

**THE JOURNAL OF THE  
218TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY (2008)**

Sunday, June 22, 2008, 10:00 A.M.

Commissioners, advisory delegates, and other participants gathered for worship in two locations: San Jose State Event Center and SJCC Civic Auditorium. The simultaneous service featured former Moderator Joan Gray preaching based on the following scripture passages: Micah 6: 6-8; Acts 2: 1-4; and John 13:34-35, 15:9-17. The service included the observance of the sacrament of communion, the commissioning of mission personnel, and recognition of military chaplains.

Following worship, commissioners and others participated in various afternoon events, including a time of celebration and greeting Bruce Reyes-Chow, Moderator, 218th General Assembly (2008).

Sunday, June 22, 2008, 4:45 P.M.

The 218th General Assembly (2008) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) was reconvened by Moderator Bruce Reyes-Chow, in Exhibit Halls 2 and 3 of the San Jose McEnery Convention Center, San Jose, California. Moderator Reyes-Chow introduced Tabitha Karanja, youth advisory delegate, Presbytery of Northern New England, who opened the meeting with prayer.

**REPORT OF THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS REFERRALS**

Moderator Reyes-Chow recognized Bruce Hedgepeth, moderator, Assembly Committee on Business Referrals, to resume the report of the committee. The assembly approved Item 01-02 as amended (referrals in progress and final responses to referrals), approved Item 01-04 as amended (suspend Standing Rule A.2.a. to receive late business), and approved Item 01-03 as amended (referrals of business to assembly committees). This concluded the report of the Assembly Committee on Business Referrals. A summary of the report is as follows:

**ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS REFERRALS**

**Item 01-01. General Assembly Docket—Approved. (See page \_\_.)**

**Item 01-02. Referrals in Progress and Final Responses to Referrals—Approved as Amended. (See page \_\_.)**

**Item 01-03. Referrals of Business to Assembly Committees—Approved as Amended. (See page \_\_.)**

**Item 01-04. Suspend Standing Rule A.2.a. to Receive Late Business—Approved as Amended. (See page \_\_.)**

**ORIENTATION**

Moderator Reyes-Chow recognized Stated Clerk Clifton Kirkpatrick for a time of orientation to the PC-biz system. Stated Clerk Kirkpatrick and Kerry Clements, associate stated clerk, described the continued development and implementation of the PC-biz system.

**REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK NOMINATION COMMITTEE**

Moderator Reyes-Chow introduced Steve Grace, chair, Stated Clerk Nomination Committee. Grace outlined the work of the committee and called on Joan Fong, a member of the committee, who outlined the process followed by the committee in making their decision.

Steve Grace reported that the committee recommendation was to place the name of Gradye Parsons in nomination for Stated Clerk of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Anna Case Winters, a member of the committee, formally placed the name of Gradye Parsons in nomination on behalf of the committee.

**OTHER NOMINEES FOR STATED CLERK**

Steve Grace reported that three additional candidates have declared their intention to the committee to stand for Stated Clerk: Winfield Jones, Edward Koster, and William Tarbell.

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Moderator Reyes-Chow recognized Douglas Brower, commissioner, Presbytery of Detroit, who placed the name of Edward Koster in nomination; Robert Scotland, commissioner, Presbytery of Trinity, who placed the name of William Tarbell in nomination; and Deborah Cenko, commissioner, Presbytery of New Covenant, who placed the name of Winfield Jones in nomination.

Moderator Reyes-Chow announced that the election of the Stated Clerk would take place during the business session on Friday morning. Commissioners had an opportunity to meet the candidates Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m. in the Vista Point area, outside Exhibit Hall I.

#### **DISABILITY AWARENESS VIDEO**

Moderator Reyes-Chow called upon Sue Montgomery and John Hunter, members of Presbyterians for Disability Concerns, to introduce the Disability Awareness Video.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RECESS**

Stated Clerk Kirkpatrick announced that the offering from the opening worship service totaled \$34,288. This amount has been designated for church growth among new immigrant groups. He then described the group dinner as an opportunity for commissioners and advisory delegates to commune with more than one hundred ecumenical representatives from around the world.

After prayer offered by Emily Miller, theological student advisory delegate, Louisville Seminary, the assembly recessed at 6:10 p.m. to reconvene at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 25.