Israel Palestine Mission Network. This is an opportunity to hear more from the Archbishop, who is the preacher at the Wednesday morning Ecumenical Worship Service

Luncheons Sponsored by Seminaries of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Noon-1:30 p.m. Austin Seminary Luncheon

Ticket - \$35

Friends and alums are invited to re-connect with one another, say farewell to John R. Evans who is retiring and hear from Dean Michael Jinkins and others the latest about the long range plan, faculty news, campus happenings and other news.

Location: Hilton Hotel

Noon-1:45p.m. Columbia Theological Seminary Luncheon

Ticket - \$25

Noon-2:00 p.m. Dubuque Seminary Alumni Luncheon

Ticket - \$25

Noon – 2:00 p.m. Johnson C. Smith Seminary and National Black Presbyterian Caucus Luncheon

Ticket - \$40

The theme of the luncheon is "...for the people had a mind to work together." Nehemiah 4:6

Noon – 2:00 p.m. Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary Luncheon

Ticket - \$34

Join alums and friends for food, fellowship and a chance to hear from LPTS's newest faculty members: Claudio Carvalhaes (Assistant Professor of Worship and Preaching) and Debra Mumford (Assistant Professor of Preaching and Worship).

Location: Hilton Hotel

Noon-1:45p.m. McCormick Seminary Luncheon

Ticket - \$21

Cross-Cultural Theological Education: Preparing Ministers for Transformational Leadership in Church and Society. With Dr. Deborah F. Mullen, Dean of Master's Programs, Assoc. Professor of Ministry and Historical Studies, and Director of the Center for African American Ministry and Black Church Studies and Dr. Virstan Choy, Interim Director, Center for Asian American Ministries and Visiting Professor of Ministry. Join President Cynthia Campbell, faculty, students, alums and friends as we hear about a new initiative, rekindle old friendships and make new ones.

11:45am – 1:30 p.m. Pittsburgh Theological Seminary Luncheon

Ticket - \$17

All are welcome to attend this special luncheon. Professor Andrew Purves will speak on his latest book, *The Crucifixion of Ministry*, and President William J. Carl III will bring greetings.

Location: Silicon Valley Capital Club, 50 West San Fernando Street, Suite 1700

The club is within an easy walk of the convention center. Look for the building that says Knight Ridder on the roof.

Noon - 2:00 p.m. Princeton Seminary Luncheon

Ticket - \$20

Alumni/ae and friends will gather for lunch and hear a presentation by President Iain R. Torrance. Spouses, guests, and prospective students are welcome.

Location: Marriott Hotel

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. San Francisco Seminary Luncheon

Ticket - \$25

Enjoy conversation and lunch with alumni/ae, friends, current and prospective students.

Location: St. Claire Hotel

Noon-2:00 p.m. Union-PSCE Luncheon

Ticket - \$22

Speaker: Brian Blount, president. All are invited to meet the new president, to hear about his vision for the seminary, and to enjoy conversation and fellowship with alumni/ae, friends and current students.

Noon - 2:00 p.m. Auburn/Union Seminary Luncheon

Ticket - \$30

Location: St. Claire Hotel

Other Seminary Luncheons

Noon - 1:30 p.m. Fuller Seminary Luncheon

Ticket - \$25

Join Alumni/ae and Friends to hear Richard J Mouw, President, and Professor of Christian Philosophy speak on "Hope for the Future."

Location: Crowne Plaza Hotel

Noon - 1:30 p.m. Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary Luncheon

Ticket - \$16

Location: Fairmont Hotel

Noon - 1:45p.m. Yale Divinity School Luncheon

Ticket - \$20

Location: Fairmont Hotel

Noon – 1:30 p.m. Presbyterians for Renewal (PFR) Mid-day Briefing

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1:00 - 5:30 p.m. Mission Tour 10: Coming Home: Creative Solutions in Extremely Low Income Housing for the Homeless

Ticket - \$22

Visit two amazing solutions to providing extremely low income housing: the **Opportunity Center in Palo Alto** (www.opportunitycenter.org) and **San Antonio Place in Mountain View**. Both offer housing on a sliding scale. Residents also receive case management and a variety of other services. Both housing developments were inspired by church groups wanting housing for their poorest neighbors. Tour led by guides involved in these projects; see how similar housing could be built in your community. Sponsored by the Presbyterian Network to End Homelessness (www.pnteh.org). Travel by coach, approximately 2 hours total time.

**1:30 - 5:00 p.m. Mission Tour 11: Santa Cruz Mountain Winery Tour and Tasting:
Byington Winery**

Ticket - \$25

This winery (www.byington.com) is located in the quiet beauty of the Santa Cruz Mountains. Originally conceived as a family residence, the building welcomes visitors to traditional elegance. A 45-minute tour includes the vineyard, the production facility and the wine cave. A selection of Byington's current releases will be available for tasting. (Age minimum is 21.) Travel by coach, approximately one and a half hours; wheelchair accessible facility. Wear layered clothing—the wine cave will be cool.

2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Mission Tour 12: San Jose City History: Downtown Historical Buildings

Ticket - \$6

Repeat of the tour offered Monday afternoon. Walking tour of 2 sites: The restored Peralta Adobe, the oldest address in San Jose, showcases the city's Spanish and Mexican roots. Later builders built more elaborate structures, of which the Fallon House (1855) is an example. Located in historic San Pedro Square, both help relive periods in San Jose's past. (www.historysanjose.org/visiting_hsj/peralta_fallon). A docent led walk, 7 blocks each way, through San Jose's restaurant district. Wear comfortable shoes, sun protection.

**2:30 - 6:00 p.m. General Assembly Business Meeting 5
Assembly committees will report.**

6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Middle Governing Body Staff Reception

*Sponsored by the OGA/GAC Office of Middle Governing Body Relations. Stated clerks and executives of presbyteries and synods are invited.
For information and to RSVP, contact Angela Lucear at angela.lucear@pcusa.*

5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Multicultural Church Dinner and Celebration

Ticket - \$30

Sponsored by the GAC Office of Multicultural Ministries and the National Presbyterian Multicultural Network (P.M.N). Keynote speaker: Rev. Dr. Tom Taylor, executive director for mission of the General Assembly Council. The program will also include several exciting and energizing celebration opportunities, great table fellowship, prizes and giveaways of new resources and gifts in addition to the sharing of national, regional, and international models of multicultural networking and ministries. Seats are limited.
Location: Marriott Hotel

6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Presbyterian Peacemaking Program Celebration

Ticket - \$30

Simple meal will benefit the Green Belt Movement in Kenya; Harry Pickens, Jazz pianist will perform
Location: Trinity Cathedral, 81 North 2nd Street.

6:00 - 8:30 p.m. San Jose Presbytery Peace & Justice Task Force Supper

Ticket - \$ 20 (*Purchase from Presbytery, see below*)

Speaker: Archbishop Elias Chacour: "An Israeli Palestinian Ambassador for Peace." Co-sponsors: Pilgrims of Ibillin and Israel-Palestine Mission Network, PC(USA). Full Middle East supper. Two books by Chacour available. Reservation checks made to "Presbytery of San Jose;" marked "Chacour" on memo line; send to: Presbytery of San Jose, 888 N. First Street San Jose, CA. 95112. Location: Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church, Fremont & Hollenbeck Streets, Sunnyvale, CA. (20 minute drive from GA. Directions: north on Hwy. 280 to Hwy 85, north on 85 to Fremont Ave, south on Fremont to Hollenbeck).

7:30 - 9:30 p.m. General Assembly Business Meeting 6
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Thursday, June 26

7:00 - 9:00 a.m. Evangelism Breakfast
Ticket - \$28

Please join the GAC Evangelism and Church Growth ministry area for breakfast and conversation. Speaker: Rev. Eric Hoey, director of evangelism and church growth for the General Assembly Council. Rev. Hoey is interested in how we can reclaim the power of the Gospel. The morning conversation will center on how the PC(USA) can establish a new evangelism and church growth network, that will be a connection point for all who have a passion for evangelism, for church growth and a desire to share the gospel message with all God's people.

7:00 - 9:00 a.m. 2008 Theological Education Awards Breakfast
Ticket - \$20

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. Sara C. Juengst, who will 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.

Location: St. Claire Hotel

8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Mission Tour 14 Stanford University – Sculpture Garden and the Center on Conflict and Negotiation.

Ticket - \$27

Move into the out of doors at Stanford University (www.museum.stanford.edu) for a tour of the **Cantor collection** of Rodin Bronzes. Docent led tour will include these and other sculptures by such artists as Alexander Calder, Claes Oldenburg or Joan Miró, and the fanciful wood and stone sculptures of animals, people and magical characters in the Papua New Guinea sculpture garden. Meet Rev. Byron Bland, PC(USA) pastor and associate director of the **Center on Conflict and Negotiation** (www.lawstanford.edu/program/centers/scicn). Byron has been involved in peace negotiations in Northern Ireland, and will lead a discussion of peacemaking efforts. Visit **Stanford Memorial Chapel**, the architectural centerpiece of the Stanford "quad." Travel by coach, approximately 1½ hours. Walking shoes and sun protection advised.

8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Mission Tour 13: San Juan Bautista Mission; First Presbyterian Church Hollister & Emmaus House Women's Shelter

Ticket \$45

Explore **Mission San Juan Bautista** (www.oldmissionsjb.org), one of the 21 Spanish missions established along the El Camino Real, by Father Junipero Serra and his successor. The mission dates to 1797. A park ranger will lead a tour of the only original Spanish plaza remaining in California. You will be on your own seeing the Mission. (Movie buffs may remember this as the site of Hitchcock's *Vertigo*.)

Lunch will be served at the **First Presbyterian Church of Hollister**. Hear the story of the Emmaus House shelter (www.emmaushouse.net) for victims of domestic violence, which came about through the energy and determination of this church.

Travel by coach, approximately 2 hours total. Portions of the San Juan Mission and the State Historical Park areas are not accessible for those in wheelchairs or for individuals with walking limitations. Wear shoes suitable for uneven walking surfaces, sun protection.

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Noon – 1:30 p.m. Group Lunch for Commissioners and Advisory Delegates
Ticket - \$26

This meal is provided for commissioners and advisory delegates. Others wishing to take part will purchase a ticket.

Noon - 1:30 p.m. APCE Education Luncheon
Ticket \$27

Sponsored by the Association of Presbyterian Church Educators (APCE). Speaker: Dr. Laura Mendenhall, President of Columbia Theological Seminary, on "The Top 10 Reasons Why We Do Christian Education."

Noon – 1:30 p.m. Immigration Issues Lunch for Associate Presbyters

Sponsored by the OGA's Office of Immigration Issues. For more information and a reservation, contact Dana Dages at dana.dages@pcusa.org.

Location: Marriott Hotel

Noon - 1:30 p.m. Presbyterian Writers Guild Awards Luncheon
Ticket - \$30

The Presbyterian Writers Guild celebrates authors, from novice to well-known, with two awards. Featured luncheon speaker is the former G.A. Moderator Marj Carpenter, recipient of the 2008 David Steele Distinguished Writer Award. The winner of the James Angell Award for best first book by a Presbyterian author will be announced.

Noon - 1:45p.m. PASTCF Science and Faith Luncheon
Ticket - \$35

Sponsored by the Presbyterian Association on Science, Technology & the Christian Faith (PASTCF). Speaker: Derek L. Pursey, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus of Physics, Iowa State University, and former President of PASTCF. Subject: "What Has Silicon Valley To Do With God?"

Location: Marriott

Noon – 1:30 p.m. Presbyterians for Renewal (PFR) Mid-day Briefing

Presbyterians for Renewal offers daily updates, progress reports and interpretation on the work of the Assembly committees and the issues emerging in plenary sessions. Lunch will be available for \$15 per person. Commissioners are encouraged to bring questions. Observers are also welcome.

Location: SJCC

Noon That All May Freely Serve "Something Happening for Love Justice and Jesus

Come out to celebrate the ALL of the Church's future. Music? Art? Theater? Something Else? Watch for signs, check www.tamfs.org for where to gather for these daily events.

1:30 - 5:00 p.m. Mission Tour 15: Tour and Tasting - Guglielmo Family Winery

Ticket - \$23

The Guglielmo family (www.gugliemowinery.com) has been producing wines in the Santa Clara Valley since 1925, continuing a winemaking craft passed down for generations in Italy. Today, the winery produces award-winning premium varietal wines from Santa Clara Valley estate vineyards as well as from other regions of California.

The tour includes the facility, an overview of the winemaking process and tasting of six wines. (Age minimum is 21.)

Travel by coach, approximately one hour total. All areas of this tour are wheelchair accessible except the wine cellar. Comfortable shoes advised.

1:30 – 2:15p.m. Daily Worship

Cynthia Rigby, preaching. Cynthia is the W.C. Brown Professor of Theology at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

2:30-6:00 p.m. General Assembly Business Meeting 8

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6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Tampa Bay Presbytery Dinner

Ticket - \$49

Commissioners, members, friends and former members of the Presbytery of Tampa Bay will gather for fun, food and fellowship.

7:30-9:30 p.m. General Assembly Business Meeting 9

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11:30 p.m. That All May Freely Serve Midnight Meditation and Post-Modern Prayer

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Friday, June 27

7:00 - 8:30 a.m. Synod of the Southwest Breakfast

For friends of the synod. For a reservation, contact Jan Devries at jan@synodsw.org.

8:30 a.m. - Noon General Assembly Business Meeting 10

Reports from Assembly Committees.

Noon – 1:30 p.m. Presbyterians for Renewal (PFR) Mid-day Briefing

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Commissioners encouraged to bring questions. Observers also welcome.

Noon-1:30 p.m. Presbytery Leadership Institute Luncheon

Ticket - \$38

Paul Borden, author of *Hit the Bullseye* and *Direct Hit: Aiming Real Leaders at the Mission Field*, will speak on how to turn a declining presbytery into a growing, healthy presbytery reaching new disciples for Christ, growing in membership and mission benevolence giving.

Noon - 1:30 p.m. Youth of the Church Lunch & Mid-Day Prayer

Ticket - \$31

Youth, adult youth leaders and youth workers - Join the staff and guests of the national Office of Ministries With Youth for a buffet lunch, event and program updates, community building and a simple mid day prayer.

Noon-1:30 p.m. Synod of Alaska Northwest Luncheon

For commissioners and others from the synod. For more information and reservations, contact Alma-Jean Marion at ajmarion@synodnw.org.

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1:30 - 2:15p.m. Daily Worship

Diane L. Givens-Moffett, preaching. Diane is the pastor of St. James Presbyterian Church in Greensboro, North Carolina, Salem Presbytery.

2:30 – 6:00 p.m. - General Assembly Business Meeting 10

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6:00-7:30 p.m. Group Dinner for Commissioners and Advisory Delegates

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7:30 – 10:00 p.m. - General Assembly Business Meeting 11

Saturday, June 28

8:30 - 9:15am Daily Worship

Dan Chun, preaching. Dan is the Senior Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Honolulu, Hawaii, Pacific Presbytery.

9:30 a.m. – Noon General Assembly Business Meeting 11

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