



2009 General Assembly
National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA
Church World Service



Young Adult Stewards Program

*November 10-12, 2009 Doubletree Hotel Minneapolis Park Place,
Minneapolis, MN*

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 10, through Thursday, November 12, 2009, at the Doubletree Hotel Minneapolis Park Place in Minneapolis, MN.

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.nccusa.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 Minneapolis for orientation and a Pre-Assembly Event by Saturday, noon, November 7, and will depart Minneapolis on Friday, November 13.

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: Young Adult Stewards 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 11, 2009.



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“I was not just confronted with a plethora of differing theologies, social practices, ecclesial structures, and ideas, I was confronted with, people...And this is where God truly enriched my ecumenical outlook.” – Andrew S. Hudson, Princeton, NJ



“My heart was overwhelmed by inspiration as well as occasional confusion.” – Alexandra (Sasha) Arjannikova, Albuquerque, NM

“This diversity of relationship and learning is, for me, the deepest joy of ecumenism, and I left the gathering on an emotional high.” – Laura E. Strietelmeier, Bexley, OH, Senior Steward



“I was honored to return as a senior steward, which gave me an opportunity to deepen my ecumenical knowledge and experience.” – Jonathan Hall, St. Louis, MO, Senior Steward



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Stewards Program Application Form

Deadline: September 11, 2009

Applicants must reside in the United States or Puerto Rico.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Gender: Male Female

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 11, 2009** to:

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All applicants will be informed of their status by the end of September/beginning of October.