



The monarch butterfly is the symbol of the Presbytery of San Jose

The Monarch Messenger

The Newsletter of The Presbytery of San Jose

Serving Presbyterians in San Benito, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, and Monterey Counties

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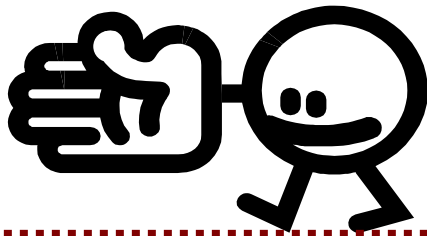
Do justice Love kindness

Walk humbly with your God

218th GENERAL ASSEMBLY (2008)

General Assembly is coming our way: June 21 - 28, 2008

Lend a Hand Help at GA!



Go to : www.pcusa-ga08.org for a complete list of job descriptions

and for the signup procedure. You can also sign up with your Local Church Contact or call the Committee On Local Arrangements (COLA) office at (408) 286-0927.

- Most shifts are 4 hours and opportunities are available 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. every day.
- You may sign up for multiple jobs or shifts
- There are **1,500 spots** that need to be filled. Choose something that looks right for you.

There are all sorts of jobs available which require various amounts of time and different skills. Examples: serving communion at the big Sunday worship service, setting up before the event, serving as an 'ask me' person giving out information, greeting at the airport, working in a booth, etc.

If you volunteer you get to attend General Assembly FREE any time (with your volunteer name tag) and not have to pay the \$20 registration fee.

COLA Prayer Focus for April... hospitality

Prayer and hospitality embody two facets: We love the God who first loved us, then extend that love to our neighbors. Imagine a place where love and hospitality overflow, where the stranger is warmly welcomed with open arms, where the expectation is that Jesus is present in our thoughts and conversations, where we can respect other theological views, other opinions, differing votes on critical issues facing our denomination. And in the midst of the activities, even when we're tired and grumpy, we practice the radical hospitality that Christ has offered each of us.

Prayer

Lord, we thank you for first loving us. We thank you for showing us what radical hospitality looks like, in that while we were still sinners you died for us. We face you and gather up the world and present it to you. We face toward the world and offer the life-giving Light of Jesus Christ.

During General Assembly, we pray that our San Jose Presbytery volunteers and participants will model for those who come from all over the world the love and hospitality that we have received in you. Amen



Jim Kachler owner of Parrot Ranch Pottery in Aptos was identified by Moderator **Bob Bowles** as the perfect candidate for the General Assembly/Committee on Local Arrangements task of making the communion ware for General Assembly worship. Kachler is busy these days in his Aptos studio making 400 chalices and 100 plates in four glaze colors. After the big Sunday worship service on June 22, the communion ware will be for sale in the Cokesbury Bookstore space in the San Jose Convention Center Exhibit Hall during General Assembly.



Mark Your Calendar!

Our **NEXT Presbytery Meeting** is Saturday April 5, 9 - 1 p.m. at St. Andrew Church, 9850 Monroe Avenue, Aptos, CA 95003. Lunch will be provided by church volunteers.

The **NEXT Presbytery meeting** after that is Saturday, June 7 at 9 a.m. at the Onnuri Church in San Jose (formerly Calvin Church.)

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself." - Matt 22:37-39