



Mission Advocates & Mission Network Leaders Joint Event
September 30-October 2, 2010
The Galt House
Louisville, Kentucky

The *Mission Advocates & Mission Network Leaders Joint Event* will be an encounter of Mission Advocates from the middle governing bodies of the Presbyterian Church (USA), conveners and other leaders from the PC (USA) related mission networks, Regional Liaisons from around the globe and other World Mission Staff.

The event will feature theological reflection, expert- and peer-led conversations on “best practices” for mission engagement as well as workshops on topics related to the ministry of a Mission Advocate and a Mission Network Leader. The participants will connect with the mission work being done by middle governing bodies, World Mission, PC (USA) related Mission Networks and PC (USA) global partners.

COSTS: PARTICIPANTS WILL COVER THEIR TRAVEL, AND HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS. THE REGISTRATION FEE COVERS MEAL EXPENSES.

Room Rate

Deluxe Rooms:

(Breakfast Buffet included)

\$120.00

Executive Suites:

(Breakfast Buffet included)

\$140.00

- *All rates are net, non-commissionable.*
- *Room rates exclude state and local taxes. (Approximately 6%)*
- *Room Rates are offered 3 days pre / post conference.*
- *There is a maximum of four persons per room.*
- *Check-in time is 3:00 pm and check-out time is 11:00 am.*
- *There is currently a \$.75 charge for local calls from the sleeping rooms.*

REGISTRATION FEE: \$150.00

Questions and Answers

What's a Mission Advocate?

A Mission Advocate is a liaison between the Presbytery and the congregations within it, and between the Presbytery and World Mission.

- Is presbytery-appointed (may be staff or volunteer);
- Relates and listens to congregational leaders and presbytery staff and entities as appropriate; and
- Receives encouragement through Presbyterian World Mission (Equipping the Church for Mission Involvement and mission co-workers) and Communications and Funds Development.

What are Mission Advocates expected to do?

Mission Advocates are expected to facilitate PC (USA) mission interpretation, education for mission and financial support at the congregational level within their presbyteries.

Why do we need Mission Advocates?

In our rapidly changing and interdependent world where local and global concerns converge in new ways, Congregations, Middle Governing Bodies and Presbyterian World Mission will benefit greatly

from interacting with each other to know what each other is doing, find ways of collaborating in ministry, and leverage resources.

What's the purpose of having a Mission Advocate?

To strengthen local congregations' commitment with God's mission around the world through Presbyterian mission partners, mission personnel and GAMC mission support staff.

Is every Presbytery *required* to have Mission Advocate?

All Middle Governing Bodies are *invited* to appoint a Mission Advocate. In many instances, the Middle Governing Bodies have someone doing the same or similar functions with a different "title" and World Mission would be glad to know who that person is. Middle Governing Bodies have discretion in appointing Mission Advocates.

How does a Mission Advocate benefit the Presbytery or congregations in the Presbytery?

Mission Advocates provide support to the congregations by connecting them to resources and relationships that will increase faithfulness and effectiveness in their mission engagement while generating congregational support for their Presbytery. Mission Advocates also benefit Presbyteries and congregations encouraging the development of direct and meaningful relationships with Presbyterian World Mission and Mission Workers around the world.

Is a Mission Advocate a paid position?

Some Presbyteries have appointed one of their staff to be their Mission Advocate and others appoint volunteers.

Will General Assembly Mission Council help cover their expenses?

In some instances, the Presbytery will help the Mission Advocate with their expenses, and in other cases the Mission Advocates have been willing to cover their own expenses. Presbyterian World Mission is continuously committed to providing some resources free of charge and covering the fixed costs of educational events. In the case of the Mission Advocate and Mission Network Leader event, Presbyterian World Mission is covering the event's fixed costs. Without this support, the cost to Mission Advocate and Mission Network Leader participants would be three times as much.

Are Mission Advocates required to go the event in late September?

All Mission Advocates are invited and encouraged to attend the Mission Advocates & Mission Network Leaders Joint Event to be held September 30 - October 2, 2010 in Louisville, KY. They would benefit greatly from working and learning with Regional Liaisons and Mission Network Conveners about each other's ministries. Mission Networks have brought great benefits to congregational and Presbytery partnerships (see editorial of the May 2010 issue of *Presbyterians Today*), and by contrast, Regional Liaisons and Mission Co-Workers enhance greatly Presbytery and Congregation relations with Global Partners.

What happens if Mission Advocates can't make the event?

Presbyterian World Mission is working hard to provide ways in which Mission Advocates who can't attend the gathering will be able to participate of some sessions and benefit from the whole event. However, appointing a Mission Advocate is more about having somebody in the communication loop and relating all year long by virtual and electronic venues with World Mission and other Mission Advocates. The greatest benefits come out of this kind of networking.



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