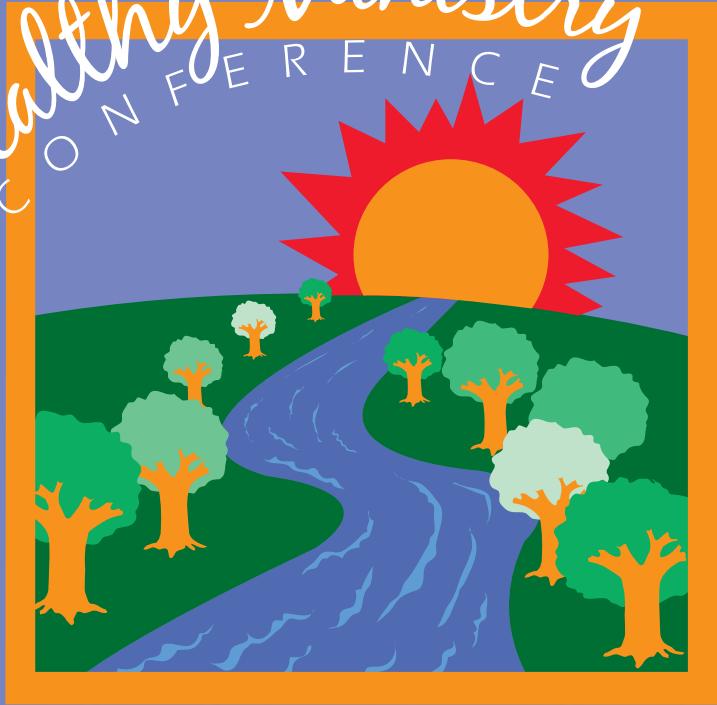


# Healthy Ministry CONFERENCE



**... at the Big Tent  
June 11-13, 2009  
Atlanta, Georgia**

What could be more important than your health? Get a comprehensive spiritual-emotional-pastoral- congregational-all-of-the-above check-up at the Healthy Ministry Conference!

The national biennial Healthy Ministry Conference is for Committees on Preparation for Ministry (CPM), Committees on Ministry (COM), presbytery staff and seminary faculty and staff. The event is aimed at developing those who serve in these roles and inspiring and equipping them for their calling to shape and support healthy leaders for the Presbyterian Church. It also provides an opportunity to build relationships for collaboration in this important work. Joining the PC(USA) Office of Vocation – a joint ministry of the General Assembly Council and the Office of the General Assembly – in offering this conference are the Office of Theological Education and the Presbytery Pastoral Care Network, both of which have assisted in the planning and will be sponsoring and leading workshops.

## **Workshop Offerings Include:**

- Using Group Discernment in Your Church or Presbytery Committee
- Here I Am, Send Me! –Cultivating a Culture of Call for all Congregation Members
- The Missional Church
- New Form of Government (FOG) for a New Day
- Healthy Pastors: How to Sustain Them
- COM 101: The Basics
- CPM 101: The Basics
- Managing Change
- Gracious Separation
- Nurturing New Pastors/First Call
- Equipping Your CPM or COM for Its Work
- Theological Education – Equipping the Church
- Saying “No” or “Not Yet”
- CLPs: Missional Leaders
- Not Just Rules and Guidelines: Discernment for COMs
- Listening for Call: Proactive CPM
- Pastors Need a Pastor Too
- Emotional Intelligence: What It Is and Why It’s Important
- Examining Candidates and Ministers
- Healthy Way to Address Our Theological Divide
- Small Churches Alive!
- Conflict Mediation
- Candidate Psychological Assessment: Why, When, and What to Expect
- Cultural Proficiency in Ministry
- Family Systems: Building Healthy Churches Twelve Ways
- Proactive COM
- Discernment – Milwaukee Model
- Ministry Greenhouse: Nurturing Pastors through Supervised Ministry
- When Pastors Get into Trouble: Best Practices for Preventing Pastoral Dissolutions and Intervening When Necessary
- Open Forum
- Balancing Nurturing & Gatekeeping
- Immigration Issues for CPMs and COMs
- Teaching Elders Teaching Elders: Contextual Bible Study



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## Keynote Speakers

### Jill Hudson

*Middle Governing Bodies Coordinator, General Assembly Council/Office of the General Assembly, Presbyterian Church (USA), Louisville, KY; A graduate of Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Jill Hudson has worked as a ministry coach and organizational development consultant primarily with synods and presbyteries. She has served as an associate executive for the Synod of Lincoln Trails and as executive presbyter for the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley. In addition to a wide variety of articles for church periodicals, she has authored several publications for Alban Institute, including, When Better Isn't Enough: Evaluation Tools for the 21st Century Church.*



### George Goodman

*Associate Presbyter, Peaks Presbytery, Lynchburg, VA; After receiving the B.S. degree from Johnson C. Smith University, George Goodman taught in the North Carolina public schools and served as a community planner for the State of North Carolina. Later called to ministerial service, he entered and graduated Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, after which he served the C.N. Jenkins Memorial Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, NC. He was called to his present position in 1990. In 2001, he retired with the rank of Captain from the U.S. Navy Reserves Chaplain Corps.*



### Laura Mendenhall

*President, Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA; After serving as pastor of four congregations, Laura Mendenhall became president of Columbia Theological Seminary in 2000. During this time, she has been a leader on the Committee on Theological Education and with the Association of Theological Schools. She concludes that work this summer to work with the Texas Presbyterian Foundation. She is a graduate of Austin College (B.A.), the Presbyterian School of Christian Education (M.A.), San Francisco Theological Seminary (M.Div.) and Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary (D.Min.).*



### Margaret Aymer Oget Bible Study Leader

*Assistant Professor of New Testament, Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, GA; Margaret Aymer Oget earned her B.A. in history at Harvard-Radcliffe College in Cambridge, Mass., and her M.Div. and Ph.D. in New Testament and Early Christianity at Union Theological Seminary in New York City. She is the author of *First Pure, Then Peaceable: Frederick Douglass, Darkness and the Epistle of James*, and of the 2011 *Horizons Bible Study*. She is a member of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta where she serves on the Committee on Preparation for Ministry.*



### D. Cameron Murchison Closing Plenary Leader

*Dean of Faculty/Executive Vice President, Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA; Cam Murchison has served as pastor in three different congregations, as well as teacher in two different theological seminaries. He received his B.A. degree from Rhodes College, the B.D. from Union-PSCE, and the M.Phil and Ph.D. from Yale University. He has been Professor of Ministry at Columbia since 1996 and Dean of the Faculty and Executive Vice President since 2001.*



## Conference Information

### Cost

The Big Tent registration fee of \$285 allows Healthy Ministry Conference participants to experience ten different PC(USA) partner conferences, occurring concurrently, with common time set aside for all participants to sample workshops conducted by partner groups, be in worship together, enjoy meals together, and attend a transforming Saturday night celebration. If Healthy Ministry is your primary conference, you will be given a free ticket to the Friday night dinner featuring Laura Mendenhall.

### Housing

Rooms are available for registered attendees at the rate of \$99 per night (plus 15% tax). Go to <http://www.pcusa.org/bigtent> for information on making reservations with the hotel. The conference hotel is also easily accessible by MARTA, <http://www.itsmarta.com/>, Atlanta's bus and rail system.

### 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.



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