


Wonderful Resources Through Glacier Presbytery

Take advantage of these wonderful resources through Glacier Presbytery nurturing a strong, dynamic faith!

You'll experience inspiring worship at the Presbytery Retreat in Great Falls with Presbyterians from Havre to Harlem, Helena to Missoula, Hot Springs to Seeley Lake. A timelier theme could not have been chosen: *Creating a Culture of Generosity!* Take advantage of leading innovators in the PCUSA and our sister Presbyterian churches right here in Montana. Special Guests Barry and Shelly Dawson will share about their mission service in southeast Asia.

Then, come to beautiful Glacier Camp and spend a day or two learning from Seminary Professors from SFTS (San Francisco Theological Seminary) who will open the scripture in new and exciting ways accessible to all. Cost is \$25 per day (including meals) for commuters. Let the church office know if you would like a scholarship to attend.

We give thanks for being part of such a caring, innovative presbytery!



Glacier Presbytery Retreat

June 11 & 12

Great Falls

Sunrise Presbyterian Church

Glacier Presbytery Retreat

Theme: Creating a Culture of Generosity

Dates: June 11 (12:30) – June 12 (12:30)

Keynote Speakers: Rob Hagen from the Presbyterian Foundation and **Corey Schlosser-Hall**, Executive Presbyter from Northwest Coast Presbytery

Location: Sunrise Presbyterian Church in Great Falls, 3809 6th Ave. S.

Registration Fee: Just \$20, which includes all materials and meals.

Saturday Evening Worship: led by **Missionaries Barry and Shelly Dawson** who serve in Southeast Asia

Sunday Morning Worship with communion at 9:30 with the Sunrise Congregation: led by **Rob Hagen and Corey Schlosser-Hall**

This will be another **exciting, informative, enriching** Presbytery Retreat. We will learn about creating a **culture of generosity** in our congregations, families and for ourselves. We will take home **resources** we can use with our congregation and session.

Come to the Waters

*San Francisco Theological Seminary Seminars
Exploring Your Faith ~ Expanding your Understanding*

Formations of Christianity in the Real World

Dates: June 26 - 28
Location: Glacier Presbyterian Center (the camp!)
Professor: The Rev. Dr. Christopher Ocker


Who should attend?

- **EVERYONE** who wants to learn more about history of Christianity
- Pastors & CREs
- Those who may consider a CRE ministry
- Ruling Elders, Session members, Deacons

Fees:
 Commuters (includes one meal/day)\$ 25/person/day
 Single Room\$136/person
 Double Room\$ 93/person
(Single and Double Room occupancy includes your room, dinner on Sunday, three meals on Monday, breakfast and lunch on Tuesday.)

June 26	June 27:	June 28:
4:00 Arrive	8:00 Breakfast	8:00 Breakfast
5:00 Dinner	9:00 Lecture 2	9:00 Lecture 5
6:00 Lecture 1	12:00 Lunch	12:00 Sack lunch
	1:00 Lecture 3	
	4:00 Lecture 4	
	6:00 Dinner	

Professor:



Christopher Ocker is professor of church history at the San Francisco Theological Seminary and a member of the Core Doctoral Faculty of the Graduate Theological Union. He has published three books and dozens of articles on the history of Jewish-Christian relations, the history of the interpretation of the bible, and the Reformation. He has a PhD from Princeton Theological Seminary.

This course surveys five formative moments in the history of Christianity: the early church, the Middle Ages, the Reformation, the nineteenth century, and the late twentieth century. The course also examines how the events and conflicts of these five periods have helped shape Christianity today.

Christianity is a form of worship which involves a particular way that people respond to God and enjoy God's gifts and benefits. And Christianity also has a historical entanglement with an entire world of cultures and faiths.

This course will help us understand why there are so many kinds of churches in the world, where Protestantism comes from and its unique characteristics, how Christianity became the largest religion in the world and how Christianity and atheism are historically related.

To Register:
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Glacier Presbyterian Center is located on the Flathead Lake, just south of Lakeside on Highway 93 near mile marker 93.



View the 222nd General Assembly video at fpckalispell.org

222nd General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. Gathering in Portland, Oregon June 18-25th

About 700 commissioners and advisory delegates from all 171 PC(USA) presbyteries, along with other participants and observers from around the world, will converge on the Oregon Convention Center in downtown Portland for worship, committee deliberations, prayer, and voting during the church's biennial gathering.

This year's theme is "The Hope in Our Calling" from Ephesians 1:18. Presbyteries have submitted overtures for debate, prayer and study in committee before they appear before the plenary for vote and action. You can view the full docket of overtures coming before the GA at www.pc-biz.org. During the convention, you can watch overtures adapt and take vote in real time from committee to the General Assembly.

Pastor Miriam Mauritzen is one of two voting commissioners elected by Glacier Presbytery to GA. Commissioners are randomly assigned to 14 committees. Pastor Miriam will serve on the committee for *Theological Issues and Institutions*. In addition to her committee work, Miriam has elected to take part in the Presbyterians for Middle East Peace Breakfast: *Two States – Two Peoples*; worship at First Presbyterian Church in Portland; Covenant Network Luncheon; World Refugee Day: *Changing Lives Locally*; National Black Presbyterian Caucus; Lilly Foundation reaching High School Youth with Theology Classes; and the Presbyterian Network to End Homelessness.

On June 5th, Miriam will share more details about the upcoming 222nd General Assembly. In July during worship, she will share stories and experiences about the illuminating work and ministry of the Presbyterian Church around the world. Keep her in prayer as she listens to God's voice and represents our church and presbytery.

Technology expands the congregation for opening worship of GA222

THE CHURCH, WORLD ARE INVITED TO STREAM IN

Several thousand people are expected to gather in Portland, Oregon, on Saturday, June 18, for the opening worship service of the 222nd General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

But the congregation could potentially be much larger—with groups of Presbyterians across the country using live stream technology to participate in opening worship from their own church sanctuaries and meeting spaces. The Committee on the Office of the General Assembly (COGA) is encouraging congregations and mid councils to gather groups in their locations to worship with the assembly via live stream. The live stream player will be in place of the promotional video on the [Assembly home page at pcusa.org/ga222](http://pcusa.org/ga222) on June 18th.

"This was an idea that came from the committee at one of our meetings," says COGA Chair Margaret P. Elliott. "The concept is a unified PC(USA) participating in worship from all corners of the country and the world."

The goal is to help more Presbyterians "feel a part of the assembly, rather than feeling like the assembly is apart from them," says Tom Hay, director for assembly operations in the Office of the General Assembly.

In recent years, growing numbers of individuals have watched assembly worship and business sessions via live stream on their computers, Hay says. As many as 30,000 computers have been logged on at various times during previous assemblies. †



The Alma College Pipe Band processed into the Assembly Hall at Opening Worship. —by Michael Whitman

The assembly's opening worship service begins at 11 a.m. PT and is scheduled to last about 90 minutes. It will include communion, the commissioning of assembly commissioners and advisory delegates, a sermon by outgoing Moderator Heath Rada, and music by a mass choir, a bell choir, and a contemporary band.

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