

MINISTRY AND MISSION

The largest of the six agencies of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the General Assembly Council (GAC) is the ministry and mission arm of the PC(USA), offering the world a visible witness to Jesus Christ on behalf of:

2.2 MILLION MEMBERS across
10,960 CHURCHES in
173 PRESBYTERIES and
16 SYNODS.

With mission personnel serving in nearly **70 countries** around the world and over **400 staff**, most based in Louisville, Kentucky, the General Assembly Council leads and coordinates the mission program of the General Assembly – the church’s highest governing body – and is responsible for implementing the programs and policies it authorizes.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY COUNCIL “by the numbers”

- Is **one of six national agencies** of the PC(USA), together with the Office of the General Assembly, the Presbyterian Publishing Corporation, the Presbyterian Foundation, the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program, and the Board of Pensions.
- Carries out its mission mandate in six ministry areas: **Evangelism and Church Growth; Vocation** (a joint office with the Office of the General Assembly); **World Mission; Racial Ethnic and Women’s Ministries/Presbyterian Women; Compassion, Peace and Justice;** and **Theology Worship and Education**, with support from Communications and Funds Development and Shared Services.

In 2007

- Ensured that **50 new church development (NCD) trained coaches** were working with NCDs across the nation, with another 35 NCD projects awaiting new coaches.
- **Funded 205 new or transforming congregations** from 105 presbyteries and 16 synods in the amount of \$3 million through national Mission Program Grants, 125 of which were either new immigrant, multicultural or racial ethnic congregations.
- **Gathered 700+ Presbyterians in World Mission Celebration ‘07**, including members of 23 mission networks, who held meetings in conjunction with the event.
- In an effort to reconnect members with the PC(USA)’s global witness, had **over 56,000 Presbyterians in 144 presbyteries hear one of 48 mission co-workers** speak during World Mission Challenge ‘07.
- Through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, **gave grants in the amount of \$2,903,949** to alleviate hunger.
- **Disbursed 700 scholarships, grants and loans** to students who are members of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).
- **Deployed 33 members of the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance National Response Team** to 29 disasters affecting 38 presbyteries.
- Through Self Development of People, **provided \$2,045,352 to assist in the empowerment** of economically poor, oppressed, and disadvantaged people.
- Conducted nearly **200 disability consultations** with individuals and congregations.
- Invited **10 international peacemakers** representing nine different countries to teach individuals in 49 presbyteries about peacemaking.
- Served **4,500 young people** at the 2007 Presbyterian Youth Triennium.
- Conducted events to **train and equip over 600 members** of Committees on Ministry and Committees on Preparation for Ministry.
- Supported approximately **250 Christian educators** in the process of certification, with 14 completing the requirements.

- Served congregations, presbyteries and individuals using the church's call system through Church Leadership Connection, processing **1,309 calls**.
- Through its Racial Ethnic Congregational Enhancement staff, trained over **5,000 clergy and lay leaders** in events throughout the church.
- Generated **more than \$2 million** through the Theological Education Fund to support the church's 11 theological seminaries.
- Coordinated ongoing work with partner churches and organizations in **more than 100 countries**, and, through World Mission, has appointed mission personnel to serve in nearly 70 countries.
- Sent **11 new mission co-workers** and long-term mission volunteers into ministries in eight countries. Supported and cared for **276 mission personnel** in both patterns of service.
- Supported **89 Young Adult Volunteers** who completed a year of national or international mission service and welcomed 57 who entered the program.
- Ensured that **54 young adults** completed a year of service at Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) sites, with 37 entering the program.
- Through Church Financial Campaign Services, worked with **57 congregations** to raise more than **\$23.4 million**, including \$1.9 million for mission outreach.
- Developed and updated over **160 ministry Web sites** and distributed content via **60 e-newsletters** to over **80,000 monthly subscribers**.
- Produced "**The Angels Sing**," which aired on **175 ABC television stations** at Christmas.
- Through PresbyTel, answered **24,025 information-related telephone calls**, **2,182 e-mails**, **37 requests by FAX**, and six responses by postal mail.
- Allocated **\$2,729,758 in National Mission Partnership Funds (NMPF)** to nine of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s 16 synods.
- Received Special Offerings in excess of **\$491,000 above budget**.

At All Times

- Strives to deliver CARE (**Collaboration, Accountability, Responsiveness, and Excellence**) in relationship to congregations, presbyteries and synods.
- Wants to **joyfully engage** you in its ministry and mission, **inviting your questions** and concerns and **welcoming your prayers** and support.

HOW THE GAC IS ORGANIZED

A total of 48 elected members of the General Assembly Council (39 voting members; nine non-voting delegates), who represent synods, presbyteries, and the church at-large, each serve one six-year term, with the exception of the present moderator of the General Assembly (one 2-year term), the past moderator of the General Assembly (one 2-year term), the moderator of Presbyterian Women (one 3-year term), ecumenical advisory members (one 2-year term, eligible for two additional terms), and stewardship and audit committee at-large members (one 2-year term, eligible for two additional terms). Among the elected members' major responsibilities is the coordination of the work of the program areas in light of General Assembly mission directions, objectives, goals and priorities.

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