



Witnesses of These Things: Ecumenical Engagement in a New Era

2010 Centennial Ecumenical Gathering and General Assembly of the
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Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ!

We truly look forward to our sharing together at the Centennial Ecumenical Gathering and General Assembly taking place at the Marriott New Orleans Hotel, New Orleans, Louisiana from November 9 - 11, 2010. We believe our time together will be characterized by the strength and vitality that grows from a shared sense of purpose. We gather as a community of Christian communions who covenant with one another to manifest ever more fully the unity of the Church relying upon the transforming power of the Holy Spirit in a common mission to serve in all creation to the glory of God.

If you have not already registered please do so by **October 11** to take advantage of the discounted registration fee. Also, please contact the Marriott New Orleans Convention Center Hotel no later than **October 21** for the discounted room rates.

This mailing, sent to you by email, includes a link to the Gathering Web site (<http://www.nccusa.org/witnesses2010>) which has the materials needed for this event and to help you prepare for your participation in New Orleans. Through the weeks leading up to this gathering please check this site for the most up-to-date information.

This is the second mailing that you will receive prior to the General Assembly. The first was sent to you on September 1st by U.S. mail and those materials can be found on the Web site as well. When the five vision papers become available, you will receive another email notice which will also include an option to express preferences for which of the five topics you would like to engage during the gathering.

Blessings to you in your ministries as they unfold in the weeks ahead.

Sincerely,

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