

37th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America
June 16 – 19, 2009, Orlando, Florida
WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

I may be one of the few people in America that has not been to Walt Disney World[®] Resort. As a loving and thankful Grandmom of six precious grands, what does this say about me? I'm not sure, but I am personally excited about being 'on the ground' so near to Splash Mountain[®], parades, the Swiss Family Tree House, and don't forget Cinderella castle!

Obviously there is serious work to be done by commissioners, seminar speakers, and in the various meetings throughout the week of General Assembly. But this year's family activities will reflect the *special location* that has been chosen.

This location and some special circumstances provide us all the opportunity to color outside the box! A number of challenges and options have necessitated changes in the way the women's and family activities are being handled this year.

Here are important changes that you need to note:

- ❖ **Women's registration** will be online through the Christian Education and Publications (CEP) Web site www.pcacep.org. Also, there will be a link on the General Assembly Web site www.pcaac.org, then click on General Assembly, and on the Commissioner Registration confirmation e-mail.
- ❖ **The Women in the Church Luncheon and Program will look different** – CEP will host our program on **THURSDAY, June 18, 9:30-12 noon, beginning with a brunch**. **Dr. Paul Tripp**, President of Paul Tripp Ministries will speak. Paul is on the pastoral staff at Tenth Presbyterian in Philadelphia, and is a teacher and author of several books. The dress will be casual; child care will be provided. This is the only planned event for women (no tours and crafts).
- ❖ You are encouraged to **take advantage of GA Seminars** on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Among the outstanding offerings will be several seminars designed just for you as a wife of a ruling or teaching elder. See Seminar Web page www.pcaac.org. Click on the Connect Logo and then select Seminars.
- ❖ You are "on your own" to **plan Disney events with family and friends** and there will be no planned activities for youth and children. Childcare will be available only during the Women's Thursday brunch. **Childcare registration** will be online through the CEP Web site www.pcacep.org. You may register for both childcare and the Women's brunch through the same Web site.

The Administrative Committee is working hard to make available to you the information you need to plan your family's activities in and around the Disney complex. Thank you in advance for understanding and adapting to this year's schedule. See Host Committee Web page www.pcaac.org. Click on the Connect Logo and then select Host Committee.

The Central Florida Presbytery host committee is planning our General Assembly worship services, which promise to be spiritually invigorating and challenging to us all.

We have the dates, June 16-19, 2009. We have the location, Disney's Coronado Springs Resort and Conference Center. We have the purposes of this week in the life of the PCA. We will have worship that seeks to please our Triune God. We have an exciting location that is full of activities that offer the opportunity for good family fellowship and connections.

It is my prayer that many families will be able to come and that you will look forward to this special year in the life of the PCA. I hope to see you there!

For His Glory,
Jane Patete
Coordinator of Women's Ministries