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# BIG TENT

July 30 – August 1, 2015  
University of Tennessee Campus  
Knoxville, TN

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## PROGRAM GUIDE



# Ways to Connect



## Social Media

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Follow the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) on social media for live updates during Big Tent!

Remember to use #BigTent15 (and also #PCUSA if there is space) to let the rest of the church know what we are doing. Why is a (#) hashtag important? Whenever you put a # in front of words on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram, it becomes a clickable link that allows people to find all the posts with that hashtag. It helps bring us all together.



[facebook.com/pcusa](https://www.facebook.com/pcusa)



[twitter.com/presbyterian](https://twitter.com/presbyterian)

## Mobile Event Application

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Big Tent 2015 has gone mobile using Guidebook! We strongly encourage you to download our mobile guide to enhance your experience during Big Tent. You'll be able to plan your day with a personalized schedule, campus maps, and general event information.

The app is compatible with iPhones, iPads, iPod Touches, and Android devices. Windows Phone 7 and Blackberry users can access the same information via our mobile site at: <https://guidebook.com/g/BigTent2015/>.

To get the guide, choose one of the methods below:

- Download 'Guidebook' from the Apple App Store or the Android Marketplace.
- Visit <http://guidebook.com/getit> from your phone's browser.
- Scan the following image with your mobile phone (QR-Code reader required, e.g. 'Red Laser', 'Barcode Scanner'):



The guide will be listed under the "Download Guides" section of the application.

## Text Alerts

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This will allow us to send out program updates, weather, and emergency alerts quickly. To opt-in for the alerts simply text "BIGTENT" to 41411

## Wi-Fi at UT

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Complimentary wi-fi is available throughout the UT campus, including the dormitories.

To access the visitor network, join the wireless network called ut-visitor. Your browser should automatically redirect you to the log-in page; if it does not, the URL is <http://guest.utk.edu>.

Enter your email address and you will be given access for one day, which you can renew as needed.

# WELCOME

Are we there yet? We are! After months of anticipation, we have reached the destination of perhaps our greatest family road trip ever: The 2015 Big Tent.

Are we there yet? We are! And the end of our travels places us squarely at the starting point for a totally new experience!

When we gathered in Atlanta for the first Big Tent in 2009—and successively in Indianapolis and Louisville—we experienced the deep sense of community that some have described as a “family reunion,” a Presbyterian homecoming.

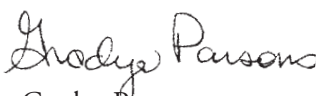
But this year not only have we come home, we have also gone back to school! And if “back to school” mean all things new—new schedules, new people, new experiences—it also means doing Big Tent in a new way by relocating our event to a college campus.

Education has always been a part of our “Presbyterian DNA,” beginning with John Calvin, who helped bring public education to Geneva. And by meeting here on the University of Tennessee campus, not only are we scratching our Presbyterian itch to grow in our knowledge and love of God, but we are also practicing good financial stewardship, both as individuals and as a denomination.

Doing Big Tent in a new way also means a more intentional focus on self-care through increased opportunities for walking and enjoying the great outdoors in this magnificent setting near the heart of the Great Smoky Mountains.

Finally, doing Big Tent in a new way also means a completely new format. While previous Big Tents have consisted of several individual conferences meeting at the same location, this year’s Big Tent will offer a wide variety of workshops and speakers all in one place—all designed to inspire, equip, and connect us as Presbyterians to live missionally. Together!

To paraphrase Luke 15—the focus of our Big Tent Bible study—we hope that you will “rejoice with us!” Rejoice with us, for we are here! Rejoice with us, for we are strong in the knowledge that the purpose of our being gathered here is to be sent to serve Jesus Christ by living missionally in the world. And so, with God’s help, we shall!



Gradye Parsons  
Stated Clerk of the  
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# Presbytery of East Tennessee

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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Welcome to Knoxville, the gateway to the Great Smoky Mountains! We are delighted y'all are here.

On behalf of the Presbytery of East Tennessee and the Synod of Living Waters, we extend a warm welcome to you with the hope that you take time to enjoy all East Tennessee has to offer.

We have been in prayer for you and your safe travel, and have looked forward to assisting you in your Big Tent experience. Please do not hesitate to call upon anyone of our Big Tent volunteers who are here to help you during your time with us. You will recognize them by their blue vest. Our volunteers come from all across Tennessee, and we give special thanks to members of the presbyteries of Holston and Middle Tennessee.

We extend a special invitation to you to stay over for Sunday worship service with one of the many congregations in the area. Information regarding times, locations and transportation options is available at the Registration Desk or the East Tennessee booth in the exhibit hall.

Enjoy your time in Knoxville and the beautiful area of East Tennessee. There are many places of interest: the Great Smoky Mountains, Maryville College, the Sequoyah Birthplace Museum (Vonore, TN), American Museum of Science and Energy (Oak Ridge, TN), the Knoxville Zoo, the McClung Museum of Natural History and Culture (UT Campus) and the University of Tennessee itself (first established as Blount College with the Rev. Samuel Carrick, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, as its first president).

We hope the Big Tent experience will be a great reunion of our faith family. May God bless us in our time together, may we learn from one another, and may we experience God's love and grace amidst the hills and mountains of East Tennessee.

Blessings and peace,

Rev. Judd Shaw  
General Presbyter Synod Executive  
Presbytery of East Tennessee

Rev. Terry Newland  
Synod Executive  
Synod of Living Waters

**Welcome to Big Tent 2015**, a conference that will inspire and equip Presbyterians to live missionally.

This Big Tent is focusing on three areas of missional living: Advocacy, Poverty, and Discipleship, and encouraging all adopt the Five values for Big Tent 2015:

- To live simply, with gratitude for the rich blessings of the church and creation.
- To join in joyful, worshipful community, sharing our time, our meals and our hearts with disciples, both familiar and new.
- To take a respite from the hustle of life and ministry in order to receive the quiet blessings of community, scripture and mission.
- To engage our individual passions for church growth, spiritual practices, justice and compassion in the larger vision of a missional church.
- To encounter and learn the scriptures together with enthusiasm and depth.

## WITH GRATITUDE

**The University of Tennessee and its Department of Conferences** for their hospitality and logistical support, and the Department of Music for permitting use of the organ in Cox Auditorium.

**The Presbytery of East Tennessee.** We especially thank Judd Shaw (executive presbyter) and other presbytery staff, along with Ann Naylor and John Johnson, who are serving as local liaisons. We thank all those volunteers from the presbytery who are providing support and hospitality, and making us all feel truly welcome here. A portion of the offering collected at the opening worship service will be given to the Presbyterian campus ministries supported by the presbytery, and we encourage attendees to be generous.

**East Tennessee Presbytery's John Knox Center** for operating the Big Tent children and youth program and Second Presbyterian Church (Knoxville) for providing care and programming for infants and toddlers.

**UT UKIRK** (the Presbyterian Campus Ministry) for its hospitality, including hosting the evening young adult gatherings. Mary Boyd is the chairperson of the East Tennessee Presbytery Campus Ministry Board, and Laura Tappan is the UKIRK office manager.

**In memory of** Ruling Elder Carol Johnson, graphic designer, who worked on so many projects for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), including the *Presbyterian Mission Yearbook for Prayer & Study*, the *Presbyterian Planning Calendar*, and this program guide. A lovely, gentle, and gracious person, Carol will be greatly missed. Well done, good and faithful servant—and our dear friend.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

The campus of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, is the location for most Big Tent events. See page 74 for a campus map, and the schedule, starting on page 12, for locations.

**The Big Tent Information Center** is located in the lower level of the Presidential Court Cafeteria. It will be staffed daily around meal times by volunteers from East Tennessee Presbytery, who will provide information on and assistance with:

- Big Tent questions and concerns
- Directions and maps on area services, restaurants, shops, and attractions
- Transportation
- Accessibility and services for attendees with disabilities
- Lost and found

Volunteers (wearing blue vests) will be stationed in other key locations to provide directions and assistance.

## WORSHIP AND BIBLE STUDY

We will gather for worship and inspiration several times as the Big Tent community:

- Opening worship on Thursday at 4:00 p.m., in the Cox Auditorium in the Alumni Memorial Hall on the UT campus. This service will include the celebration of the Lord's Supper. The preacher is Jana Childers, professor of Homiletics and Speech-Communication, San Francisco Theological Seminary.
- Bible Study led by Kang Yup Na, Associate Professor in Religion, History, Philosophy, and Classics, Westminster College. The theme is "The Lost and Found of Missional Living," focusing on Luke 15. It will be offered on Thursday evening (7:00 p.m.) and Saturday morning (8:30 a.m.), both in Cox Auditorium.
- Morning worship on Friday at 8:30 a.m., in the Cox Auditorium. The preacher is Laurene Chan, Director of Youth Ministries, Cameron House, San Francisco.
- Closing Worship on Saturday at 4:00 p.m., in the Cox Auditorium. The preacher is Paul Roberts, President, Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary.

Music for the worship services is coordinated by Hugh Donnelly, Guildwood Presbyterian Church, Scarborough, Ontario, Canada, who is joined by Marissa Galván-Valle, Associate for Hispanic Resources and Relationships and Sera Chung, Associate for Gender and Racial Justice at the Presbyterian Mission Agency. The organist is Jason Overall, canon preceptor and organist/choirmaster, St. John's Episcopal Cathedral, Knoxville.

An offering will be collected at the opening worship service, to be shared between support for Presbyterian mission co-workers around the world and the Presbyterian Campus Ministries supported by the Presbytery of East Tennessee. Thank you for supporting these ministries financially and in your prayers.

Bulletins for the worship services begin on page 58 of this Program.

## **WORKSHOPS AND NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES**

Three featured workshops are offered following worship on Friday morning:

- Ministries of Advocacy and Renewal, led by Scott Weimer, Pastor, North Avenue Presbyterian Church, Atlanta.
- Ministries for Poverty and Hunger, led by Sister Simone Campbell (Sisters of Social Service), Executive Director of NETWORK, and Author of *A Nun on the Bus: How All of Us Can Create Hope, Change, and Community*.
- Ministries Equipping Leaders for Discipleship and Evangelism, led by Rodger Nishioka, Associate Professor of Christian Education, Columbia Theological Seminary.

On Friday afternoon and Saturday, there are seven sessions of Big Tent workshops with as many as eighteen offerings in each session. These are sponsored by ministries of the PC(USA) agencies and related Presbyterian organizations, and are excellent opportunities to learn more about these topics and engage with leaders and other participants. See the Schedule of Events in this Program for more information.

During these Big Tent workshop sessions on Friday afternoon and Saturday, some classrooms on the first floor of the Humanities and Social Sciences building (HSS) are designated as Networking Rooms, to provide a more relaxed, relational opportunity to talk with representatives from some of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) ministries and with other Big Tent participants. Hosts include the Committee on Theological Education (COTE), the Office of the General Assembly's Mid Council Ministries, Presbyterian Foundation, the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program, Special Offerings, World Mission

and the Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy. The schedule for these opportunities will be posted on the first floor of the HSS building.

## EXHIBIT TENTS

Be sure to visit the Big Tent Exhibit tents, located in the middle of Presidential Courtyard, which can be found between the cafeteria and the campus housing. This is an excellent way to learn more about the mission and witness of the PC(USA) through the work of the six agencies, and also how to become more involved.

The displays of the six agencies are open and staffed:

Thursday: 12:00–4:00 p.m., 5:30–7:00 p.m.,  
and 8:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Friday: 7:00–8:15 a.m., 12:00–2:00 p.m., and 7:30–9:00 p.m.

Saturday: 7:00–8:15 a.m. and 12:00–2:00 p.m.

## THE PC(USA) STORE

The PC(USA) offers a central online store where you can find all PC(USA)-produced books, curriculum, and resources in one place. It offers a comprehensive selection of PC(USA) resources that provides the information and materials necessary to support new and existing congregations, leaders, study groups, and individuals to forge a deeper understanding of Presbyterian beliefs and doctrines. The PC(USA) Store is maintained by the Presbyterian Publishing Corporation, the publishing house of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Congregational Ministries Publishing, and other agency partners.

The PC(USA) Store will have a physical presence at Big Tent, in Room 102, on the second floor of the Humanities and Social Sciences Building (HSS). It will be open and staffed:

Thursday: 3:00–6:00 p.m. (closed during opening worship)

Friday: 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. (closed during morning worship)

Saturday: 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

## MEALS AND DINING

The Big Tent experience includes opportunities to dine and network with other attendees throughout Big Tent.



Big Tent registration (for commuters and those staying on campus) includes meals in the Presidential Court cafeteria. Big Tent meals begin with dinner on Thursday, July 30. Weather permitting, dinner on Friday will be on the lawn outside the Humanities and Social Sciences building (location of the Friday and Saturday workshops).

On Saturday evening, participants are on their own for dinner. Information on restaurants near the campus and in downtown Knoxville is available at the Big Tent Information Center.

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH PROGRAMS

As part of the Big Tent community, children and youth participate in worship and shared meals. During most other sessions, children and youth will participate in the excellent programming coordinated by the staff of East Tennessee Presbytery's John Knox Center and Second Presbyterian Church, Knoxville. Advance registration is required for these programs. The schedule is:

Thursday, July 30

Orientation/Registration	1:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.
Session 1 (Bible Study)	7:00 p.m.–8:30 p.m.

Friday, July 31

Session 2 (Morning workshops)	8:30 a.m.–11:45 a.m.
Session 3 (Afternoon workshops)	1:30 p.m.–5:30 p.m.

Saturday, August 1

Session 4 (Bible study and morning workshops)	8:30 a.m.–12:00 noon
Session 5 (Afternoon workshops)	1:45 p.m.–3:30 p.m.

## YOUNG ADULTS AT BIG TENT

Big Tent is a gathering for all Presbyterians—and that includes young adults. In the midst of the worship, workshops, meals, gatherings, and recreation, there are opportunities for those aged 19–30ish.

On Thursday and Friday evenings, join other young adults for Young Adult Hospitality Nights at the UT UKIRK Center at 1831 Melrose Avenue on the UT campus. Drop by, meet new people, and catch up with friends—free food provided! See the Schedule of Events in this Program for more information.

## Other Things We Need to Know....

### ACCESSIBILITY

The UT facilities are accessible. However, access to the cafeteria for those unable to use the stairs is by the freight elevator located in the kitchen; volunteers will provide assistance.

For those unable to walk the distances between the Presidential Court and the other UT facilities used for Big Tent meetings, transportation is available using UT buses and Big Tent golf carts.

Persons with vision, hearing, mobility impairment, or other special needs will find information about various kinds of assistance and accessibility at the Information Center in the lower level of the Presidential Court cafeteria.

### Awareness of People with Disabilities

Throughout our time together, we ask that you pay close attention to those around you who may need assistance. In particular:

- Please be aware of those around you, particularly when walking in a crowd. Persons using walkers or canes, or who are unsteady on their feet, are in jeopardy when in large, pushing crowds. If you notice such an individual, you could walk behind them at a slower pace to protect them.
- Please be aware of those behind you when opening a door. Stay an extra moment when possible to hold the door open for those who might need the assistance.
- If you notice that someone might need assistance, please ask rather than assuming or physically intervening. Occasions where assistance might be appreciated include buffet lines and when opening heavy doors.
- Please do not pet or talk with service animals (guide dogs) while they are working; be sensitive to the need to take a service animal for an outdoor break, offering assistance if appropriate.
- When possible, please be seated toward the center of long rows of chairs. This allows those with mobility difficulties greater ease in being seated.
- Please use a handicap stall in bathrooms only when you recognize that there is no one in line who can use only that stall.
- Please remember that some individuals have fragrance and chemical sensitivities and refrain from wearing heavy perfume, after-shave lotions, scented deodorants and lotions to meetings and group meals.

## RECREATION AND FITNESS

Big Tent registration fees include access to the recreational and fitness facilities at the Tennessee Recreational Center (TREC), located near the Presidential Court. Facilities include four basketball courts, a 1/7th mile indoor circular track, outdoor pool, more than 80 pieces of cardiovascular machines, and more than 100 strength training stations. Day-use lockers are available in locker rooms and on the track level.

TRECs is open:

Wednesday: 6:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.

Thursday: 6:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.

Friday: 6:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.

Saturday: 11:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.

Present your Big Tent conference badge for access.

On Friday and Saturday mornings, from 6:00–7:00 a.m., Bryce Wiebe, manager of the Office of Special Offerings, PMA, will lead a morning devotional and workout. Meet Bryce at 6:00 a.m. at the TREC check in desk (just inside the entrance) to participate.

## OTHER CAMPUS OPPORTUNITIES

Big Tent participants are welcome to visit UT's McClung Museum of Natural History and Culture, located on campus at 1327 Circle Park Drive. Admission to the permanent and special exhibitions is free, and the museum and museum store are open 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday, with special evening hours on Friday for Big Tent attendees.

## TRANSPORTATION

### **Around the UT campus**

UT vehicles and Big Tent golf carts are providing transportation between the Presidential Court and other UT facilities where Big Tent gathering will be held.

### **Around town**

The Big Tent Information Center in the Presidential Court cafeteria building can provide information about transportation to area attractions.

### **Airport transportation**

Taxi fare is approximately \$25 between the airport and the campus.

## EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

The UT Police Department is dedicated to providing a safe campus, using a combination of police patrol, community service officers, and a comprehensive crime prevention program.

The University of Tennessee has taken a number of initiatives to promote a safer campus area, and a comprehensive Emergency Management Plan that encompasses planning for incidents such as a pandemic outbreak, criminal activity, or a natural disaster.

Please visit [safety.utk.edu](https://safety.utk.edu) for more information on emergency preparedness and occupational safety.

Wherever you are, be aware of the exit(s) in any room, and the closest exit to the outdoors. Know evacuation routes and where to meet. When you are in a building, know where the stairwells are and look for the Emergency Posters indicating shelter locations and assembly areas. It is always a good idea to check in with someone if you are involved in an emergency so they don't tie up resources or come to the incident scene trying to find out if you are safe.

### **Summoning Assistance:**

It is generally advisable for facility staff to be the ones to contact the fire department, EMTs, ambulance, police, or other emergency response personnel. They are best able to respond and provide directions to the emergency location.

If you need assistance or discover a fire, someone needing medical attention, or any other emergency situation, alert UT staff (865-974-3111), or alert the Big Tent Information Center.

### **Safety and Security Procedures**

As in any city and facility, exercise caution while attending Big Tent activities and enjoying Knoxville. Do not wear your name badge off campus. Walk in groups at night; stay on the main streets, and avoid alleys. Safeguard your wallet and do not carry large sums of money. Lock your vehicle when parked and never leave valuables visible in a parked car. Know the location of blue light phones on campus. More than 100 phones are placed in various locations throughout campus, [utk.edu/maps](https://utk.edu/maps).

Do not leave valuables unattended in any UT meeting room or public area. Report any security incidents immediately to the hotel operator.

Lock your door whenever you are in your UT suite or hotel room. Do not open your door to strangers. Do not leave cash and valuables where they will be a temptation to a thief. Safeguard your room key. Report any incidents immediately to UT staff or your hotel management.

## EVALUATIONS

Following Big Tent, participants will receive an email invitation from [survey@pcusa.com](mailto:survey@pcusa.com) to complete an on-line evaluation of the conference. Please watch for this, and take the time to complete the survey. Your input is valued. Please also complete and return the evaluation forms that you receive for the individual partner conferences and workshops.

## PHOTOGRAPHY AND MEDIA USE

The 2015 Big Tent brings together hundreds of participants from across the church. Photographers, reporters, videographers, historians, and many others will be capturing cherished moments at this gathering of the church. By being a part of this event, you may find your image, voice, or quotes used in reporting or promotion. The Open Meeting Policy of the PC(USA) calls on us to conduct our ministries in this spirit of openness, trust, and public scrutiny. By attending and participating, you give Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), A Corporation, its affiliated institutions, related entities, and ecumenical partners permission to use your image, voice, feedback, and quotes on a perpetual, worldwide, irrevocable basis in any and all media including, but not limited to, websites, print, cable, and broadcast media without submission or re-submission to you for approval. You understand that third parties accessing web pages can download your image, voice, and quotes, and you release Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), A Corporation, its affiliated institutions, related entities, and ecumenical partners from any liability to you, your heirs, or your assigns in connection with or arising out of such downloading by third parties.

Using a camera, or tape recorder is permitted during conference sessions, provided that participants in the meeting are treated with courtesy and respect, the photographer does not obstruct the view of other participants, and camera flashes or other lights do not interfere with participants or proceedings.

During worship or other times of prayer, all participants and members of the press should be respectful of the sacred nature of the event. Photographs made with the use of existing lighting are permitted in these services if taken unobtrusively and without disrupting either the service itself or individual worshippers. Flash photography is not permitted.

We ask that those taking photographs or other images during Big Tent who use children as subjects assure that the child's identity is protected, or receive permission from the parent/guardian.

## TWELVE-STEP MEETINGS

Big Tent attendees may take advantage of meetings offered in the area. For a list of these, visit [etiaa.org/etiaa/wp-content/uploads/caitlin/etiaa-meeting-list-pdf-version.pdf](http://etiaa.org/etiaa/wp-content/uploads/caitlin/etiaa-meeting-list-pdf-version.pdf).

# BIG TENT SCHEDULE

Activities are held on the campus of the University of Tennessee at Knoxville (see campus map on page 74).

Abbreviations used in this schedule:

PMA—Presbyterian Mission Agency

OGA—Office of the General Assembly

UT—University of Tennessee, Knoxville

HSS—Humanities and Social Sciences building (UT Campus)

## TUESDAY, JULY 28

**5:00 p.m.**

**National Filipino Presbyterian Council Pre-Conference Dinner and Opening Session**—Baker Center, 204

**Theme: Seeking God's Will in the Bible and Making Decisions for the Church**

Advance registration required. Continues on Wednesday.

We believe the Bible contains the Word of God, necessary for our salvation and authoritative for the church's mission. How then do we understand, interpret, and appropriate the Scriptures accurately to make right decisions for our faith and life as individuals and as a church? When there is a major controversy or crisis, how do we seek and find God's will through the Scriptures to guide us? In this study, we will discuss three challenging issues and reflect on the proper use of the Bible for the decision-making of the church, a task particularly important for leaders of the church in crisis. Rev. John Yieh is the keynote speaker.

**6:30–9:00 a.m.**

**Presidential Court Cafeteria Open for Breakfast**

**8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.**

**National Filipino Presbyterian Council Pre-Conference  
Concludes**—Baker Center, 204

**9:00 a.m.–8:30 p.m.**

**Intercultural Pre-Conference**—Black Cultural Center

Advance registration required. Continues on Thursday.

Sponsored by the Office of Intercultural Ministries (RE&WM, PMA) and the Presbyterian Intercultural Network.

In sharing our stories of race, culture, and identity, we will enter God’s story of a beloved, intercultural community. Shared stories can increase understanding, enrich us all, ignite missional living, empower us for greater advocacy, and equip us to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God and with one another.

**2:30 p.m.–8:00 p.m.**

**Mid Council Pre-Big Tent Consultation**—UT Conference Center (600 Henley Street, Knoxville), 4th floor

Advance registration required. Continues on Thursday.

Sponsored by the PMA and the OGA for presbytery and synod executives (or equivalent), associate executives, and stated clerks. The schedule includes worship, breakouts, and opportunities for the whole group to gather.

**5:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.**

**National Asian Presbyterian Council (NAPC)  
Pre-Conference**—Baker Center, 204

Advance registration required. Continues on Thursday.

**Potluck Theology**—It’s been said that “where two or three Asians are gathered, there will be food.” Asian Presbyterians come with a richly varied mix of ethnicities, historical alliances and conflicts, languages, religious traditions, class distinctions, and, of course, cuisines. Yet there may be a few common roots from which we share certain values, strengthened by our place in the PC(USA) culture. Rev. Wendy Tajima will explore some of the history of Asians in the

PC(USA), the diversity that we bring, and the gifts that may help the PC(USA) learn to live into the diversity of theological perspectives that remain in the denomination. Strategies for Staying at Jesus' One Table—Because we all have something to bring to Christ's table, this follow-up to the NAPC keynote will take a more practical approach to ways that we can work together as Asian Presbyterians, but also how we can contribute to the PC(USA) at large. Bring your stories and ideas so that we can sample from the variety of experiences we bring to the PC(USA), and what we have experienced in the PC(USA).

## THURSDAY, JULY 30

**6:30–9:00 a.m.**

**Presidential Court Cafeteria Open for Breakfast**

**9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.**

**Intercultural Pre-conference Concludes—Black Cultural Center**

**8:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.**

**Mid Council Pre-Big Tent Consultation Concludes—UT Conference Center**

**8:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m.**

**National Asian Presbyterian Council Pre-Conference  
Continues—Baker Center, 204**

**9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.**

**National African Leaders' Consultation—St. Johns Catholic Center**

By invitation only.



**9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m**

**Haiti Mission Network Meeting**—International House

Advance registration required.

If your congregation or presbytery is partnering with an organization or institution in Haiti or is considering such a partnership, join us for a meeting of the Haiti Mission Network. In mission, we strive to find ways of improving the lives of the Haitian people, giving precedence to their voices and working with them to achieve shared goals. We envision a mission network that allows Presbyterians working in Haiti to share the challenges, accomplishments, obstacles, and joys of accompanying our Haitian brothers and sisters toward a healthy future. Join us as our mission co-workers in Haiti share what's going on five years after the earthquake and hear from Presbyterians involved in holistic ministries there.

**9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.**

**Guatemala Mission Network**—International House

For everyone who has ever been involved with supporting the National Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Guatemala (IENPG), who has taken a trip to Guatemala, or who would like to know more about the accompaniment, work, and ministry with the IENPG, please join us for this meeting. In mission, we strive to find ways of improving the lives of the Guatemalan people, giving precedence to their voices and working with them to achieve shared goals. We envision a Mission Network that allows Presbyterians working in Guatemala to share the challenges, accomplishments, obstacles, and joys of accompanying our brothers and sisters toward a healthy future. Come and share memories, learn how we can help in this important work, and have your spirit refreshed.

**9:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m.**

**CEDEPCA Mission Network Meeting**—International House

CEDEPCA is the Protestant Center for Pastoral Education in Central America. For everyone who has ever been involved with CEDEPCA, who has taken a trip to Guatemala, or who would like to know more about the work and ministry of CEDEPCA, please join us for this meeting. Members of the CEDEPCA staff will be leading us in Bible study, updating us on the current situation in Guatemala and the ways in which CEDEPCA is providing biblical and theological education, empowering women, strengthening people's resilience to recover from disasters, and facilitating experiences of intercultural encounters between people of the U. S. and Guatemala. Come and share memories, learn how we can help in this important work, and have your spirit refreshed.

# BIG TENT OPENS

**THURSDAY, JULY 30** *continued*

**12:00 noon–4:00 p.m.**

**Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Agency Displays Open**—Presidential Court Tents

**1:00–4:00 p.m.**

**Children and Youth Programs Orientation and Registration**—Presidential Court Cafeteria, Lower Level

**3:00–6:00 p.m. (closed during worship)**

The PCUSA Store Open—HSS, Room 102

**4:00–5:30 p.m.**

**Gathering Worship and Communion**—Alumni Memorial

*Preacher—Jana Childers, Professor of Homiletics and Speech-Communication, San Francisco Theological Seminary. An offering will be taken at this service that will be shared among support for PC(USA) mission co-workers and the UKirk Presbyterian Campus Ministry at the University of Tennessee.*

**5:00–7:00 p.m.**

**Presidential Court Cafeteria Open for Dinner**

**5:30–7:00 p.m.**

**PC(USA) Agency Displays Open**—Presidential Court Tents

**7:00–8:30 p.m.**

**Bible Study**—Alumni Memorial

The Lost and Found of Missional Living, focusing on Luke 15. *Led by Kang Yup Na, Associate Professor in Religion, History, Philosophy, and Classics, Westminster College.*

**8:30–9:30 p.m.**

**PC(USA) Agency Displays Open**—Presidential Court Tents

**8:30–10:00 p.m.**

**Big Tent Young Adult Hospitality**—UKIRK Center (1831 Melrose Avenue)  
Come hang out with other young adults at the Presbyterian Campus Ministry House, next to the Presidential Courtyard. Snacks and sodas for everyone.

**8:30–10:00 p.m.**

**Thursday Hospitality Hour**—Presidential Court

Join us in the Presidential Court for a hospitality hour after Bible Study! This will be a time to enjoy light refreshments and karaoke. It will be a great opportunity for relaxation and fellowship that you don't want to miss!

## FRIDAY, JULY 31

**6:00–7:00 a.m.**

**Early Morning Devotional and Workout**—TRECs

Led by Bryce Wiebe, manager of the Office of Special Offerings, PMA. Meet at the check-in desk inside the TRECs entrance.

**6:30–9:00 a.m.**

Presidential Court Cafeteria Open for Breakfast

**7:00–8:15 a.m.**

**PC(USA) Agency Displays Open**—Presidential Court Tents

**8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. (closed during worship)**

The PCUSA Store Open—HSS, Room 102

**8:30–9:30 a.m.**

**Big Tent Worship**—Alumni Memorial

*Preacher—Laurene Chan, Director of Youth Ministries, Cameron House, San Francisco.*

## **10:00–10:45 a.m. Big Tent Featured Workshops—Session A**

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Big Tent is focusing on three areas of missional living: Advocacy, Poverty, and Discipleship. The featured workshops in Sessions A and B on Friday morning offer opportunities of encouragement and insight from three church leaders engaged passionately in these ministries.

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**Ministries of Advocacy and Renewal**—Alumni Memorial, Room 27

North Avenue Church has committed itself to leadership in the Atlanta area in several areas of advocacy, especially in areas of human sexual trafficking. He will focus on the why's and how's of a congregation choosing to engage in ministries of advocacy. *Led by Scott Weimer, Pastor, North Avenue Presbyterian Church, Atlanta.*

**Ministries for Poverty and Hunger**—Alumni Memorial, Room 32

Sister Simone and NETWORK, the social advocacy agency she directs, have advocated loudly and persistently for justice for the poor in Washington and in travels across the nation. She will bring her extensive experience and wide perspective to the gospel call to engage in ministries combating the effects and causes of poverty. *Led by Sister Simone Campbell (Sisters of Social Service), Executive Director of NETWORK, and Author of A Nun on the Bus: How All of Us Can Create Hope, Change, and Community.*

**Ministries Equipping Leaders for Discipleship and Evangelism**—Alumni Memorial, Room 210

Rodger Nishioka has been a national leader for many years in developing hearts and minds for discipleship in youth and young adults across the church. He will be addressing the essential ministries that equip all Christians for the role of discipleship. *Led by Rodger Nishioka, Associate Professor of Christian Education, Columbia Theological Seminary.*

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**11:00-11:45 a.m. Big Tent Featured Workshops—Session B**

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The three featured workshops in Session A are repeated.

**Ministries of Advocacy and Renewal**—Alumni Memorial, Room 27

*Led by Scott Weimer, Pastor, North Avenue Presbyterian Church, Atlanta.*

**Ministries for Poverty and Hunger**—Alumni Memorial, Room 32

*Led by Sister Simone Campbell (Sisters of Social Service), Director of NETWORK, and Author of A Nun on the Bus: How All of Us Can Create Hope, Change, and Community.*

**Ministries Equipping Leaders for Discipleship and Evangelism**—Alumni Memorial, Room 210

*Led by Rodger Nishioka, Associate Professor of Christian Education, Columbia Seminary.*

**11:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m.**

Presidential Court Cafeteria Open for Lunch

**12:00 noon–2:00 p.m.**

**PC(USA) Agency Displays Open**—Presidential Court Tents

**12:00 noon–1:15 p.m.**

**Presbyterian Foundation Luncheon for Mid Council Leaders**—Black Cultural Center

A luncheon in appreciation of mid council leaders with featured guest Rear Adm. Margaret Kibben. Sponsored by Presbyterian Foundation, *by invitation*.

**1:30–2:30 p.m. Big Tent Workshops—Session C****Working While White: Working for Racial Justice as White People with White People**—HSS, Room 207

When the spaces you occupy are all white or nearly all white, they are racialized spaces. Noticing and speaking up are important skills to working for justice in the world. Silence is complicity. We promise to sit with Holy discomfort. *Led by Molly Casteel, Assistant Stated Clerk and Manager for Representation, Inclusiveness, and Ruling Elder Training, OGA.*

**Grace and Gratitude: Part I**—HSS, Room 203

Christine Pohl introduces us to the theme of grace and gratitude as a way to articulate our faith as Reformed Christians. Explore our Presbyterian identity through this lens that compels us to practice Christian community, proclaim the gospel, and work for justice. (Part II offered Friday at 3:00 p.m.) *Led by Christine Pohl, Associate Provost and Professor of Church and Society/Christian Ethics, Asbury Theological Seminary.*

**Using Human Rights Based Approach to Address Human Trafficking**—HSS, Room 219

Human trafficking—modern-day slavery—is a multidimensional threat, one that deprives men, women, and children of the most basic of their human rights. From sex trafficking to debt bondage, from the tomato fields to the mining industry, it is a complex phenomenon—lucrative, widespread, and growing. Explore how the PC(USA) is partnering with others to address

human trafficking through human rights, a victim-centered approach that puts the rights of trafficked persons at the center of all advocacy and assistance efforts. Find out what works, what doesn't work, and how you can be part of a movement for justice for trafficked persons. *Presented by Members of the PC(USA) Human Trafficking Roundtable.*

**Training Ruling Elders: A Conversation for Teaching Elders**—HSS, Room 205

Come and learn about models for training of ruling elders and sessions. Bring your own experience and best practices to share with the group. *Led by Kerry Rice, Associate Stated Clerk and Director of Ordered Ministries and Certification, OGA.*

**On Earth as It Is in Heaven: Middle Eastern Christians: Roots, Destiny, Calling**—HSS, Room 103B

Learn about the challenges and opportunities facing Christians in the Middle East and in the diaspora, and what difference Middle Eastern Presbyterians can make. *Led by Raafat Zaki, Chair of the National Middle Eastern Presbyterian Caucus.*

**The Dimensions of Emotional Intelligence and the Positive Impact It Can Have on Your Ministry**—HSS, Room 123

Emotional intelligence is the ability to understand yourself and other people in order to be able to relate and work more effectively with others. Time after time, emotional intelligence is cited as one of the most important skills related to success in one's work, and it is particularly applicable to those in fields of ministry. Learn about the dimensions of emotional intelligence and complete a quick self-assessment. You'll discover how greater skill in this area can have a positive impact on your everyday ministry as you work both with individuals and groups. *Led by Teaching Elders David Harris and Kimberly Secrist-Ashby, Trainers from Center for Emotional Intelligence and Human Relations Training (eqhrcenter.org).*

**Camps as Places for Helping Youth Affected by Disaster/Trauma**—HSS, Room 215

Camps can be amazingly effective places of healing for survivors of school violence, natural disaster, traumas of all sizes, or more chronic trauma such as experienced by children of homeless families, children of parents in prison, etc. Ferncliff Camp (Arkansas) has conducted many such camps and has worked with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) to forge a network of healing

camp. Come and get ideas for how your camp/retreat center might be a partner in healing. *Led by David Gill, Ferncliff Director; Brian Frick, Associate for Camp and Conference Ministries, PMA; and Laurie Kraus, Coordinator of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.*

**Una comunidad carismática: El sacerdocio/  
ministerio de cada creyente**—HSS, Room 103A

En este taller vamos a compartir y aprender sobre los dones y capacidades de ministerio de cada creyente; y que la Biblia, la teología reformada y nuestra experiencia en la iglesia nos enseñan sobre el sacerdocio de cada creyente. Habrá oportunidad para compartir reflexiones y dialogar sobre el discipulado y el liderato transformacional. *Presentado pro Hector Rodriguez, asociado para la oficina de “Apoyo congregacional hispano/latina.”*

**1001 New Worshiping Communities**—HSS, Room 71

Healthy presbyteries and congregations participate in giving birth to new worshiping communities. What is a new worshiping community? What leadership skills are needed? What can presbyteries and congregations do to encourage, equip, and nurture new communities? Find out what kind of funding is available through Mission Program Grants. Come and see how you can be part of a Holy Spirit-led movement that is transforming the church. *Led by Vera White, National Associate for 1001 New Worshiping Communities, PMA.*

**Presbyterians: Our Roots**—HSS, Room 218

An overview of the history of the PC(USA), where we came from and how we became the church we are today. *Led by Gradye Parsons, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly; and Beth Hessel, Director of the Presbyterian Historical Society.*

**Training Leaders for Community Transformation:**

**Lessons from Egypt**—HSS, Room 108

(Repeated in Session F, Saturday, 9:45 a.m.) U.S. Presbyterians are partnering with Presbyterians in Egypt to train leaders who share the good news of God’s love in Jesus Christ, to plant churches, and to develop movements of holistic transformation. Learn more about how the global Church is training its leaders; find out how you can be involved in this exciting international evangelistic movement; and explore how these ways of training leaders may impact your congregation’s community outreach efforts. *Co-Leaders: Dr. Atef Gendy, President of Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo; and Juan Sarmiento, International Evangelism Catalyst, Presbyterian World Mission.*

**Connecting with Young Adults**—HSS, Room 51

Where are the young adults? Who are young adults? How are young adults engaging with faith and faith communities? If you or your church is wondering about any of these questions, come hear about trends and dynamics of young adults in America. Learn 10 tips for connecting with young adults that you can immediately take back to your church. *Led by Emily Morgan, Young Adult Ministry Specialist, PMA.*

**Using Coaching Skills in Pastoral Ministry**—HSS, Room 206

We hear a lot about coaching these days. Coaches help people and groups in many ways, and are excellent resources for congregational leaders. Not everyone is called to be a coach, but many of the skills used in coaching are appropriate for all leaders, including pastors, educators, and ruling elders. Learn what coaching is, what key skills can help you in your ministry, and how you can use these skills to enrich your pastoral identity and presence. *Led by Peggy Cecil Hinds, DMin, Congregational and Leadership Coach, Consultant, and Trainer.*

**Working for Racial Reconciliation: An Inter-Generational Conversation**—HSS, Room 107

A core tenet of the Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) program is Cross-Cultural Mission, which means “YAVs will intentionally explore the diversity of God’s creation, living and working outside of their comfort zone. YAVs will work to confront the systemic challenges of race, class, gender, and power, while learning to examine their own lives and actions.” Learn what the YAV program is doing in terms of racial reconciliation, and be guided by representatives from the Highlander Center in Knoxville. Learn about the history of their work, and explore what it means to participate in racial reconciliation in our own communities and relationships. *Led by Richard Williams, Coordinator of the Young Adult Volunteer Program; Lydia Kim, Associate for Administration for the Young Adult Volunteer Program; Justin Chambers, National Recruitment Associate, DOOR, Atlanta YAV alum; and a Staff Member from Highlander Research and Education Center*



**On Calling a Pastor**—HSS, Room 205A

An introduction to the revised On Calling a Pastor resource. PNCs, presbytery representatives, and those assisting congregations through transitions in pastoral leadership will explore together how to use this new resource to call pastors and develop efficient call processes. (A longer version of this workshop is offered during the Double Session H-I, Saturday afternoon, 1:45–3:15 p.m.) *Led by SanDawna Ashley, Assistant Stated Clerk and Manager, Leadership Development, COM Support and Church Leadership Connection, OGA.*

**Faithful Living in a Time of Climate Change**—HSS, Room 217

Together we will explore what mission partners around the world are doing as the realities of climate change shape their livelihoods, as well as what U.S. Presbyterians can do to further curb carbon emissions, advocate for just climate policies, and push for successful climate talks at the United Nations COP 21 in Paris (December 2015). In addition, we will share the combined commitments of the six agencies of the PC(USA) as they seek to address environmental sustainability and what certified Earth Care Congregations are doing in their houses of worship with energy efficiency, solar panels, and more. *Led by Rebecca Barnes, Associate for Environmental Ministries, PMA.*

**Men in the Mirror: Orienting Our Lives Towards a Christ-Centered Masculinity**—HSS, Room 110

Sponsored by the CEDEPCA Mission Network. Hear an overview of this 13-session curriculum and the experiences of its author, who has been leading workshops for men in Guatemala. It is designed to encourage men to critically examine the internal messages about masculinity that influence and often damage the relationships men have with spouses, children, and other family members, and other close relationships, and explores a relational ethic revealed in Scripture that conveys healthy relational skills modeled by Jesus Christ. By looking to learn from Christ, all men can grow in discipleship by exploring this curriculum with other men. It is available at no cost in both English and Spanish at [www.pcusa.org](http://www.pcusa.org). *Led by Kevin E. Frederick, Author of Men in the Mirror.*

**Networking Opportunities**—HSS, first floor classrooms

**3:00-4:00 p.m. Big Tent Workshops—Session D**

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**Sustaining Young Women and Women Leaders**—HSS, Room 103B

Explore how to develop and build relationships between women leaders (young women, new immigrants, seminarians, newly ordained, and clergywomen), how to connect with mentors and mentees, and sustain relationships during ministry, building support systems, and connecting with women leaders in the church. *Led by Jewel McRae, Associate for Women's Leadership Development and Young Women's Ministries, PMA; and Jackie Spycher, Field Staff for Young Women's Ministries and Presbyterian College Women, PMA.*

**Earth Care Congregations: Stories and "How To's"**—HSS, Room 217

In this workshop, we will explore the biblical foundations and practical activities that 160 certified Presbyterian "Earth Care Congregations" have used to transform their Christian ministry. Both inside the congregation and extending into the community, Presbyterian churches are finding multiple ways to answer God's call to care for all creation. We will share challenges, success stories, ideas, and practical tips for getting started. *Led by Rebecca Barnes, Associate for Environmental Ministries/Presbyterian Hunger Program.*

**Financial Stewardship with Racial Ethnic and Multiracial Communities**—HSS, Room 103A

This workshop will focus on the experiences and approaches utilized by African Americans, Asians, Hispanics, Middle Easterners, and Native Americans in financial stewardship. Special attention will be given to cultural dynamics and styles. An additional focus will be on long-range giving: wills, bequests, etc. *Led by Jim Reese, Minister for Specialized Interpretation, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Foundation, and Former Director of Racial Ethnic Ministries Unit.*

**The Church's Faithful Response in a Troubled World**—HSS, Room 206

We live in a world of abundance, yet millions of people live in poverty in the U.S. and around the globe. Our trade policies force migration of peoples and deprive them of their very rights to the benefit and profit of multinational corporations. We know that education is a gateway out of poverty, yet our education system fails too many. The U.S. professes to value freedom, yet we incarcerate more people than any other nation. As the church, we are called into the Public Square to respond to injustice and to seek to change our society. Join PC(USA) Office of Public Witness staff for a discussion of some of these interconnected issues and the ways the church is seeking to address injustice at its roots. This workshop will be a hybrid that combines a discussion about

issues in the Public Square and concrete skills for effective advocacy. We'll explore the tools in the Advocate's Toolbox and imagine new ways to bring justice advocacy into our ministries. *Led by Catherine Gordon, Associate for International Issues, PC(USA) Office of Public Witness.*

### **Creating Abuse Policies**—HSS, Room 205A

The Book of Order mandates that all councils (including sessions) create and implement a sexual misconduct policy. This will be expanded (in June 2015) to include a mandated child-protection policy. Learn the who, what, when, and where of creating and implementing policies. *Led by Laurie Griffith, Manager of Judicial Process and Social Witness, Assistant Stated Clerk, OGA.*

### **Building the Beloved Community of God (Antiracism Training), Part I**—HSS, Room 207

This workshop continues in Session E, Friday, 4:30 p.m. As people of faith, our commitment to antiracism work begins with the affirmation that all people are made in the image of God. Building the Beloved Community training is an experience in cultural competency. This experience-based workshop helps participants gain a deeper understanding of the systems of power and privilege that perpetuate racism, learn about the tools and resources for antiracism work, and become equipped to be agents of change. Individuals are encouraged to assume an antiracism identity by gaining a better understanding of power and privilege and their impact on society. *Led by Sera Chung, Associate for Gender and Racial Justice, PMA; and David Bowie, Pastor, Rice Memorial Presbyterian Church, Atlanta.*

### **Grace and Gratitude—Part II**—HSS, Room 203

*(Part I of this workshop is offered Friday, 1:30 p.m.)* Christine Pohl continues to explore our Reformed faith through the lens of grace and gratitude.

### **Short-term Mission for Long-term Impact**—HSS, Room 108

Do short-term mission trips “work”? Can brief experiences in mission have a positive impact in the long-term? Come to this interactive session to learn about and share best practices for planning and leading mission trips. Hear how to plan mission trips “hand-in-hand” with the mission site hosts. Walk away with practical tools to make the most of your mission as it impacts your congregation's participants, your mission partners in the U.S. and around the world, and the people whom you seek to serve. *Led by Emerson Morales, Intercultural Encounters Coordinator for CEDEPCA; and Ellen Sherby, Coordinator for Equipping for Mission Involvement, Presbyterian World Mission.*

**Church Transformation**—HSS, Room 71

Is your church dying? Or shrinking? Or getting older? Or getting stale? Or okay but not what it used to be? Explore the dynamics of congregational development that help us understand what might be going on as well as give us some clues as to the attitudes and actions that can help us find new energy and life again. *Led by Ann Philbrick, Associate for Church Growth and Transformation, PMA.*

**Congregations That Thrive: What Are They Doing Right?**—HSS, Room 123

Thriving congregations are not always large congregations. Nor are they always growing congregations. Yet there is something about them that inspires and invites. Through stories of thriving congregations, you'll learn (and possibly share) some of the most prominent characteristics of thriving congregations. Get ready to be inspired! *Led by Deb Coe, Coordinator, Research Services, PMA.*

**Communications Strategies to Connect with Your Community**—HSS, Room 51

What do you want your community to know about your church? We'll share how to create a communications plan for your congregation, what stories resonate with those outside of your church walls, and how to capture the attention of the media. We'll talk about what makes great stories, who to approach and what to say to get media attention—and what to do when the media arrives. *Led by Kathy Melvin, Director of Mission Communications, PMA; and Emily Enders Odom, Communications Strategist, PMA.*

**Presbyterians: Our Foundations**—HSS, Room 218

An overview of the Foundations of Presbyterian Polity, including the mission of the church and the principles of order and government. *Led by Paul Hooker, Associate Dean for Ministerial Formation and Advanced Studies, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary.*

**Compassion to Action: Stop Sexual Violence Around the World**—HSS, Room 107

(Repeated in Session G, Saturday, 11:00 a.m.) As followers of Christ, we honor and celebrate the image of God in all people. As Presbyterians, we are called to open spaces in our hearts, families, communities, and churches to promote healing and reconciliation for those most at risk and marginalized. As children of God, we recognize that remaining silent about sexual violence is no longer an option. Explore ways you can speak up and help the Church stop sexual

violence around the world. *Led by Sandi Thompson-Royer, PC(USA) Mission Co-Worker Serving in Guatemala.*

**Conversation with the Moderator of the 221st General Assembly (2014)—**  
HSS, Room 219

(Repeated in Session G, Saturday, 11:00 a.m.) Come and hear the stories from across the denomination and around the world as we reflect on the way that we are called to be the church today. As Moderator Heath Rada and Vice Moderator Larissa Kwong Abazia travel to visit congregations, presbyteries, synods, and international ministry partners, they have discovered ways that God is calling us into new ways of living and being. Join in lively discussion about the status of the denomination and the future of our ministries near and far.

**The Changing Face of Ministry—**HSS, Room 205

A look at changing demographics among teaching elders and inquirers/candidates, and how it impacts leadership in developing disciples. *Led by Tim Cargal, Assistant Stated Clerk, Manager, Preparation for Ministry, Mid Council Ministries, OGA.*

**Encouraging Full Inclusion of People with Disabilities in Our Congregations and Councils—**HSS, Room 53B

How do we build a church where all God's people, without any exclusionary clauses, can join together in worship, serve, and enjoy God forever? The workshop will equip participants in using the new training materials, Better Together: Transformed by God's Variety of Gifts, in their congregations and councils. The materials come from extensive Bible studies and the stories and experiences of PC(USA) brothers and sisters confronting attitudes, misunderstanding, and other barriers to full inclusion in the church. *Led by Bebe Baldwin, Carol Brown, and Sue Montgomery, Presbyterians for Disability Concerns.*

**Hosting an Alternative Giving Market—**HSS, Room 111

Giving gifts is one of life's great joys, but what do you get for the person who has everything? Or what do you get for the person who doesn't want any more stuff? Giving alternative gifts can be a great way to honor loved ones with a gift, while also supporting causes dear to the one who receives as well as the one who gives. If you've ever thought about having your congregation host an alternative giving marketplace, this is the workshop for you. Participants will hear and share ideas and receive resources to plan an Alternative Giving Market or Christmas in July celebration that is fun, compelling, and meaningful for congregations. *Led by Tricia McReynolds, Mission Specialist for Special Offerings; and Sally Wright, Mission Associate for Special Offerings, PMA.*

**Investing in Christ's Mission**—HSS, Room 53A

Come and explore the ways that you can share in the fulfillment of Christ's mission. Discover the potential to compound your return on investments by participating in projects that help churches grow, spread the Gospel, reduce our carbon footprint, and meet emerging mission needs in neighborhoods and communities. The opportunity to invest in the mission of the church, or borrow toward a new capital project through the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Investment and Loan Program, Inc., will be presented. *Led by Catherine Lynch, Development Specialist, PC(USA) Investment and Loan Program, Inc., Wilmington, Delaware; and Clare Lewis, Director of Sales and Marketing, PC(USA) Investment and Loan Program, Inc., Louisville Kentucky.*

**Networking Opportunities**—HSS, first floor classrooms

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**4:30-5:30 p.m. Big Tent Workshops—Session E**

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**Where Is God Calling Your Congregation? How to Discern Congregational Mission Involvement and Take Action That Makes a Difference**—HSS, Room 123

Looking for ways to shape your congregation's mission focus? Join your colleagues from Presbyterian World Mission as we share tools for discerning your congregation's mission involvement. Walk away with practical resources for shaping your mission work in a way that glorifies God and lives into your collective sense of call. *Led by Christine Coy Fobr, Consultant for Mission Leaders, Presbyterian World Mission; and a Mission Worker TBA.*

**Presbyterians: Our Beliefs**—HSS, Room 218

An overview of the confessions of the church and what they mean for the church's life and witness. *Led by Kevin Park, Assistant Professor of Theology, Columbia Theological Seminary.*

**Grace and Gratitude in the Worshiping Community**—HSS, Room 203

How does the biblical story of God's grace in creation, the law, the prophets, and in the person of Jesus Christ shape our worship? How might we shape our worship more faithfully to reflect God's gracious love in Christ? How might we encourage openness to the Spirit in our worship practices? *Led by Martha Moore-Keish, Associate Professor of Theology, Columbia Theological Seminary.*

**Essential Functions of a Presbytery**—HSS, Room 206

As presbyteries change in size and resources, the work of the presbytery necessarily changes. What are the essential functions of this mid council and how can those functions be accomplished in these new circumstances? *Led by Susan Krummel, Associate Stated Clerk and Director of Mid Council Relations, OGA and PMA.*

**Equipping a Multigenerational Church**—HSS, Room 51

Church communities contain people of all ages and stages of life. As the Body of Christ we need people of all ages who the Spirit has gifted for our communal journey of faith. This workshop will look at generational trends and communication styles that can build up our congregations as well as give you concrete examples of multigenerational activities and ministries. *Led by Emily Morgan, Young Adult Ministry Specialist, PMA.*

**Building the Beloved Community of God (Antiracism Training), Part II**—HSS, Room 207

This is a continuation of the antiracism training that began in Session D, Friday, 3:00 p.m.

**Coded Messages, Dog Whistles, and Stereotype Threat: When What We Say Is Not What We Mean**—HSS, Room 205A

What are we saying and what is the impact of what we say? We'll examine how people hear different things when leaders speak and that ambiguity may be intentional. We will explore commonly used rhetoric and listen for the coded messages that build barriers for fully living with one another. Decoding work helps us to connect rather than remain divided. *Led by Molly Casteel, Assistant Stated Clerk and Manager for Representation, Inclusiveness, and Ruling Elder Training, OGA.*

**First Decolonize Your Mind: Imagination, Poverty, Food, and Eco-Justice**—HSS, Room 110

An experiential workshop energized by our collective desire to liberate minds, hearts, and hands. New consciousness is needed to find our way out of the social and environmental mess we have created with past thinking. We will shake loose negative socialization and open a space to imagine a fruitful, fulfilling, and sustainable world seven generations forward. By dismantling learned limits, we take a step towards a more harmonious and God-centered life. Together we will flex our hope muscles, and creativity as we envision the transformed future, and identify our contributions to the Great Turning. Food

justice and eco-justice provide a framework for us to explore ways our gifts can be used for healing self, community, and planet. Come willing to be moved by the Spirit and the group field! *Led by Vickie Machado, Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP) Food Justice Fellow and Member of the Eco-Stewards Program Leadership Team; and Andrew Kang Bartlett, National Associate for National Hunger Concerns (PHP), PMA.*

### **Presbytery Conversations on Commissioning Ruling Elders to Pastoral Service**—HSS, Room 205

In this forum for persons with responsibilities of overseeing presbytery mission strategies, we will discuss options for “commissioning ruling elders to particular pastoral service” (Book of Order, G-2.10). What ministry contexts are conducive to this form of spiritual leadership? How are you providing both initial training and ongoing support to these ruling elders? *Led by Tim Cargal, Assistant Stated Clerk and Manager, Preparation for Ministry, OGA.*

### **Education for Transformation: Addressing the Root Causes of Global Poverty**—HSS, Room 108

Quality education is one of the best pathways out of poverty. The PC(USA) has a deep and rich history of providing access to quality education for children in this country and around the world. Learn how you can get involved in the campaign to provide quality education to one million children. *Led by Frank Dimmock, Poverty Alleviation Catalyst, Presbyterian World Mission.*

### **Intercultural Ministries: No Root to Bitterness**—HSS, Room 103B

Learn what it means to be an intercultural church. Participants will also have an opportunity to share and expand their knowledge of the obstacles that impede effective intercultural relations and explore together how to overcome them. *Led by Sterling Morse, Coordinator of Cross Cultural and Intercultural Ministries, PMA.*

### **New Beginnings**—HSS, Room 71

Learn about the New Beginnings process, which is an assessment-based discernment process offered by the PMA's Church Transformation Office. It has been used by more than 400 churches in the past few years to bring structure and focus to the task of making a decision about their future. This process is focused on helping a congregation produce a shared vision of its future, which increases its potential for effectively and successfully living into that future. *Led by Ann Philbrick, Associate for Church Growth and Transformation, PMA.*



**Paradigm Shift in the Korean Campus Town Ministries**—HSS, Room 107  
Korean students who are enrolled and study in universities and colleges in America are the third largest international student group after China and India. There are more than thirty PC(USA) Korean churches that are located in university campus towns and that have been engaged in successful and vital campus town ministries for Korean students, including second generation students. The context of Korean campus town ministry has been changing, and the ministry needs new inventions with creative and contextualized ministry approaches and strategies. This workshop is a collection of ideas and experiences of Korean campus town leaders who are actively engaged in this unique and valuable ministry. *Led by Sun Bai Kim, Associate for Korean Emerging Ministries, PMA.*

**Why We Are Stronger Together**—HSS, Room 219

In a time of social turmoil in which some are considering departure from our church, we will focus on ten biblical, theological, and practical reasons to redouble our commitment to the PC(USA) and to one another as the one body of Christ, and to encourage others to do the same. *Led by Philip W. Butin, Co-Pastor, First United Presbyterian Church, Fayetteville, Arkansas.*

**African New Immigrants and Leadership Responsibilities in the PC(USA)**—HSS, Room 103A

The landscape of mission in the PC(USA) is changing due to increasing numbers of African and other new immigrants serving as teaching elders, ruling elders, and deacons. Specific training is needed to prepare African new immigrants for effective leadership in the PC(USA). Learn some of the benefits of African Presbyterians serving in leadership roles, the cultural issues that need to be addressed, and some of the challenges that should be anticipated—all in an effort to increase the number of transformational leadership skills of African new immigrants who feel called to serve. Learn about the work of the African Emerging Ministries Office. *Led by Sam Atiemo, Associate for African Emerging Ministries, PMA.*

**Tax Justice and Economic Inequality**—HSS, Room 111

The 221st General Assembly (2014) approved a policy calling for fairer taxation of households and corporations, including the reduction of tax expenditures, shutting down tax havens, equalizing rates for earned and investment income, and supporting effective public investment, <http://www.pcusa.org/resource/tax-justice-christian-response-second-gilded-age/>. The PC(USA) itself is weakened as the middle class is weakened and poverty remains high. A team in the Presbytery of New York City is developing an ecumenical Tax Justice Agenda

and organizing efforts in its region. Come share in a discussion of faith and tax policy. *Led by Louis Knowles, Member at Large, Presbytery of New York City; and David Taylor, Elder, and Andrew Stehlik, Pastor, Rutgers Presbyterian Church, New York.*

**Networking Opportunities**—HSS, first floor classrooms

**6:00–7:30 p.m.**

**Dinner on the Lawn**—HSS Amphitheater and Lawn

**7:00–9:00 p.m.**

**Big Tent Young Adult Hospitality**—UKIRK Center (1831 Melrose Avenue)

Come hang out with other young adults at the Presbyterian Campus Ministry House, next to the Presidential Courtyard. Snacks and sodas for everyone.

**7:30–9:00 p.m.**

**PC(USA) Agency Displays Open**—Presidential Court Tents

**7:30 p.m.**

**Friday Homecoming**

Friday evening brings an opportunity to join in a variety of family-friendly activities, including:

- Big Tent Coffee House, sponsored by the Presbyterian Hunger Program—Presidential Court Tent
- Ice Cream Social, sponsored by Presbyterian Women—Black Cultural Center
- Recreational Activities, including ultimate Frisbee, swimming, basketball, volleyball, and other fun and games—the Tennessee Recreational Center (T-RECS)
- And MORE!

**McCormick Theological Seminary After-Dinner Gathering**—FIVE Bar, 430 S. Gay Street, Knoxville

Gather immediately following dinner on the lawn to make the .7 mile walk together.

**Austin Seminary Alumni Gathering**—McClung Museum

For alumni and friends of the seminary.

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

### 6:00–7:00 a.m.

Early Morning Devotional and Workout – TRECc

Led by Bryce Wiebe, manager of the Office of Special Offerings, PMA. Meet at the check-in desk inside the TRECc entrance.

### 6:30–9:00 a.m.

Presidential Court Cafeteria Open for Breakfast

### 7:00–8:15 a.m.

PC(USA) Agency Displays Open—Presidential Court Tents

### 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. (closed during worship)

The PCUSA Store Open—HSS, Room 102

### 8:30–9:15 a.m.

Bible Study—Alumni Memorial

Kang Yup Na will continue the study of **The Lost and Found of Missional Living**, focusing on Luke 15.

### 9:45–10:45 a.m. **Big Tent Workshops—Session F**

**Presbyterians: Our Polity**—HSS, Room 218

An overview of who, how, and why of the church governance. *Led by Joyce Lieberman, Associate Stated Clerk and Director of Constitutional Interpretation, OGA.*

**Addressing Racism through Collaborative Peacemaking**—HSS, Room 217

Because peacemaking is integral to reconciliation, this workshop will explore how active, collaborative peacemaking can address current issues connected to racism in the U.S. We will examine peacemaking and its relationship to justice issues with an emphasis on identifying and addressing various aspects of systemic racism, and equip participants with practical and tactile ways to build networks and partnerships as they relate to critical issues of race and reconciliation. *Led by Alonzo Johnson, Mission Associate for Peacemaking, PMA; and Blake Collins, Mission Engagement Specialist, Young Adult Volunteer Program, PMA.*

**Living Missionally in a Consumer Society**—HSS, Room 103B

In an effort to “de-stress” and reconnect with the important things in life, the Dannemiller family embarked on a yearlong quest to stop shopping and start living. Filled with humorous stories, curious statistics, and poignant conclusions, this workshop chronicles the highs and lows of dropping out of our consumer culture and encourages all of us to think about our own relationship with “stuff” and how we can all find the balance of being in the world but not of it. *Led by Scott Dannemiller, former PC(USA) Young Adult Volunteer, blogger at The Accidental Missionary, and author of the upcoming book The Year without a Purchase.*

**Speaking Truth to Power: Living as Global Disciples in Washington, D.C., and at the United Nations**—HSS, Room 215

What is the church’s call to prophetic witness? How can individual Presbyterians and congregations engage God’s call to seek justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God? The Office of Public Witness represents the social witness statements of the General Assembly in Washington, D.C., and equips Presbyterians to do their own good advocacy. The Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations equips Presbyterians to live as followers of Jesus in the global neighborhood and advocates in the United Nations community for peace and justice in the name of Jesus. Staff members from both offices will discuss the Reformed theological basis for doing advocacy, the work Presbyterians do in Washington and at the United Nations, and best practices for individual Presbyterians to become more effective disciples and advocates. *Led by Mark Koenig, Director, Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations; Ryan Smith, Presbyterian Representative to the United Nations; and Catherine Gordon, Associate for International Issues, PC(USA) Office of Public Witness.*

**Missional Vocation through the Lens of Grace and Gratitude**—HSS, Room 203

Missional Vocation recognizes that the primary calling of disciples of Jesus Christ is to be sent by the Holy Spirit to proclaim God’s love in Jesus Christ. Tamara John is an innovative evangelist who has helped form new worshipping communities, and Steve Yamaguchi has spent years helping to form congregations to claim their missional vocation. Drawing on their diverse experiences, Tamara and Steve will focus on how our core identity of grace and gratitude can shape communities to embrace their calling. *Led by Steve Yamaguchi, Dean of Students at Fuller Theological Seminary; and Tamara John, an Evangelist in the PC(USA).*

**Using Social Media to Tell Your Story**—HSS, Room 123

Congregations have many opportunities to share God’s love through social media and to connect with your communities. We’ll show you how to capture stories from your leadership, members, and their families, and how to effectively share those moments on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and more. You’ll leave with tips and tricks that will make your work effective and help increase your reach. *Led by Robyn Davis Sekula, Communications Consultant; and Sara Otoum, Social Media Specialist, PMA.*

**Mission Café: Context Matters in a World Gone “Glocal,” Intersecting the Global and the Local**—HSS, Room 110

Many elements of context influence mission theology and mission practice today, but some primary ones include the setting of the practice and the theological worldview of the speaker and listener. We will discuss the importance of contextualization—the need to make sense of faith within a particular context by calling attention to story-telling and story-linking in a world gone glocal. Jo Ella Holman and Marsha Snulligan Haney will share highlights from their mission experiences in the United States and other countries, and lead conversations on how the various elements of context and mission influence approaches and practice in mission. *Led by Marsha Snulligan Haney, PhD, Professor of Missiology and Religions of the World, Doctor of Ministry Program Coordinator, Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta; and Jo Ella Holman, Regional Liaison for the Caribbean, PMA.*

**Pastoral Leadership Beyond Teaching Elders**—HSS, Room 205

Not all congregations or worshiping communities have a teaching elder committed to providing pastoral ministry exclusively to them. What models are emerging for individuals in the ordered ministries of ruling elders and deacons to serve in pastoral functions? *Led by Tim Cargal, Assistant Stated Clerk, Manager, Preparation for Ministry, Mid Council Ministries, OGA.*

**Crafting Mission Stories that Inspire Involvement**—HSS, Room 111

(Repeated in Session G, Saturday, 11:00 a.m.) You have seen God at work through mission trips and projects. Learn how to craft an engaging short talk that will inspire others in your congregation to join you in mission. Create your own impactful stories through an easy-to-follow process. Bring at least two ideas for stories of how you have seen God at work in your area of mission involvement. Participants will do practical exercises in developing an engaging, three-minute talk. *Led by Michelle Lori, Coach for Mission Interpretation, Presbyterian World Mission.*

**Engage: Effective Ministry in Our Ever-Changing Cultural Landscape—**HSS, Room 71

How can our churches be faithful and effective in a postmodern and post-Christian culture? Learn about equipping and training churches to engage their communities and join in what God is already doing in those communities. The Engage resource helps churches authentically share their faith and helps members to grow as disciples and be sent out beyond the walls of our churches. We know that if we are to reach our cities, towns, and neighborhoods with the Gospel, we can't just invite them to another church service. We have to be sent out into our homes, workplaces, public spheres, and communities. *Led by Ray Jones and David Loleng, Evangelism and Church Growth, PMA.*

**What Is Race? Ever Wonder?—**HSS, Room 107

Explore questions of race, culture, and identity, and learn to work together to name the elephant in the room—the specific issues that prevent us from living together as people who have true respect and understanding for one another's race, culture, and identity. *Led by Connie Lee and Nibs Stroupe, Presbyterian Intercultural Network.*

**Satisfaction Can Almost Be Guaranteed—**HSS, Room 205A

There are key principles in life that create a sense of rightness, fulfillment, and satisfaction. Explore these principles in connection with call and fit. Discover ways of finding joy in ministry again through reassessing your sense of call and answering the question, am I in the right ministry? *Led by SanDawna Ashley, Assistant Stated Clerk and Manager, Leadership Development, COM Support and Church Leadership Connection, OGA.*

**A Seat at the Table—**HSS, Room 53A

What does it look like to bring an authentic and compelling reformed witness to an ever-more religiously diverse context in our society today? What do Presbyterians believe about engaging those of other religious traditions? Join this conversation about how to build interfaith relationships of trust to respond to critical issues in our communities and our world. This highly interactive workshop will reference the Interreligious Stance of the PC(USA) that was overwhelmingly affirmed by the 221st General Assembly (2014). Come hear and share stories about the joys and the challenges inherent in building relationships across religious boundaries. *Led by Rick Ufford-Chase, Co-Director of Stony Point Center and Co-Founder of the Multifaith Community of Living Traditions.*

**Native American Ministry**—HSS, Room 103A

Changes in society have affected these congregations and how they work with the denomination. Hear how Native American Presbyterians have adapted to the changing landscapes in society and the PC(USA). *Led by Irv Porter, Associate for Native American Congregational Support, PMA.*

**Training Leaders for Community Transformation—Lessons from Egypt**—HSS, Room 108

(Also offered in Session C, Friday, 1:30 p.m.) U.S. Presbyterians are partnering with Presbyterians in Egypt to train leaders that share the good news of God’s love in Jesus Christ, to plant churches, and to develop movements of holistic transformation. Learn more about how the global Church is training its leaders; find out how you can be involved in this exciting international evangelistic movement; and explore how these ways of training leaders may impact your congregation’s community outreach efforts. *Co-leaders: Dr. Atef Gendy, President of Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo; and Juan Sarmiento, International Evangelism Catalyst, Presbyterian World Mission.*

**Reciprocal Revolution: Making Your Church a Community Destination with Community Impact**—HSS, Room 53B

Connect to a new, innovative way to make your church a community destination through community reconnection. Discover how your church’s worship, witness, and mission can achieve greater community impact by engaging in a Reciprocal Revolution. Earn the right to be a community destination. Learn new ways to tell your congregation’s story as it intersects with the story of your community. *Led by Kevin Yoho, General Presbyter, Newark Presbytery.*

**Growing Churches through Nurturing Families—Reaching Generation Z**—HSS, Room 51

Whenever a child is baptized, the congregation makes promises to nurture that child in the faith. Beyond Sunday school, what are practical, creative ways that our churches can help children and families connect faith with daily living? How can we help parents (and increasingly grandparents) learn to be their children’s primary faith guides? How can we equip children to grow in loving God and neighbor, and to work for God’s peace and justice? Explore how caring for today’s diverse families in our communities can attract new families to our churches. *Led by Bruce and Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, Authors (with Freda Gardner) of the Study/Action Guide for Transforming Families and Active Parenting Now in the Faith Community and Co-Pastors of Limestone Presbyterian Church, Wilmington, Delaware.*

**Networking Opportunities**—HSS, first floor classrooms

## 11:00-12:00 noon **Big Tent Workshops—Session G**

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### **Grace and Gratitude: Following Jesus**—HSS, Room 203

How can being baptized, gathering in God's name, hearing the Word, and coming to the table shape lives of discipleship sent into the world to follow God's mission? How do we grow as disciples with our whole lives in response to God's gracious invitation? *Led by Dr. Martha Moore-Keish, Associate Professor of Theology, Columbia Theological Seminary.*

### **Crafting Mission Stories that Inspire Involvement**—HSS, Room 111

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### **Presbyterians: Our Worship**—HSS, Room 218

An overview of the understanding and practice of Reformed worship. *Led by Chip Andrus, Pastor, South Salem Presbyterian Church, Salem, New York.*

### **Stop Fundraising and Start Stewarding Funds: Living Missionally through Stewardship**—HSS, Room 51

Help congregations move from bake sales and bingo night to a deeper understanding of God's call to stewardship. Examine the biblical bases for financial stewardship and how church leaders can move their congregation members to joyful giving. We will also share tips on how to encourage giving by sharing the impact of their gifts in creative ways. *Led by Chris Roseland and Bruce Whearty, Church Support Fund-Raising Associates, PMA.*

### **Asking the Right Questions: Using Research to Help Inform Your Ministry**—HSS, Room 53A

Explore the art of question design to obtain information that is useful to your ministry and free tools that are available for your use. *Led by Susan Barnett, Associate for Survey Research, PMA.*



**The Thoughtful Roots of Missional Living**—HSS, Room 103A

Explore the role thoughtfulness plays in shaping and directing who we are as missional Christians. *Led by Ben Daniel, pastor and author of Neighbor, the Search for the Truth About Islam, and Thoughtful Christianity: Faith and Action in the Way of Jesus.*

**Preaching for Non-Preachers**—HSS, Room 205A

Are you the moderator of your presbytery, an elder in your church, or in some other role that gives you the opportunity to preach occasionally? Come talk about how to prepare for that “once in a while” opportunity. *Led by Susan Krummel, Director of Mid Council Relations, OGA and PMA.*

**The Israel-Palestine Mission Network: A Case Study in Ministries of Advocacy**—HSS, Room 207

How can effective ministries of advocacy take place within the PC(USA)? Learn how to listen, learn, and act for a cause about which you’re passionate. Explore how to develop educational resources for Presbyterians and overtures within presbyteries for advocacy at General Assembly. The Israel-Palestine Mission Network (IPMN) was formed in 2005 in response to a General Assembly resolution. Since then, the IPMN has engaged in a variety of ministries of advocacy in support of the Palestinians in their quest for just peace. *Sponsored by Presbyterian World Mission and led by Ted Settle, Israel/Palestine Mission Network Steering Committee.*

**The Changing Face of Ministry**—HSS, Room 205

The traditional congregation is only one of many cultural contexts in which people are being nurtured as disciples of Jesus Christ. What are some of the new forms of ministry through which Presbyterians are engaging in God’s mission today? *Led by Tim Cargal, Assistant Stated Clerk and Manager, Preparation for Ministry, OGA.*

**New Ministry Idea Lab**—HSS, Room 219

Have an idea for a new worshiping community or a missional initiative? Come share your idea with a panel of leaders who can give feedback and help you discern how best to move your project forward. Please come prepared with a three-minute “elevator speech” that captures the important elements of your vision. *Led by Shannon Kiser, 1001 Associate, Eastern Region, PMA.*

**Ministry with Youth: A Racial Ethnic Approach to Reaching the Next Generations**—HSS, Room 107

Native American presenters share successful aspects of ministry with youth and young adults as well as what is not working. *Led by Buddy Monahan, Chaplain, Menaul School, Albuquerque, New Mexico.*

**Best Practices in Theological Educations**—HSS, Room 110

Learn how well-balanced training is equipping Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo (ETSC) graduates to serve congregations at a crucial time in the life of church and society in the Middle East. Effective “theo-oriented” seminary education is concerned with the learner’s formation in context. All subjects and activities serve ETSC’s mission to grow not only in knowledge, but also in character and skills. A holistic system includes student, teacher, curriculum, and methodology. It requires students to distinguish critical daily life issues through the lenses of Bible teachings and Kingdom values. *Led by Dr. Atef Gendy, President of the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo.*

**Transformative Justice**—HSS, Room 103B

Realizing the unjustness of our current criminal justice system, transformative justice is a way of practicing alternative justice that acknowledges individual experiences and seeks to actively resist the state’s criminal injustice system. It focuses on healing for the survivors, accountability and transformation for those who do harm, and community action. Get informed and motivated regarding transformative justice, and learn practical ways we can change hearts and seek justice in our communities and churches. *Led by Jeanne Bishop, Chicago Criminal Defense Attorney, activist, and author of Change of Heart: Justice, Mercy, and Making Peace with My Sister’s Killer.*

**Educate a Child, Transform the World in the Domestic Context**—HSS, Room 217

Jesus says, “Let the children come to me,” but every 19 seconds a child is arrested in the U.S. During the school year, a public high school student drops out every 8 seconds, and yet states spend on average two and a half times more per prisoner than they spend per public school student. This practical, hands-on workshop will equip participants to respond to realities like these in ways appropriate to their own contexts through the “Educate a Child” initiative. We will focus specifically on efforts to strengthen early childhood education and to decrease the high school drop-out rate. *Led by the Domestic “Educate a Child” Staff Team: Alonzo Johnson, Eileen Lindner, and Ginna Bairby.*

**Conversation with the Moderator of the 221st General Assembly (2014)—**  
HSS, Room 206

Also offered Session D, Friday, 3:00 p.m. Come and hear the stories from across the denomination and around the world as we reflect on the way that we are called to be church today. As Moderator Heath Rada and Vice-Moderator Larissa Kwong Abazia travel to visit congregations, presbyteries, synods, and international ministry partners, they have discovered ways that God is calling us into new ways of living and being. Join in lively discussion about the status of the denomination and the future of our ministries near and far.

**Compassion to Action: Stop Sexual Violence**  
**Around the World**—HSS, Room 108

(Also offered Session D, Friday, 3:00 p.m.) As followers of Christ, we honor and celebrate the image of God in all people. As Presbyterians, we are called to open spaces in our hearts, families, communities, and churches to promote healing and reconciliation for those most at risk and marginalized. As children of God, we recognize that remaining silent about sexual violence is no longer an option. Explore ways you can speak up and help the Church stop sexual violence around the world. *Led by Sandi Thompson-Royer, PC(USA) Mission Co-Worker Serving in Guatemala.*

**Jesus, Peacekeeping, and 14 Years of War:**  
**What Would Presbyterians Do?**—HSS, Room 215

One of the new things in the Peace Discernment process approved by the 219th General Assembly (2010) is its focus on Jesus and nonviolence. Reformed Christians have rarely been pacifists, but Presbyterians have been looking more at the example of Jesus, partly due to the recent wave of historical scholarship. The “Five Affirmations” voted on by presbyteries also lifted up the nonviolent changes in Eastern Europe, South Africa, Philippines, and Northern Ireland, before the initial successes of the Arab Spring, but military action has dominated U.S. foreign policy since 9/11. What does the vote on the Five Affirmations show, and what actions of advocacy and accompaniment have Presbyterians been doing? [oga.pcusa.org/section/ga/ga221/peace-discernment/](http://oga.pcusa.org/section/ga/ga221/peace-discernment/)  
*Co-leaders: Mark Davidson, Chair, Peace Discernment Steering Team, Pastor, Church of Reconciliation, Chapel Hill, N.C.; and Chris Iosso, Coordinator, Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy.*

**Networking Opportunities**—HSS, first floor classrooms

Saturday, August 1, 2015

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**11:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m.**

**Presidential Court Cafeteria Open for Lunch**

**12:00 noon–2:00 p.m.**

**PC(USA) Agency Displays Open**—Presidential Court Tents

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**1:45–3:30 p.m.      Big Tent Workshops—Double session H-I**

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Note that these workshops continue through both afternoon workshop sessions.

**Just Faith: What We Can Do to Resist Oppression in Congregational and Council Life**—HSS, Room 215

Examination, discussion, and participatory exercises will assist ruling elders and teaching elders navigating power and privilege in congregations and councils and raise up anti-oppression practices. *Led by Molly Casteel, Assistant Stated Clerk and Manager for Representation, Inclusiveness, and Ruling Elder Training, OGA.*

**Young Adult Faith Formation: Absolutely Everything You Need to Know About Emerging Adulthood**—HSS, Room 51

Have you ever wondered why there aren't many young adults in your congregation? Or, better yet, have you ever asked the question, how do we minister to the college students and young adults we have in our community? If your answer is yes, this workshop is for you! In this comprehensive session, Dr. Santos will unpack the current state of young adult faith in order to illuminate why the mainline church is struggling to reach this generation. Particular attention will be placed on how young adults think about religion, faith, and spirituality, and how we might more faithfully journey with them during this life stage. *Led by Jason Brian Santos, Ph.D., Associate for Collegiate Ministries, PMA.*

**Educate a Child, Transform the world: Deprivation, Incarceration, Graduation**—HSS, Room 108

All through the Gospels, Jesus embraces children and warns his followers not to cause these little ones to stumble. As our church embarks on a campaign to live into our baptismal vows by educating one million children in the U.S. and

abroad, what are the stumbling blocks of our day? Come to hear words from Moderator Heath Rada, Rev. Janet Wolfe of the Children's Defense Fund, and other prominent church leaders and world-renowned educators; and to gain tools for practical steps to make quality education a reality for children in your neighborhood and across the globe. *Led and facilitated by Former Moderator Rick Ufford-Chase, with Moderator Heath Rada, Janet Wolfe, Steve Barrett, international expert on education, and staff from World Mission and Compassion Peace and Justice, PMA.*

**Managing Conflict**—HSS, Room 123

Because we are human, when we meet together there is always the possibility for conflict. How do you manage yourself in the midst of conflict? How do you help a group to work through conflict to arrive at something new? *Led by Susan Krummel, Associate Stated Clerk and Director of Mid Council Relations, OGA and PMA.*

**The Apostle's Letters to 21st Century Pastors**—HSS, Room 205

A study of major themes of the Pastoral Letters (1 and 2 Timothy, Titus) as they speak to spiritual leaders engaged in forming disciples in our contemporary context. *Led by Tim Cargal, Assistant Stated Clerk and Manager, Preparation for Ministry, OGA.*

**Grassroots Discipleship**—HSS, Room 110

Congregation-based organizing for local community empowerment. *Led by Trina Zelle, Executive Director, Presbyterian Health, Education and Welfare Association (PHEWA).*

**Introduction to the Revised On Calling a Pastor Resource**—HSS, Room 205A

(A shorter version of this workshop is offered in Session C, Friday, 1:30 p.m.) Pastor nominating committees (PNCs), presbytery representatives, and those assisting congregations through transitions in pastoral leadership will explore together how to use this new resource to call pastors and develop efficient call processes. *Led by SanDawna Ashley, Assistant Stated Clerk and Manager, Leadership Development, COM Support and Church Leadership Connection, OGA.*

**1:45-2:30 p.m.      Big Tent Workshops—Session H**

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**Sharing Our Stories**—HSS, Room 103A

In sharing stories of race, culture, and identity, participants will enter God's story of a beloved, intercultural community. *Led by Gun Ho Lee and Sharon Mook, Presbyterian Intercultural Network.*

**The Ruling Elder: From Formation to Transformation**—HSS, Room 206

We will examine together the role of ruling elders as spiritual leaders, and the session as a worshipful community. Using the Being Reformed workbooks for ruling elders and the Book of Order, this workshop will begin with formative information and end with exploration of personal and communal practices that are transforming for leaders and the congregation. *Led by Peggy Cecil Hinds, DMin., Congregational and Leadership Coach, Consultant, Trainer, and Author of Ruling Elder: Transformation.*

**Equipping African American Congregations for Living Missionally**—HSS, Room 103B

This workshop will help churches serve as co-partners with God in transforming our world and addressing the root causes of societal injustices. Participants will develop theological and spiritual principles to increase their engagement and service to their communities and discern action plans to bear witness to the truth and the reign of God. *Led by Lonnie Oliver, Associate for African American Congregational Support, PMA.*

**Spiritual Formation and Pastoral Health**—HSS, Room 71

Pastoral support is more than terms of call. Explore ways leadership formation and support can benefit pastoral leaders as well as the congregations they serve. Learn about resources for spiritual, emotional, physical, and vocational support available for pastoral leaders and congregations. *Led by Karen Russell, Associate, Office of Theology and Worship, PMA.*

**Immigration Advocacy in Your Local Context**—HSS, Room 207

You don't have to live on the border or in a big city to address immigration as a church; you just need to be attuned to the needs of your members and community. Meet the pastor and members of Bethel Presbyterian Church in Kingston, Tennessee, and learn about the formation and sustenance of their immigration advocacy ministry. Panel Members: Rev. Wendy Neff, Viviana

Vanegas, and Carol Brown of Bethel Presbyterian Church. *Led by Teresa Waggener, Manager of Legal Services, Office of Immigration Issues, Assistant Stated Clerk, OGA; and Laura Polk, Manager for Advocacy, Office of Immigration Issues, Assistant Stated Clerk, OGA.*

**Grace and Gratitude: A Conversation with the Confessions**—HSS, Room 219

What does our Book of Confessions teach us about who God's character is, about God's ways with us, and how does this message of the graciousness of God in Christ shape our lives as disciples? *Led by Barry Ensign-George, Associate for Theology, PMA.*

**Grace and Gratitude: Come to the Table**—HSS, Room 203

Learn how vital, faithful congregations are nourished at the table: Receiving God's abundant grace and responding with gratitude. This session will offer theological, liturgical, and pastoral resources for renewing sacramental life. *Led by Chip Andrus, Pastor, South Salem Presbyterian Church, Salem, New York.*

**Presbyterians: Our Discipline**—HSS, Room 218

An overview of the purpose and process of ecclesiastical discipline in the life of the church. *Led by Laurie Griffith, Manager of Judicial Process and Social Witness, Assistant Stated Clerk, OGA.*

**Educator Certification in the PC(USA)**—HSS, Room 217

A trained Christian educator is far more than a custodian of markers and masking tape. Certified Christian Educators have a passion for helping learners of all ages develop a deeper relationship with Christ and an ongoing, growing life of discipleship. They understand the underlying principles of human growth and faith development, they understand how to leverage opportunities for holistic learning across the life of the church, and they can help learners engage in deep study of scripture and theology. Whether you are a dedicated volunteer, a home-grown practitioner, or a paid professional, come for a taste of what educators with this training can mean for your congregation and presbytery! *Led by Susan Sharp Campbell and Jonathan Reinink, members of the PC(USA) Educator Certification Committee.*

**Networking Opportunities**—HSS, first floor classrooms

**2:45-3:30 p.m.**

Big Tent Workshops—Session I

**Fringe Christianity: An Ecumenical and Collaborative Project in Hoosier Country**—HSS, Room 103B

Pastors are leaders not only of religious institutions. They are community organizers, social workers, translators, and more. In Bloomington, Indiana, Rev. Mihee Kim-Kort is a convener of campus, mainline leaders, and local service agency workers. The focus of this loose collective is on collaborating on worship, prayer, and issues of justice, specifically in Hoosier country. These ecumenical gatherings provide an alternative, robust witness of the work of Jesus Christ in local community. This workshop will provide information behind the impetus of these projects, and ideas for implementing more in your own neighborhoods. *Led by Mihee Kim-Kort, Campus Minister for UKIRK @ IU and the Author/Editor of Making Paper Cranes: Toward an Asian American Feminist Theology, Streams Run Uphill: Conversation with Young Clergywomen of Color, and Yoked: Stories of a Clergy Couple in Marriage, Family, and Ministry (Co-Authored with Husband, Andy Kort).*

**Grace and Gratitude in Song**—HSS, Room 203

Drawing on resources in *Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal* and other readily available sources, we will explore historical and current musical expressions of God's grace and our response of gratitude. From the great hymns of the church to recently composed music of numerous cultures around the globe, we will discover ways for worshipers and learners of all ages to express grace and gratitude in song. *Led by William McConnell, Executive Director, Presbyterian Association of Musicians.*

**Growing in Grace and Gratitude—A New Denominational Children's Curriculum**—HSS, Room 219

God's grace and our response of gratitude are the foundation of the new PC(USA) denominational children's curriculum. This workshop will explore grace and gratitude as the theological hallmark of Presbyterian tradition and showcase the importance of nurturing children through an invitation to discipleship that inspires children to learn and practice hospitality, generosity, and love. God's grace and our gratitude are the heartbeat of our faith, life, and worship—a promising theme for Presbyterian identity and the future of the PC(USA). *Led by Mark Hinds, Candace Hill, and Marissa Galvan-Valle, Congregational Ministries Publishing, PMA.*



**Ruling Elders as Spiritual Leaders**—HSS, Room 206

Being a ruling elder is not all about knowing the Book of Order, serving on committees, and being in meetings. It includes having “maturity of faith,” being “compassionate in spirit,” measuring the congregation’s “fidelity to the Word of God,” and exercising “spiritual discernment.” Explore the spiritual foundations of serving as a ruling elder. *Led by Martha Miller, Manager of Ruling Elder Resources and Educator Certification and Assistant Stated Clerk, OGA.*

**Immigration: A Theological Perspective**—HSS, Room 71

Immigration has a number of aspects: political, family, economic, and social. In this session we will look at biblical and theological resources for dealing with current issues in immigration. *Led by Charles Wiley, Coordinator for Theology and Worship, PMA.*

**Presbyterians: Our Future**—HSS, Room 207

An open conversation about the future of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). *Led by Gradye Parsons, Stated Clerk, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).*

**Native American Storytelling Tradition: Toward a Christian Usage of Native American Culture**—HSS, Room 103A

Learn about this rich tradition of storytelling and how it can and is being adapted to use in Christian ministries. *Led by Cecil Corbett, former President of Charles Cook Theological School.*

**Your Call: Personal Navigation for a Successful Search**—HSS, Room 53A

Are you seeking a call? Have you planned your search? Do you wonder if you need both a resume and a PIF? Would you like some tips on how to prepare for an interview? Join a discussion on these questions and others in this workshop to help you prepare to successfully navigate a search for your call! *Led by Ruth Gardner, Manager, Human Resources, PMA.*

**Networking Opportunities**—HSS, first floor classrooms

**4:00 p.m.**

**Closing Worship—Alumni Memorial**

*Preacher—Paul Roberts, President, Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary*

## Evening

**Free evening** to enjoy downtown Knoxville and the area and other optional events.

### 6:00 p.m.

**World Mission Dinner**—Goalpost Tavern, 1824 Cumberland Avenue (goalposttavern.com)

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### 6:00 p.m.

**Presbyterian Intercultural Young Adult Network Post-Conference Dinner and Opening Session**—Black Cultural Center

Advance registration required. Continues on Sunday.

We are a testifying community who believes in transformative discipleship and the liberating healing of Jesus Christ. As young adults in the PC(USA), we come together to witness God's good work in our lives both in and outside of the church. We recognize that our unity is enlightened by our different cultures and backgrounds, and from a mosaic of generational traditions and beliefs. We are committed to the work of the Holy Spirit, especially in being disciples and by making disciples of others for the establishment of the Realm of God.

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

### **6:30–9:00 a.m.**

Presidential Court Cafeteria Open for Breakfast

### **8:30 a.m.–12:00 noon**

**Presbyterian Intercultural Young Adult Network concludes**—Black Cultural Center

The Presbytery of East Tennessee invites you to visit one of its congregations on this Sabbath Day. A list with links to maps and directions can be found at [presbyteryeasttn.org/churches/index.asp](http://presbyteryeasttn.org/churches/index.asp); or at the Big Tent information center

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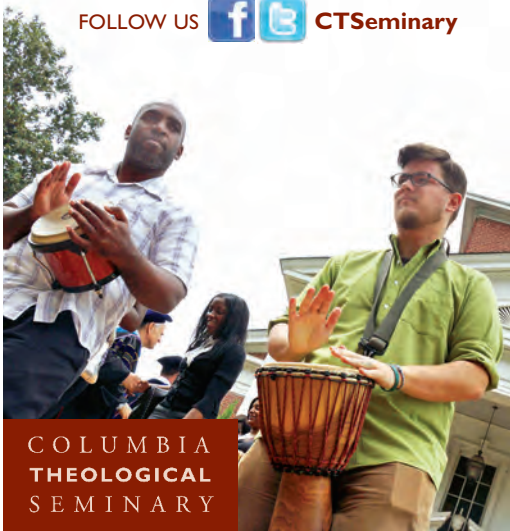
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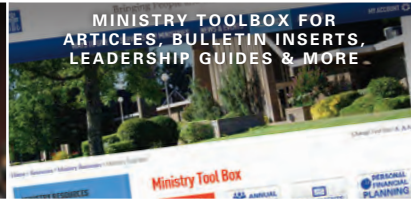


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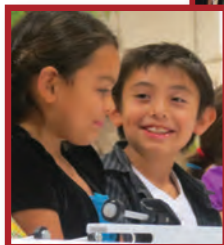
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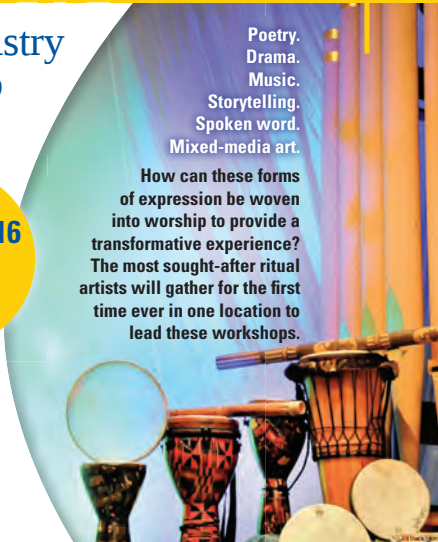
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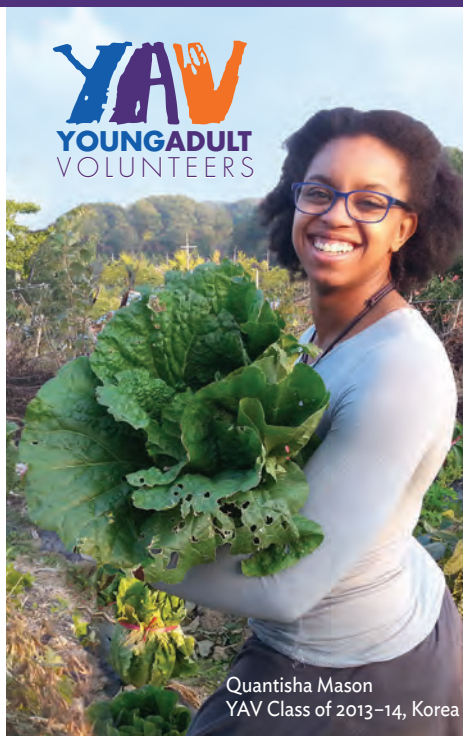


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## OPENING WORSHIP

Thursday, July 30, 2015 4:00 p.m.  
University of Tennessee, Cox Auditorium

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG “Come All You People” *Glory to God* 388

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Isaiah 43:18–21)

Leader: Our God proclaims:

Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.

**People: I am about to do a new thing!**

Leader: Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

**People: I am about to do a new thing!**

Leader: I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

**People: I am about to do a new thing!**

Leader: I give drink to my chosen people, whom I formed for myself, that they might declare my praise.

**People: I am about to do a new thing!**

**All: Let us worship God!**

OPENING SONG “Lift Up the Gates Eternal” *Glory to God* 364

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*God of grace and truth, we confess that we do not see as you see. We judge people by surface appearances and vague impressions, when we really have no business judging at all. In doing so, we reveal to you, our true judge of the heart, our need to be cleansed from sinful ways and created anew in Christ. Set us free, O loving God. By the power of your Spirit, help us to let our old nature die, to regard others from your point of view, to make it our true aim in all things to please you.*

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SONG OF GRATITUDE

“Hear the Good News of Salvation”

*Glory to God* 441

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: We are a new creation, open to God’s new work in the world, in our churches, and in ourselves. As a new people, let us pass the peace. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 5:6–10, 14–17

SERMON

In Christ, A New Creation

Jana Childers

PRAYERS FOR THE NEW CREATION

Each time you hear, “We pray together...”  
please respond, “Thy kingdom come, thy will be done.”

SHARING PRAYERS OF NEW CREATION

*On the colored sheet you received as you entered, please write or draw your prayer for God’s new creation to come on earth as it is in heaven.*

GIVING BACK TO GOD

Call to Giving

Offertory

Prayer Over Offering

*The offering received this afternoon will be given to support Presbyterian mission co-workers around the world, and to the Presbyterian Campus Ministry at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Thank you for supporting these ministries financially and in your prayers.*

RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Glory to God!”

*Glory to God 585*

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

*Gluten-free bread is available.*

Music During Communion

“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

*Glory to God 509*

“I Come with Joy”

*Glory to God 515*

Prayer After Communion

CLOSING SONG “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

*Glory to God 366*

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Amen, We Praise Your Name”

*Glory to God 598*

POST-SERVICE MUSIC

# MORNING WORSHIP

**Friday, July 31, 2015      8:30 a.m.**  
**University of Tennessee, Cox Auditorium**

GATHERING MUSIC

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT                      “Come All You People”                      *Glory to God* 388

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Gracious God, forever seeking us:

**People: Open our minds to the truth of your care.**

Leader: Open our hearts to the gentle power of your love.

**People: Open our lips to share stories of faith.**

Leader: Open our lives to do justice and show kindness.

**People: Open our mouths to sing boldly and loudly your praises.**

**All: Let us worship God.**

OPENING HYMN    “Here in this Place (Gather Us In)”    *Glory to God* 401

PRAYER

Breathe in me O Holy Spirit  
that my thoughts may all be holy.

Act in me O Holy Spirit,  
that my work, too, may be holy.

*Come, O Holy Spirit, come;*

*Come, almighty Spirit, come;*

*Come, come, come.*

Draw my heart O Holy Spirit,  
that I love but what is holy.

Strengthen me O Holy Spirit,  
to uphold all that is holy.

*Come, O Holy Spirit, come;*  
*Come, almighty Spirit, come;*  
*Come, come, come.*

Illumine me O Holy Spirit,  
to hear your Word that is holy.  
Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit,  
that I always may be holy.

*Come, O Holy Spirit, come;*  
*Come, almighty Spirit, come;*  
*Come, come, come.*

*Wa wa wa E-mi-mi-mo;*  
*Wa wa wa A-lag-ba-ra;*  
*Wa-o, wa-o, wa-o.*

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Guide us, O God,  
by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light,  
in your truth find freedom,  
and in your will discover your peace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### PSALM

As a Deer in Want of Water

*Psalms for All Seasons, A Complete Psalter for Worship 42E*

#### NEW TESTAMENT Acts 12:1–17

Hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to us today.

**Thanks be to God!**



SERMON

Open The Door

Laurene Chan

SONG OF RESPONSE

“Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons)”

*Glory to God* 726

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of glory,  
we praise you for your presence in our lives,  
and for all the goodness that you shower upon your children in Jesus Christ.  
Especially we thank you for promises kept and hope for tomorrow,  
the enjoyment of friends, the wonders of your creation,  
love from our parents, our sisters and brothers, our spouses and children.

You call to us, O God,

**And we are here.**

**Open our eyes that we see strangers as neighbors.**

**Open our hearts that we respect one another in freedom and truth.**

God of grace,

we are one with all your children, for we are sisters and brothers of  
Jesus Christ,

and we offer our prayers for all whom we love.

Especially, we pray for those we too often forget,  
people who have lost hope, victims of tragedy and disaster,  
and those who suffer mental anguish.

You call to us, O God,

**And we are here.**

**Make us willing agents of your compassion.**

**Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.**

Gracious God,

You have called us to be the Church of Jesus Christ.

Keep us one in faith and service, breaking bread together,

and proclaiming the good news to the world,  
that all may believe you are love, turn to your ways,  
and live in the light of your truth.

You call to us, O God,

**And we are here.**

**Prepare us to be salt of the earth and light to the world.**

**Empower us to reveal Christ in word and action.**

Eternal God,

your touch makes this world holy.

Open our eyes to see your hand at work

in the splendor of creation,

and in the beauty of human life.

Help us to cherish the gifts that surround us,

to share your blessings with our sisters and brothers,

and to experience the joy of life in your presence.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Silence.*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,**

**thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive  
our debtors;**

**and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

PRAYER IN SONG “Amazing Grace/My Chains are Gone”  
Text by Chris Tomlin

## COMMITMENT TO PRAYER

In today's reading from Acts, the people prayed for Peter's release. For what person or place in the world do you pray for release? What do you pray the release is from?

You received a piece of paper when you entered this worship space. Please write a brief prayer for that person or place and commit to pray for seven days. At the close of worship, please place your prayer in one of the baskets as you exit.

CLOSING HYMN "Arise, Your Light Is Come!" *Glory to God 744*

## BENEDICTION

*Laudate Omnes Gentes*

Go out into all the world.  
From the rising of the sun to its setting  
may God, the creator of light  
and everything that has life and breath,  
bless you and all people.

May God bless you  
as the sun rises and runs its course around the world;  
the morning star watching over Australia;  
the morning star rising over Asia;  
the sun of righteousness bringing new blessings to Africa;  
the dawn of new day shining upon Europe;  
the sunlight flooding the Americas, north and south.

May God bless you and protect you.  
May God care for you and watch over you  
and fill your life with love. Amen.

## BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Amen, We Praise Your Name" *Glory to God 598*

## CLOSING WORSHIP

**Saturday, August 1, 2015 4:00 p.m.**  
**University of Tennessee, Cox Auditorium**

### PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

GATHERING SONG      “Come All You People”      *Glory to God* 388

### CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 139)

Leader:      It was you, O God, who formed us.

**People:      You knit us together in our mother’s wombs.**

Leader:      We praise you, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made.

**People:      Wonderful are your works; that we know very well.**

**All:          Let us worship God.**

OPENING SONG      “Were I the Perfect Child of God”  
Text by John Bell

### CONFESSION

*Call to Confession*

*Unison Prayer of Confession*

**God who formed our inward parts and knows our hearts,  
forgive us.**

**Instead of acknowledging you as our God,  
we make our own idols.**

**Instead of proclaiming Jesus Christ as our Lord,  
we proclaim ourselves.**

**Instead of turning to the Holy Spirit,  
we use our imperfect understanding and call it God’s way.**

**Redirect our wrong ways  
and lead us to the ways that make Jesus visible  
in our lives. Amen.**

*Declaration of Forgiveness*

In Christ we died to our old selves and became new creations.

Therefore, we proclaim Jesus Christ as our Lord,  
and the life of Jesus is in us.

**Thanks be to God.**

SONG OF GRATITUDE

“Hear the Good News of Salvation” v. 2     *Glory to God* 441

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader:     We are a new creation, open to God’s new work in the world,  
in our churches, and in ourselves. As a new people, let us pass  
the peace. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**People:**     **And also with you.**

SCRIPTURE     1 Samuel 17:32–40

SERMON     “Be Yourself” Paul Roberts

REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL COVENANT

SONG OF RESPONSE

“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”     *Glory to God* 486

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

*Each time you hear, “Lord, in your mercy...” please respond with the refrain  
from “Take, O Take Me as I Am” (Glory to God 698). Time will be given  
throughout the prayer for the congregation to share prayers.*

Loving God, who knows us better than we can ever know ourselves, we come to you in prayer.

God, we pray for nations around the world, that they may wage peace and abundance instead of injustice and scarcity.

We pray especially for...

We pray that we might be instruments of justice and generosity. Lord, in your mercy...

**Take, O take me as I am;  
summon out what I shall be;  
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

We pray for our church, and for all the churches of the world, that we might serve you and your people instead of our own anxieties.

We pray especially for...

We pray that we might be instruments of your love and grace. Lord, in your mercy...

**Take, O take me as I am;  
summon out what I shall be;  
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

We pray for the people of our towns, our neighbors, members of our communities, that we may learn to live together, to watch out for each other, to live as gospel presence with one another.

We pray especially for...

We pray that we might be instruments of your reconciliation. Lord, in your mercy...

**Take, O take me as I am;  
summon out what I shall be;  
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

We pray for those we came to learn about this week.

We pray for those caught in human trafficking.

We pray for those who are hungry.

We pray for those who will lead us.

We pray especially for...

We pray that we might be instruments of healing in this broken world.  
Lord, in your mercy...

**Take, O take me as I am;  
summon out what I shall be;  
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

We lift to you those prayers on our hearts, left unspoken, and just as fervent.

God, you sent your Son Jesus to proclaim justice to captives, love to those abandoned by society, the good news of your grace to those of us who think we can work our way into salvation. All these things we pray, knowing you are the source of our strength and hope.

And now we pray the words Jesus taught to his disciples, saying

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive  
our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

CLOSING SONG

“Go to the World!”

*Glory to God 295*

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Amen, We Praise Your Name”

*Glory to God 598*

POSTLUDE

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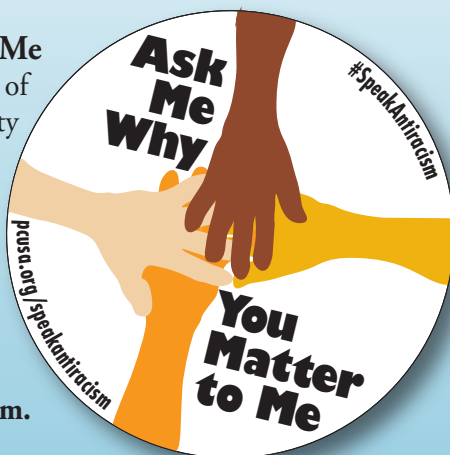
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# Ask Me Why You Matter to Me

**I give you a new commandment,  
that you love one another.  
Just as I have loved you,  
you should also love one another.** *John 13:34*

**Ask Me Why You Matter to Me** is a campaign to raise awareness of institutional racism in our society and in the church, and to create an environment where racial ethnic, new immigrant and women Presbyterians can serve fully in ministry. To learn more about the campaign and to find additional resources, visit [www.pcusa.org/speakantiracism](http://www.pcusa.org/speakantiracism).



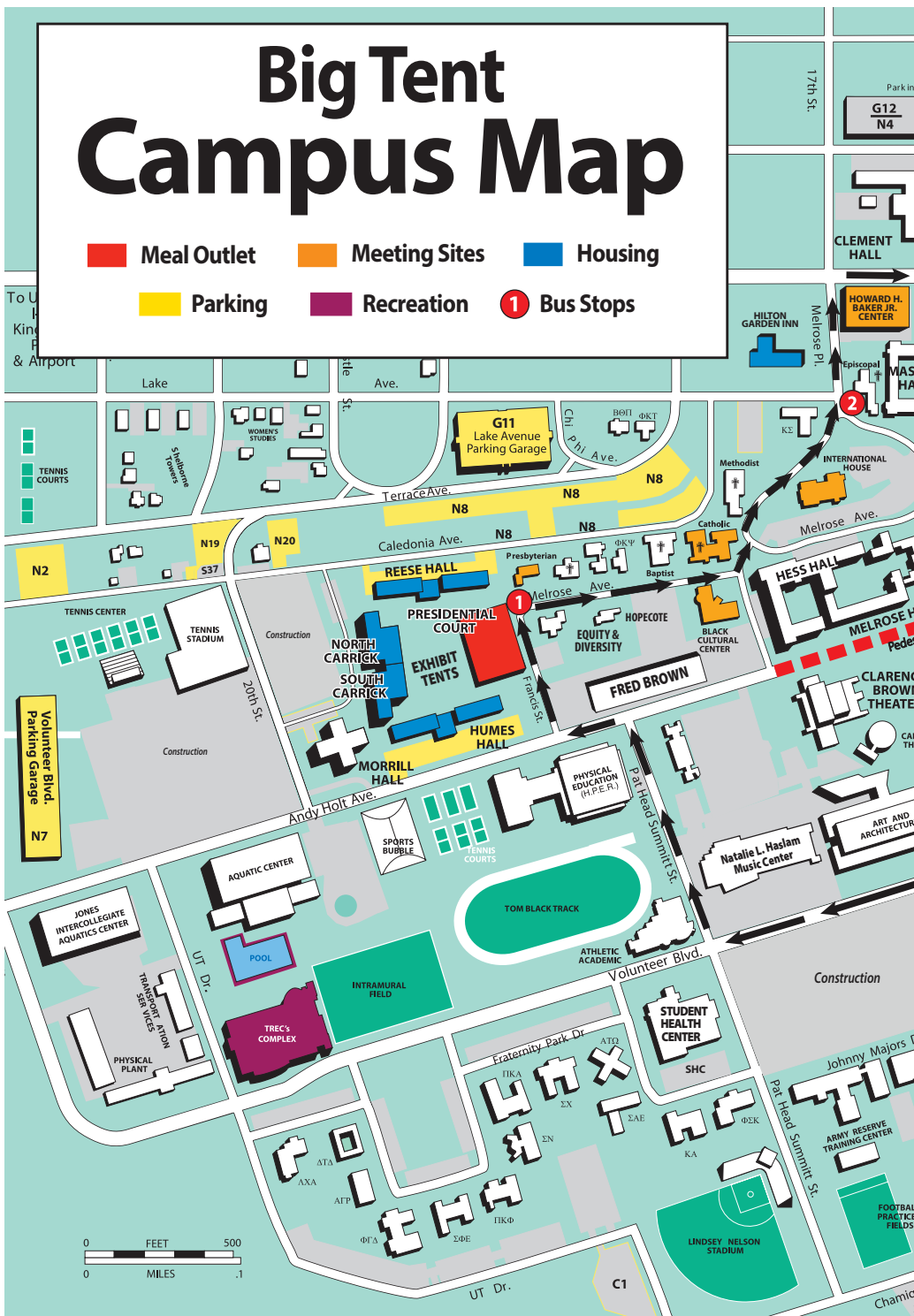
**In sovereign love God created the world good  
and makes everyone equally in God's image,  
male and female, of every race and people, to  
live as one community.**

*(A Brief Statement of Faith)*



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# Schedule-at-a-Glance



## Thursday, July 30

12:00 – 4:00 p.m.	PCUSA Agency Displays open
3:00 – 6:00 p.m.	PCUSA Store open
4:00 p.m.	Opening Worship, Jana Childers preaching
5:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Cafeteria Open for Dinner
5:30 – 7:00 p.m.	PCUSA Agency Displays open
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.	Bible Study, led by Kang Yup Na
8:30 – 10:00 p.m.	Thursday Hospitality Hour
8:30 – 9:30 p.m.	PCUSA Agency Displays open

## Friday, July 31

6:30 – 9:00 a.m.	Cafeteria Open for Breakfast
7:00 – 8:15 p.m.	PCUSA Agency Displays open
8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	PCUSA Store open
8:30 – 9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship, Laurene Chan preaching
10:00 – 10:45 a.m.	Featured workshops
11:00 – 11:45 a.m.	Featured workshops repeated
11:30 – 2:00 p.m.	Cafeteria Open for Lunch
12:00 – 2:00 p.m.	PCUSA Agency Displays open
1:30 – 2:30 p.m.	Workshops and networking opportunities
3:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Workshops and networking opportunities
4:30 – 5:30 p.m.	Workshops and networking opportunities
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.	Dinner on the lawn
7:30	Friday Homecoming activities
7:30 – 9:00 p.m.	PCUSA Agency Displays open

## Saturday, August 1

6:30 – 9:00 a.m.	Cafeteria Open for Breakfast
7:00 – 8:15 a.m.	PCUSA Displays open
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	PCUSA Store open
8:30 – 9:15 a.m.	Bible Study, led by Kang Yup Na
9:45 – 10:45 a.m.	Workshops and networking opportunities
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon	Workshops and networking opportunities
11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Cafeteria Open for Lunch
12:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	PCUSA Agency Displays open
1:45 – 2:30 p.m.	Workshops and networking opportunities
2:45 – 3:30 p.m.	Workshops and networking opportunities
4:00 p.m.	Closing Worship – Paul Roberts preaching Dinner on your own, Free evening in Knoxville

## Sunday, August 2

6:30 – 9:00 a.m.	Cafeteria Open for Breakfast
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