

WHAT CAN I DO AFTER THE ASSEMBLY?

NARRATOR 2: Hello, my name is NARRATOR 2. I'm here to tell you more about ways in which you might tell the story of the 218th General Assembly meeting of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

I know it seems far away, but the General Assembly will quickly come and go. It's important to remember that commissioners to the 218th General Assembly are commissioners until the next General Assembly convenes in 2010. Part of that responsibility carries with it a commitment to interpret the work of the 218th assembly to your presbytery and its congregations.

One way that might make it easier for you to tell the story of the assembly is to take notes or keep a journal during your experience. Write down important quotes that you hear, or make note of particular moments where you felt the work of the Holy Spirit. Be sure to talk about the faith-filled moments of the assembly, not just the actions the assembly took!

Also visit the PCUSA website for news stories, photos and more from the assembly. These can help you provide a fuller picture to others of your assembly experience.

Another idea is to make sure and visit the exhibit hall and pick up various materials demonstrating the breadth of the denomination's witness and ministry in this nation and around the world. Connect these materials to the issues that you considered as part of your committee's work. Help others make the connection between what happens at the General Assembly and the various ministries of the presbytery or its congregations.

Finally, encourage your congregation, as well as the whole presbytery, to pray for the work of the General Assembly before, during and after the assembly. Though the assembly meets for only one week in June, the impact of its work is felt for years to come. Ask people to pray for the assembly so that we all might "do justice; love kindness; and walk humbly with God."

This is only a brief introduction to ways in which you might carry your experience back to your presbytery. I hope that you, along with other commissioners and advisory delegates from you presbytery, will continue to think about ways to tell the story!

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