# PRESBYTERIAN MISSION AGENCY BOARD April 23-25, 2014

Racial Ethnic & Women's Ministries/PW Ministry Area

# ITEM C.203 FOR INFORMATION

## 221<sup>st</sup> General Assembly (2014) Events Racial Ethnic & Women's Ministries/PW

General Assembly is a busy time filled with discussion, debates, overtures and reports. But it is also a time of celebration, reconnecting, worshiping, honoring others and enjoying meals together with those in our church family. Below is a list of General Assembly events that are either of interest to or sponsored by the Racial Ethnic & Women's Ministries/PW Ministry area:

#### Wednesday, June 11- Thursday, June 12

Begins at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday and ends at Noon on Thursday - Pan Asian English Ministry Pastors' Conference - Location: Marriott Hotel

Sponsored by: Presbyterian Mission Agency – Racial Ethnic & Women's Ministries, the Office of Asian Congregational Support, the Office of Korean Emerging Ministries and the Office of Racial Ethnic Leadership Development.

This gathering will provide 1.5 and second generation pastors with an opportunity for leadership development, spiritual enrichment and networking. It will inspire, equip and connect them for the changing landscape in the church.

#### Thursday, June 12 – Friday, June 13

Begins at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday and ends after lunch on Friday – **Moderator's Pan Asian Convocation** – Location: TBD

Much has happened in the Church and culture and in our Asian American communities since the 1<sup>st</sup> Moderator's Convocation of Asian American Presbyterians in Houston in May 2001. The Rev. Dr. Neal Presa, Moderator of the 220<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (2012), invites you to an exciting gathering to celebrate, fellowship, worship, feast, sing and discuss in creative ways how might Asian American Presbyterians impact the Church and culture in prophetic ways for our collective present-future.

### Friday, June 13 – Saturday, June 14

Begins at 12:00 p.m. on June 13 – Women's Leadership Institute/Young Women's Leadership Development Event – Location: Marriott Hotel

Sponsored by: Presbyterian Mission Agency – Racial Ethnic & Women's Ministries, Women's Leadership Development & Young Women's Ministries.

All women throughout the church, in all church leadership roles, are invited to participate in the Women's Leadership Institute held at the General Assembly. The theme of the institute is "An Abundance of Power: The Relationship Between Vulnerability and Power," and it is designed to address issues faced by women in leadership of all ages, as well as explore the relationship between vulnerability and power. Participants will tap into their inner strengths and be empowered and strengthened on their path to become even more effective transformational and visionary leaders, as God has called them to be.

#### Saturday, June 14

### PRESBYTERIAN MISSION AGENCY BOARD April 23-25, 2014

#### Racial Ethnic & Women's Ministries/PW Ministry Area

7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. – **Women's Orientation Breakfast** – Location: Marriott Hotel *Sponsored by:* Presbyterian Mission Agency – Racial Ethnic & Women's Ministries/Presbyterian Women and the Advocacy Committee for Women's Concerns.

Whet your appetite for justice and connect with other women at the General Assembly. Sharpen your insights while interacting with the Moderator and Stated Clerk candidates. Discover how the voices of women will be heard at General Assembly. All attendees leave with a copy of the "red book," a one-stop guide to women's issues at this assembly.

8:45 a.m. - 9:30 p.m./9:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. -Riverside Conversation: Equipping the Church for Ministry with God's Diverse Family – Location: TBD

Sharing the gospel, nurturing disciples, and building the church in today's complex cross-cultural, multiracial society requires new skills. This conversation will focus on the tools and resources available for Presbyterians who seek to meet this challenge and continue the Presbyterian Church's longstanding commitment to face and dismantle racism.

Two 45-minute conversations are scheduled. This session will be repeated so commissioners can select the time that best suits their schedule.

10:00 p.m. – Midnight - Racial Ethnic & Women's Ministries Reception for the Moderator of the **221st General Assembly (2014)** – Location: Marriott Hotel Sponsored by: Presbyterian Mission Agency – Racial Ethnic & Women's Ministries

Come and greet the newly elected Moderator of the General Assembly! This reception is the newly elected moderator's initial introduction to members of the national racial ethnic caucuses and councils, women's ministries and the diversity of gifts that racial ethnic and women leaders bring to the PC(USA). The reception will start immediately after the close of the evening's session.

#### Sunday, June 15

7:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. – **Women of Faith Awards Breakfast** – Location: Marriott Hotel *Sponsored by:* Presbyterian Mission Agency – Racial Ethnic & Women's Ministries/Presbyterian Women

We recognize the faithful witness of three women who have served the church as "Prophetic Women of Faith." We celebrate these women who are following the examples of prophets and apostles who came before them.

12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. – **Korean Lunch** – Location: Korean United Presbyterian Church *Sponsored by:* National Council of Korean Presbyterian Churches (NCKPC)

The lunch will be hosted by the Korean United Presbyterian Church of Metro Detroit. Participants will attend the Sunday morning worship service and partake in lunch with congregations.

### Monday, June 16

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. – **New Immigrant Ministries Luncheon** – Location: Marriott Hotel *Sponsored by:* Racial Ethnic & Women's Ministries – the Office of African Emerging Ministries and the Office of Asian Congregational Support, and New Immigrants and Emerging Ministries

Monday, June 16 (continued)

### PRESBYTERIAN MISSION AGENCY BOARD April 23-25, 2014

Racial Ethnic & Women's Ministries/PW Ministry Area

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. – **National Black Presbyterian Caucus Dinner** – Location: TBD *Sponsored by:* National Black Presbyterian Caucus (NBPC)

This dinner is held by the National Black Presbyterian Caucus and is a time of relationship building, celebrating the continuing pilgrimage of faith for African American Presbyterians in the PC(USA).

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. – A Season of Listening with National Network of Presbyterian College Women and Racial Ethnic Young Women Together – Location: Marriott Hotel Sponsored by: Racial Ethnic & Women's Ministries – The Office of Women's Leadership Development and Young Women's Ministries.

#### Tuesday, June 17

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. – National Racial Ethnic Caucuses and Councils Dinner – By invitation only – Location: Marriott Hotel

Sponsored by: Presbyterian Mission Agency – Racial Ethnic & Women's Ministries.

This dinner is an opportunity for the presidents, vice-presidents (or appointed representative) of each national racial ethnic caucus or council to gather together in community. The caucuses and councils will share their vision, initiatives, and activities and discover differences and similarities.

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. – **Native American Consulting Committee Dinner** – Location: TBD *Sponsored by:* Native American Consulting Committee

This dinner is held by the Native American Consulting Committee at each General Assembly, which highlights Native American ministries throughout the PC(USA). It is a time of fellowship for the Committee with leaders from mid councils, the Presbyterian Mission Agency and congregations.

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. – **National Hispanic/Latino Presbyterian Caucus Dinner** – Location: Marriott Hotel

Sponsored by: National Hispanic/Latino Presbyterian Caucus

This dinner is held by the National Hispanic/Latino Presbyterian Caucus and is a time of relationship building, celebrating our cultural diversity with music and food.

7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. – **National Middle Eastern Presbyterian Caucus Banquet** – Location: TBD *Sponsored by:* National Middle Eastern Presbyterian Caucus

Come and have a great Middle Eastern meal, enjoy fellowship, hear a great speaker and learn firsthand about your ministry and mission to the Arab and Middle Eastern people in the U.S.A.

# Wednesday, June 18

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. – **Multicultural Dinner and Celebration** – Location: Fort Street Presbyterian Church

Sponsored by: Office of Multicultural Ministries and the Presbyterian Multicultural Network

The program will include an energizing celebration and opportunities to win door prizes and new resources. Participants will learn about the work of the Office of Multicultural Ministries and the Presbyterian Multicultural Network. Keynote speaker: Dr. Roger Nishioka, Associate Professor of Christian Education at Columbia Theological Seminary.