



2008 General Assembly
National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA
Church World Service



Young Adult Stewards Program

November 11-13, 2008 Denver Renaissance Hotel, Denver, CO

An Experience in Ecumenical Formation for Young Adults

The next meeting of the General Assembly of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA (**NCC**) and Church World Service (**CWS**) will be held Tuesday, November 11, through Thursday, November 13, 2008, at the Denver Renaissance Hotel in Denver, CO.

The NCC and CWS – a community through which churches make visible their unity given in Christ and live responsibly in witness and service

The General Assembly is the annual gathering of more than 250 delegates from the thirty-five member communions for legislation, worship, fellowship, and ecumenical sharing.

YOU could be one of a group of young adults from across the country participating in the Assembly as stewards and benefit from the opportunity to:

- Network with other young adults
- Discover particulars about a variety of different communions
- Encounter a rich multicultural environment
- Worship in an ecumenical setting
- Experience the church at work, living its unity in Jesus Christ
- Interact with national church leaders



Check out the web sites: www.ncccusa.org and www.churchworldservice.org.



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The Stewards Program offers a unique opportunity for young adults, ages 18-30, to encounter one aspect of the ecumenical movement from the inside. Ecumenical formation involves learning ecumenical theology and sharing the excitement and joy of worship and fellowship with others in the ecumenical movement. NCC/CWS invites stewards to the General Assembly to serve in the background and to observe up close the deliberative work of ecumenism.

Jesus prayed: "The glory that you have given me I have given them, **so that they may be one**, as we are one" (John 17:22 NRSV).



Main areas for steward assignments:

- Hospitality
- Registration
- Assembly office
- Assembly newsroom
- Platform assistance
- Technology

Stewards must arrive in Denver for orientation on Sunday, November 9, and will depart Denver on Friday, November 14.

General Assembly Highlights

Steward Orientation
Pre-Assembly Event for Young Adult Delegates, Stewards, Seminarians and Others
NCC Governing Board Meeting
General Assembly Plenary Sessions
Member Communion Dinners
Young Adult Caucus
Women's Caucus
Racial/Ethnic Breakfast
Awards Banquet

All expenses, except personal expenses, will be covered by the General Assembly. The Stewards Program is made possible by special donations from communions and supporters of the NCC/CWS. These donations support expanded opportunities for young adults to take leadership in future ecumenical endeavors. You could join with these sponsors by sending your check to: The Steward's Program, NCC, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10115-0050.

The selection of stewards, which follows the General Assembly's guidelines for diversity of gender, race, and communion, will be based on the application form. Only applications that are fully completed and submitted on time will be considered.

Deadline for applications is September 12, 2008.



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“The assembly offered me an incredible growth experience for which I will be forever grateful.” – DeMay M. Grunden, Wichita, KS, Senior Steward



“My participation...opened my eyes to see the bigger church.”
– Omar L. Dykes, Fairfield, AL

“Participating in the Young Stewards program this year re-invigorated my hope in ecumenism.” – Phoebe Farag, Merrifield, VA



“A renewed realization of who and whose we are struck me while serving alongside my brothers and sisters in faith.” – Jared A. Carson, Torrance, CA, Senior Steward



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Stewards Program Application Form

Deadline: September 12, 2008

Applicants must reside in the United States, Puerto Rico, or Canada

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Gender: Male Female Marital Status: Single Married/Partnered

Race/ethnicity: _____

Date of Birth (day/month/year): _____

Communion/denomination: _____

Name of church in which you are a member: _____

Ordained Licensed Lay

Profession/Occupation (if student, which field): _____

Special needs (physical disability, diet, medical condition, etc.):

On a separate piece of paper, please answer the following questions:

1. Why are you interested in the ecumenical movement/being a steward for the General Assembly?
2. Describe your involvement in young adult ministry at a local, regional, or national level of your church.
3. Identify a faith issue that you are currently pondering, and describe how you are approaching this issue.
4. How can you further ecumenical young adult efforts?
5. Which of your skills will be most valuable in your role as a steward?
6. Describe yourself in five lines.

Please attach a letter of recommendation from a leader in your church who knows you.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Return this form with the attached answers and the letter of recommendation no later than **September 12, 2008** to:

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New York, NY 10115-0050
Fax: 212-870-3112
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All applicants will be informed of their status by the end of September.