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Connect at the Big Tent in Atlanta, June 11-13, 2009

Join us at the second biennial conference designed specifically for some of the most important leaders in the Presbyterian Church - the **elders** in our congregations!

Whether you are newly ordained or a many-years tenured elder, whether you currently serve on the session or serve behind the scenes in your congregation, this conference is for you. This opportunity will help you grow as a person as well as develop your leadership potential as an elder. Plenaries will be led by well-known Presbyterians Joan Gray and Rodger Nishioka, Freda Gardner will guide us in a Bible Study, and a variety of workshops will be offered to deepen your experience of being an elder.

How to Register

Online registration opens January 20, 2009, at <https://www.pcusa.org/bigtent/>. A more comprehensive Registration Booklet — with detailed schedule information including all workshop titles, descriptions, leaders, plenary topics and speakers — will also be available on the Web as of January 20, 2009, as a downloadable PDF.

Workshop Offerings & Leadership Include:

- Becoming Dangerous Elders — Stated Clerk Gradye Parsons
- Bridging the Generations - Columbia Seminary Assoc. Prof of Christian Education Rodger Nishioka
- The Elder as Connectional Leader — GAC Executive Director Linda Valentine
- The Elder as Spiritual Leader — Former GA Moderator Joan Gray
- The Elder as Bible Teacher — Former GA Moderator Freda Gardner
- Elders and Disaster Response — Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Director Randy Akeley
- New Resources for Elders — 2006 Certified Christian Educator of the Year Elaine Barnett & Presbyterian Publishing Corp. Director of Church Relations & Communication Vince Patton
- Polity with Pizzazz — Los Ranchos Presbytery Executive Steve Yamaguchi
- Presbyterian Age Wave - GAC Associate for National Health Ministries Patricia Gleich
- When Elders Pray — GAC Coordinator for Christian Formation Stephany Jackson
- World Class Elders — members of Greater Atlanta Presbytery

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