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General Assembly - Indianapolis, Indiana
Indiana Convention Center
July 8-12, 2017

Where will the General Assembly be held?

Join us in downtown Indianapolis at the Indiana Convention Center; 100 S Capitol Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46225

Registration Fees

Type	Rate
Adult/Regular Rate	\$150*
Young Adult (19-29)	\$125
Seminarians	\$125
Youth (13-18)	\$100
Pre-School and Elementary	\$80

***Early Discounts**

Price reflects the early registration discount. On April 1, 2017 the rate will increase to \$190.

Group Discounts

If you register 10 people with the same registration type ("Adult", "Youth", etc.) the 11th registration is free. The online registration website will automatically add the discount when you add the 11th person – no need for a special code!

ALL are invited to attend worship services without registering!

Sunday Workshops (Free)

From 2:00 to 3:15 pm the convention center and adjacent hotels will be buzzing with a variety of workshops on subjects from building community to healing and stewardship to welcoming. No registration needed. *Subject to change.*

Roundtrip Bus Fee: \$100 per person (\$50.00 Non-refundable deposit due by April 15th final payment June 5th)

Bus fee includes continental breakfast, brown bag nibble bag, and water. The bus will stop in **St. Louis (Centennial Christian Church)** to pick up disciples going to the General Assembly. **One major stop** will be made for lunch prior to the hotel arrival time (**on your own**). **Two major stops** will be made coming back, for breakfast and lunch, it will be **on your own**.

Hotel Rate: \$119-\$140 (Hotel selection TBA)

**Chartered Bus Leaving New Vision Christian Church, 9101 Blue Ridge Blvd., Kansas City, Missouri
(816) 761-7129**

KC Departure

6:00am - Saturday, July, 8th

Pick-up St. Louis Riders - Centennial Christian Church

3:00pm – Arrive at the hotel, unload buses, and check-In hotel (own your own)

Pick-up registration documents

6:30pm – Opening Worship (service begins at 7:00pm)

Sunday – July 9th

8:45 -1:00 Worship in the Community & Lunch (*Bus can be used to drop us at one location*)

2:00 -3:15pm

Free Workshops

National Convocation Banquet	Sunday, July 9, 2017 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM	Indianapolis Convention Center	\$35
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Special Arrangements can be made to go as a group on the bus where the majority of riders select to do after worship service

Monday - July 10th

8:45 -10:00am –

General Assembly Workshops (registered attendees)

Special arrangements can be made to go as a group on the bus to a location where the majority of riders select to do during the day or after worship service

Tuesday - July 11th

9:00-9:45am -

Lunch if desired (on your own)

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Wednesday - July 12th

9:00-10:00am - Hotel Check-out and Load Buses

10:00am – Buses Depart Hotel to St. Louis and Kansas City (no later than 10:30am) **Lunch or Dinner**

Stop if desired (on your own)

9-10:00pm – Approximately arrive in Kansas City

Any changes to the itinerary will be published **by June 5th final payment date**

Contact Information

Trip Coordinator: Annetta Vertreese, Regional Representative New Vision Christian Church
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Bringing Jesus' Healing Back to Church

Jesus' ministry included physical, emotional, and spiritual healing. Our broken and hurting world today needs that healing. This workshop shows how to bring Jesus' healing back to church through healing prayer service. A handout will provide sample material. Presenters: Richard and Catherine Brooks; sponsored by Disciples Home Missions

Can We Talk? Beginning Conversations about Guns and Gun Violence

This workshop moves past myths, propaganda and rhetoric to civil conversation. It will explore guns in our personal history, in popular culture, and in theological themes. Presenter: Don Gaffney; sponsored by National Benevolent Association

Congregational Care in the Wake of Ferguson, Flint, and Orlando

When mass shootings, police brutality and dangerous policies threaten lives, we often ask, "What is the role of the church?" Using three current justice crisis events, this workshop will offer examples of how the church can respond to the psychological and spiritual trauma experienced by communities, congregations, and clergy. Presenters: Angela Whitenhill and Dietra Baker; sponsored by National Benevolent Association

Faith Rooted Organizing

What would it look like if our work for justice emerged from our deepest and most ancient faith traditions in ways that made space for everyone? Presenters: Sandhya Jha and Peter Heltzel, sponsored by NBA.

Finding a Match: Making Relocation Work for You

Unlock the mysteries of the search and call system for both clergy and for congregations. An honest conversation about the process, the paperwork, and discerning a call. Presenters: Warren Lynn, Gary Straub, Sandy Messick, and LaTaunya Bynum; sponsored by Disciples Home Missions

For Camp and Conference Center Directors

This is an opportunity for camp and conference center directors to come together and talk about development work – how we can collectively collaborate to maximize financial resources for our respective locations. In addition, this workshop will discuss the latest trends, legal issues, staffing opportunities, and how our ministries can positively influence other ministries.

Presenter: Rob Morris; sponsored by Christmount Conference Center

Freedom: Promise and Struggle

The theme of freedom runs through scripture, but that theme has not always been understood. This Bible study, taken from the *Just Women* 2017 Bible study, intends to bring to life scripture passages that can offer insights on the promise and struggle for freedom from Biblical to contemporary times. Presenter: Kathy McDowell; sponsored by Disciples Women

Grief, Stillbirth and Pastoral Care

How can the church help parents and others around them cope with the death of a baby? A panel including Rich Voelz and Tabatha Johnson will explore this topic. Sponsored by Disciples Home Missions.

Healthcare for Church Employees

The Pension Fund announced that the Christian Church Health Care Benefit Trust (CCHCBT) would be discontinued effective December 31, 2016, for people under the age of 65. The latest in regulations, reporting, trends, and resources for finding the best coverage will all be reviewed. Find out when the church can pay the healthcare premium for the Employee and when they cannot. Presenter: Eugene Fisher; sponsored by the Pension Fund of the Christian Church

Homegrown Peace and Justice

This workshop will offer faith formation activities, age-appropriate conversations, rituals, and resources for families with children ages 3-18. Presenter: Kate Epperly; sponsored by Disciples Home Missions

How to Energize Your Capital Campaign

How do churches develop new ways to raise funds? One size does not fit all. This workshop will explore how fundraising methods are changing and share success stories from congregations. Presenter: Rosario Ibarra; sponsored by Disciples Church Extension Fund

Intergenerate – Bringing All Ages Together in Worship and at Home

1 out of every 10 teenagers will still be in the church in their twenties. Why? What happened? What didn't happen? What can we do to change this trend? Who stayed? Why did they stay? Over the past 15 years lots of research and study has been done to help explain the reasons behind those leaving the church building and those leaving their faith entirely. Come and learn ways and to see faith as a lifelong journey in an intentionally intergenerational community. Presenter: Olivia Bryan Updegrove, sponsored by Disciples Home Missions.

Youth Mental Health First Aid Kit

How can adults help adolescents experiencing a mental health or addiction challenge?. This session introduces the importance of de-stigmatizing mental health disorders and will distinguish between normal developmental changes and signs for concern. Presenter: Phyllis Reed; sponsored by Christian Board of Publication/Chalice Press

Momentum for the New Church Movement

Celebrations, conversations and catalysts concerning the New Church Movement and the future of the Church. Learn about Hope Partnership's initiative for new churches: Start, Sustain and Soar. Presenter: Terrell McTyler; sponsored by Hope Partnership for Missional Transformation

My Church isn't ready to Become Open & Affirming and Other Myths

The Identity Statement of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) says, "We welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us." This workshop will share why and how to widen the congregation's welcome to LGBT people. Every church can take one more step on the welcoming journey. Presenter: Mark Johnston; sponsored by GLAD

New Beginnings

Is your church doing the same things over and over and expecting different results? Come learn about a process that cures congregational insanity. New Beginnings has helped more than 1,000 congregations in the US and Canada create new ways of doing ministry in their community. Presenter: Rick Morse; sponsored by Hope Partnership for Missional Transformation

Paying the Pastor

A leader guided exploration of the peculiarities of the minister's salary. We will explore issues such as a living wage, appropriate benefits, negotiation strategies, legal/tax issues. Presenter: Aaron Smith; sponsored by the Pension Fund of the Christian Church

Perfect Love Casts Out Fear

Learn about the complex relationship between mental health, the criminal justice system, and the church. (This is a follow-up to resolutions related to mental health and mass incarceration from recent General Assemblies.) Presenters: Dean Bucalos and Hector Hernandez; sponsored by National Benevolent Association

Retirement Planning

Take the mystery out of retirement planning and break it down into basic steps. Hear strategies for saving when retirement is many years away and also when retirement is just around the corner. Learn how a congregation can help its employees save for retirement. Pension Fund products will be explained, so bring your questions! Presenter: Matt Rosine; sponsored by the Pension Fund of the Christian Church

Rules of Engagement

Youth of color are disproportionately overrepresented throughout the juvenile justice systems in nearly every state. Data has shown that minority. How should the church respond? This workshop will examine cause of disproportionality and identify strategies to create a fair system. Presenter: Sharyn Cosby; sponsored by National Benevolent Association

Spread the Word

This workshop is designed to equip congregations to use available resources for spreading the word about who we are as Disciples. Presenter: Cheryl Williams and others; sponsored by Communication Ministries

Stories from Missionaries and Partners

These six concurrent workshops will focus on the faith stories of missionaries and partners who are living out the commandment to be one. Presenters: Cathy Nichols and Partners; sponsored by Division of Overseas Ministries/Global Ministries

Substance Use Disorder and Living in Recovery

What is Substance Use Disorder, and how can our congregations provide education, support and resources that will enable the church to join in this critical and multilayered health crisis? Come and listen to experts and fellow Disciples who are already immersed in addressing both the crisis and solutions. Presenters: China Isler, Ivana Grahovac, Lauren Costine, and Jessica McFarland; sponsored by Disciples Seminary Foundation

Thrive: Spiritual Habits of Transforming Congregations

How are ordinary congregations finding their way to vitality? This workshop will explore twelve spiritual habits held in common by churches that are being transformed so they, in turn, can transform the world. Presenter: Ruth Fletcher; sponsored by Hope Partnership for Missional Transformation

Top 10 Questions the Church has about Employment Issues

Get the latest information about new regulations and rules from Department of Labor and IRS that impact congregation as employer. Discover the top three issues that get a congregation into legal troubles. Do you have questions about FICA and SECA, retirement benefits, or Housing Allowance? Find the answers and learn where church administrators can turn for ongoing professional help for these administrative issues. Presenter: Micah James; sponsored by the Pension Fund of the Christian Church

Very Married: Love and Fidelity

How can congregations support marriage? This workshop will offer progressive and practical resources for couples and churches. Presenter: Katherine Willis Pershey; sponsored by Disciples Home Missions

Words Matter: The Power of Language in Worship

How do our words in worship create safe and welcoming space? This workshop will explore how the power of words can offend or create bridges in a multi-cultural world. Presenter: Ana Gobledale; sponsored by Global Ministries