

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR PROGRESSIVE UM'S GENERAL CONFERENCE 2004 – PITTSBURGH, PA – April 27 – May 7

Volunteer opportunities abound for progressive United Methodists who care about the future of the church and are willing and able to attend General Conference in Pittsburgh. Once again, Affirmation: United Methodists for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Concerns, the Methodist Federation for Social Action (MFSA), and the Reconciling Ministries Network (RMN) will be coordinating housing and volunteer activities. Many plans are still being worked out. This form represents a preliminary indicator of your interests. Let us know of your interests by checking as many boxes as apply. As more information becomes available it will be forwarded to you. Thanks.

ADVOCACY

Prior to GC:

- writing and editing petitions
- developing position papers
- analyzing legislation once Daily Christian Advocate comes out with all petitions (early 2004)

During Week One at GC:

- monitor progress of legislation in legislative committees
- participate in evening debriefings

During Week Two of GC:

- Monitor progress of legislation as it comes to the plenary session and be available to help with minority reports and/or talking points for progressive delegates.

CELEBRATION/WORSHIP

Willing to help with:

- Daily RMN communion services at noon on weekdays during GC
- Parents Reconciling Network Breakfast on Saturday Morning (5/1/04)
- MFSA Ball Award Event on Saturday Evening (5/1/04) with the Montana Logging and Ballet Company
- Sunday afternoon Reconciling Worship Service (5/2/04)
- Affirmation Worship service – time as yet to be determined

INFORMATION

Interested in:

- gathering information for publications
- writing articles
- doing layout
- editing

Interested in working on:

- MFSA Daily Social Questions Bulletin
- Affirmation – Daily Newsletter
- Press Releases and other miscellaneous written material

Willing to do logistical work of:

- getting newsletters and other information printed (usually late night task)
- distributing information (usually a very early morning task)

WITNESS

Witness activities are in the planning stage as local logistics inform some activities. Indicate, however, if you are willing to consider participating in witness events such as Affirmation's Silent Witness at GC 2000.

- Willing to consider participating in witness activities

OFFICE COVERAGE

- Helping to provide office coverage

HOSPITALITY

Helping to prepare and serve meals:

- Breakfast at Progressive Delegates' Briefing
- Low cost lunches
- Helping staff office
- Staffing Hospitality Center (including sale of materials)

CARE

- Providing pastoral care for volunteers and delegates
- Serving as "go-fers" for delegates including doing laundry, picking up prescriptions, etc.

ONGOING FAITHFULNESS

Throughout 2004, RMN will sponsor local events for Reconciling UM's across the country, gathering in local settings for community, celebration, support and encouragement to "be the church" regardless of GC decisions. Likewise MFSA will be planning the next **Voices of Faith** gathering for progressive Christians in 2005.

- I will organize/attend a RUM (Reconciling UMs) event in my area
- Please add me to the planning committee for MFSA's **Voices of Faith Conference 2005**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Day Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____ Annual Conference: _____

Mail to: MFSA
212 E Capitol St. NE
Washington, DC 20003-1036
Or Fax to: 202-546-6811

Length of Stay:

Number of Days You Hope to Be Present at General Conference _____
 Week One Week Two

Primary Affiliation:

- Affirmation
- MFSA
- RMN
- Other