



2007 General Assembly
National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA
Church World Service
November 6-8, Iselin, New Jersey



Journeys: for we walk by faith...

II Corinthians 5:7a

General Assembly brings the NCCCUSA/CWS family together for worship, fellowship, and business. The General Assembly is an open-meeting, which means that visitors may observe this gathering. Events throughout the Assembly provide an excellent orientation to the life of the National Council of the Churches of Christ and Church World Service.

The 2007 General Assembly is the fourth Assembly in the 2004-2007 quadrennium. Rev. Michael E. Livingston will convene this gathering.

Special features:

- ❖ Daily worship and Bible study
- ❖ Orientation luncheon for first-time participants, Tuesday, November 6, 12 noon
- ❖ Communion dinners on Tuesday, 6:30 pm
- ❖ Women's Caucus on Tuesday, 9:00 pm
- ❖ Women's Caucus luncheon on Wednesday, 12 noon
- ❖ Wednesday Awards dinner
- ❖ Thursday Installation of Officers and General Secretary followed by the Installation banquet at St. Vartan Cathedral
- ❖ Bookstore and exhibits
- ❖ Young Adult Stewards – ten young adults will serve in the background and observe up close the deliberative work of ecumenism (see the enclosed application form)
- ❖ Young Adult pre-event, Monday, November 5 – open to all young adults
- ❖

Assembly Registration: Please send a completed registration form with payment to the National Council of the Churches. (See the enclosed registration form for methods and details.)

Hotel Reservations: Contact the Sheraton at Woodbridge Place by calling (800) 325-3535 (8am-8pm EDT), and ask for the "National Council of the Churches of Christ, USA-Church World Service General Assembly" group rate of \$129 plus tax before October 5th.

Travel Reservations: Review the Daily Agenda to see when you need to arrive in the New Jersey. Make plans to depart on Friday morning, November 9 so that you can participate fully in the entire General Assembly and be part of the Thursday evening installation of our new president, H. E. Archbishop Vicken Aykazian, officers and General Secretary. Your presence for the entire event is important.



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Daily Schedule Draft #6

(Events in italics are not official General Assembly events)

Sunday, November 4

All Day Young Adult Stewards Ambassador Suite
7:00 pm - 9:30 pm Young Adult Steward Orientation Bailey

Monday, November 5

All Day Young Adult Stewards Ambassador Suite
7:00 am - 10:00 pm Office set-up Carlson
Press Room set-up Parlors
Bookstore and Exhibits set-up Pre-function
9:00 am – 5:00 pm *Ecumenical Networks Standing Committee* Watson
9:00 am - 6:00 pm *Young Adult Pre-Assembly Event* Bailey
10:00 am - 12:00 pm Constitution and By-laws Committee and Board Room
NCCC/CWS Joint Working Group
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm Constitution and By-laws Committee Board Room
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm NCCC/CWS Joint Working Group Denton
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm NCCC Human Resources Standing Committee Board Room
2:00 pm -5:00 pm Nominations Committee Hampton
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm Membership and Ecclesial Relations Committee Cutter
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm NCCC Administration & Finance Committee Board Room
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm NCCC Executive Committee Dinner/Meeting Board Room
9:00 pm – 10:00 pm General Assembly Planning Committee Hampton

Tuesday, November 6

All Day Young Adult Stewards Ambassador Suite
7:00 am - 10:00 pm Office open Carlson
Press Room open Parlors
8:00 am - 6:00 pm Registration Lobby
Exhibits and Bookstore open Pre-function
8:00 am – 9:00 am NCCC Governing Board buffet breakfast Salon A & B
9:00 am - 11:30 am NCCC Governing Board Meeting Salon A & B



12:00 pm - 1:15 pm	All Assembly Lunch (buffet)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Assembly Delegates and Guests • Orientation Lunch for first-time participants • Heads of Communion/Ecumenical Officers • Young Adult Caucus Lunch 	Chandler Bailey Denton Watson
1:30 pm - 3:45 pm	General Assembly Opening Plenary	Ballroom
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President's Welcome & Introduction of the General Assembly Planning Committee Chair • Introductions, Recognitions, Announcements • Opening Worship: The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America • Bible Study by Rev. Dr. Randall Bailey & Ecumenical Table Talk • Opening Procedures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Appointment of Committee of Reference ➢ Appointment of Parliamentarian ➢ Seating of proxies • Approval of 2006 General Assembly minutes • First NCCC Governing Board report 	
3:45 pm - 4:00 pm	Break	Pre-function
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	General Assembly Plenary	Ballroom
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President's Opening Statement • CWS Executive Director's report • NCCC Acting General Secretary's report • First Nominations Committee report • Membership & Ecclesial Relations Committee report • First Call for New Business 	
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Member Communion Dinners (All delegates will meet with their communion)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • African Methodist Episcopal Church • American Baptist, Alliance of Baptists, Church of the Brethren, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting • Armenian Church of America • Historic African American Churches {African Methodist Episcopal Zion, Christian Methodist Episcopal, National Baptist Convention USA, National Baptist Convention of America, National Missionary Baptist Convention, Progressive National Baptist Convention} • Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) • Coptic Orthodox Church in North America • The Episcopal Church • Evangelical Lutheran Church of America • Friends United Meeting • Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America • International Council of Community Churches • Korean Presbyterian Church in America • Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church • Mar Thoma Syrian Church of India • Moravian Church in America • Orthodox Church in America • Patriarchal Parishes of the Russian Orthodox Church • Presbyterian Church (USA) • Reformed Church of America • United Church of Christ • The United Methodist Church 	Board Room Denton Hampton Chandler off site Hampton Cutter Bailey off site Hampton off site off site off site off site off site Hampton Hampton off site Watson off site Salon A



8:30 pm	Committee of Reference (if needed)	Carlson Lobby
9:00 pm – 10:00 pm	General Assembly Planning Committee	Boardroom
9:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Women's Caucus (open session)	Salon A

Wednesday, November 7

All Day	Young Adult Stewards	Ambassador Suite
8:00 am – 6:15 pm	Exhibits and Bookstore open Office open Press room open	Prefunction Carlson Parlors
7:30 am -9:00 am	Breakfast	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Racial/Ethnic Caucus General Assembly Delegates and Guests 	Denton Chandler
9:00 am - 11:45 am	General Assembly plenary	Ballroom
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Worship: The African Methodist Episcopal Church Bible Study by Dr. Elizabeth Tapia & Ecumenical Table Talk Second NCCC Governing Board report CWS Board of Directors report Constitution and By-laws Committee report Special Commission on the Just Rebuilding of the Gulf Coast Report Second Call for New Business 	
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Lunch	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Women's Caucus luncheon – The Claire Randall Memorial Luncheon <i>Harriet Olson</i>, Deputy General Secretary of the Women's Division, UMC-GBGM General Assembly Delegates and Guests (buffet) 	Chandler Pre-function/Ballroom
2:00 pm - 3:30 pm	General Assembly plenary	Ballroom
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report from the Commission on Faith and Order <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Panel Discussion of The Oberlin Conference 2007 NCC Financial Report 	
3:35 pm - 4:00 pm	Break	Pre-function
4:00 pm – 5:45 pm	General Assembly plenary	Ballroom
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business session: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resolutions/Policies Amendments to the Constitution Revision of the Bylaws Justice and Advocacy Commission Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report from the Women's Delegation to the Middle East – Rev. Thelma Chambers Young Reaffirmation of Our Responsibilities in light of the 1980 NCCCUSA Middle East Policy – Dr. Miriam J. Burnett The Social Creed – Dr. Miriam J. Burnett Eco-Justice Report – John Hill 	
6:15 pm	Reception	Pre-function
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Awards of Excellence banquet	Ballroom
9:00 pm	Committee of Reference (if needed)	Carlson Lobby

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9:00 pm – 10:00 pm General Assembly Planning Committee Board Room

Thursday, November 8

All Day Young Adult Stewards Ambassador Suite

8:00 am - 10:00 am Office open Carlson
Press room open Parlors

8:00 am - 9:00 am **Breakfast Buffet** **Chandler**

9:00 am - 12:00 pm **General Assembly plenary** **Ballroom**

- Opening Prayer: The Young Adult Stewards
- Reflections from the Young Adult Pre-Assembly Event
- Second Nominations Committee Report
- CWS Financial Report
- Report on Health Care Issues

12:00 pm – 9:00 pm *Eco Justice Working Group* *Chandler*

12:00 pm – 2:00 pm **Box lunch and travel to
St. Vartan Armenian Cathedral, New York City** **Pre-function**

2:15 p.m. – 5:00 pm **General Assembly plenary** **St. Vartan Cathedral**

- Business session
- Ecumenical Networks Standing Committee report
- Report on CWS Special Programs/Projects
- Report on NCC Special Programs/Projects

5:30 pm – 10:00 pm **Installation of the General Assembly Officers and the National
Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA General Secretary
Followed by the Installation banquet** **St. Vartan Cathedral**

10:15 p.m. Travel back to the hotel

Friday, November 9

Morning Travel home

9:00 am – 3:00 pm *Eco Justice Working Group* *Chandler*

10:00 am – 3:00 pm *Reflection and Responsibility: Seeking Christian Responses to Genocide
Symposium - Columbia University, New York, NY*

