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FOR INFORMATION

**CHURCHWIDE CONFERENCE ON RACE, ETHNICITY, RACISM, AND
ETHNOCENTRICITY**

The 221st General Assembly (2014) called for a Churchwide Conference on Race, Ethnicity, Racism, and Ethnocentricity to be held in 2015. The Moderator of the 221st General Assembly (2014) is in the process of appointing a ten-person planning team, which will include participants from the following groups:

- a. Racial Ethnic congregational leadership
- b. Racial Ethnic Caucus leadership
- c. Advocacy Committee on Racial Ethnic Concerns
- d. Presbytery and Synod leadership
- e. General Assembly on Representation
- f. Representatives from the Office of the General Assembly and the Presbyterian Mission Agency

The conference will involve leadership, who will work with larger and majority congregations to find visible solutions to visible and invisible racism and discriminations that are within different ethnic groups and toward each other. The conference will be an early step for the church to recognize and heal wounds, and to widen the conversation as it begins a process of reconciliation.

The conference is tentatively scheduled for late spring of this year.

Sterling Morse, Coordinator for the Office of Intercultural Ministries, and Sera Chung, Associate for Gender and Racial Justice, are serving as the staff supporting the planning team of this conference.