



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



Young Adult Stewards Program

"What do the feelings excitement, tired, awe-filled, discover, thrill, agitation, energized, consumed, renewed, filled with the Holy Spirit, hope, and rebuilt have in common? It's how I describe my week as an NCC Young Adult Steward" - Evan Jones, San Antonio, TX



"I experienced the power of worshipping together side by side with people of many different traditions...My passion for social justice was rekindled." - Melissa Porter, Virginia Beach, VA

"An experience of a lifetime...a chance to meet some of the most progressive and insightful religious leaders of the nation...priceless interaction with other committee and faithful young adult Christians" - Stephanie Templin, Reading, PA



It was an experience that challenged me and reminded me of how much God is capable of doing...I was able to see passion for social justice and social reform." - Maria Garcia, San Antonio, TX



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An Ecumenical Experience for Young Adults

(sponsored by the Ecumenical Young Adult Ministries Team
of the Education and Leadership Ministries Commission)

The next meeting of the General Assembly of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA (**NCCC**) and Church World Service and Witness (**CWSW**) will be held Tuesday, November 9, through Thursday, November 11, 2004, at the Sheraton City Center in St. Louis, Missouri.

The NCCCUSA - a community through which churches make visible their unity given in Christ and live responsibly in witness

The General Assembly is the annual gathering of more than 250 delegates from the thirty-six (36) 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 different denominations
- 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. NCCC/CWSW invites young adults 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)

Main areas for steward assignments:

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

Stewards will participate in Monday, November 8's event for young adults.

General Assembly Highlights

Sunday, November 7	Steward orientation
Monday, November 8	Pre-Assembly event for young adults
Tuesday, November 9	NCCC Executive Board meeting (morning) General Assembly opening plenary, 2:00 pm Member communion lunches Worship at Christ Church Cathedral (Episcopal) Young Adult Caucus
Wednesday, November 10	Business sessions Racial/ethnic breakfast Women's Caucus Awards luncheon
Thursday, November 11	Business sessions Peace concert
Friday, November 12	Travel home

All expenses, except personal expenses, will be covered by the General Assembly. The Stewards Program is made possible by special donations from supporters of the NCCC/CWSW. 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, NCCC, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10115-0050.

The selection of stewards, which follows the NCCC's guidelines for diversity of gender, race, and denomination, will be based on the application form. Only applications that are fully completed and submitted on time will be considered. Deadline for applications is **August 2, 2004**.



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Stewards Program Application Form

Deadline: August 2, 2004

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 Lay

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

Special needs (physical disability, diet, or medical condition): _____

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 work at a local or national level.
3. Describe your involvement in antiracism efforts.
4. How can you further ecumenical young adult efforts in your local situation?
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.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Return this form with the attached answers and the letter of recommendation no later than **August 2, 2004** to:

Patrice L. Rosner, Associate General Secretary for Education
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All applicants will be informed of their status by August 16, 2004.