

2009 General Assembly Promotional PowerPoint Script

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Slide 1

"You'll find the image at each end of the Bible: A tree and the promise of paradise. Yet here we are, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), living between the promises: here we are, a humble little band of believers that calls itself a Movement for Wholeness in a Fragmented World... because from where we sit, the nations still need healing."

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"So put these dates on your calendar and be part of an Assembly that offers the opportunity for your congregation to deepen spiritually, to lift up and equip leaders – lay and clergy alike. Be part of an Assembly that connects you with others like yourselves all over the world, as together we strive to do God's justice in this hurting world."

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Slide 3

"You've come to expect excellent preachers, moving music and inspiring worship at Assembly. This summer, an All-Disciples line up ensures a powerful message each night both in preaching, and in music. "

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"And this year, you'll hear the gospel shared by the first woman preacher to address a U.S. President during the National Prayer Service of an Inauguration: Our own general minister and president, the Reverend Dr. Sharon E. Watkins. "

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“In addition, our business sessions, led in part by Second vice Moderator Robert Alvarez, will be thoroughly infiltrated by faith practices. **[*CLICK*]** Each morning, Vice Moderator Ayanna Johnson will open the session in prayer and reflection, followed by a different speaker to focus our work each day:

- **[*CLICK*]** Rick Lowery, one of our premier First Testament scholars;
- **[*CLICK*]** The Congolese equivalent to our General Minister and President, Bonanga Eliko of Congo;
- **[*CLICK*]** Jose Morales, a young Disciples pastor with a passion for a Disciples revival.

[*CLICK*] Each business session will conclude with Newell Williams, our moderator and beloved historian, reflecting on our 200th Anniversary of the Declaration and Address – when we first began to formulate our identity as a movement charged with partnering with God in bringing healing and wholeness back to a broken world.”

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“While Sense of the Assembly resolutions have made their way to business sessions of our Assemblies in the past, this year, we will also experiment with how to engage all 6,000+ Disciples attending the Assembly in the kind of conversation that simply cannot happen in 12 minutes of floor debate.

Using emerging social technologies, Disciples will sit knee-to-knee, connect authentically, listen deeply and share with each other the ways they are or might be engaged in this movement. Not only will the Wholeness Café harvest rich ideas from across the life of the church, but it also will model a way for congregations to go home and engage each other and their communities in meaningful and life-changing conversation.”

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“Besides praise, worshipful work and meaningful conversation about what matters most to us, this Assembly is designed to equip congregations for mission through a number of learning opportunities.

Special highlights of our Learning Tracks include:

- Matthew J. Sleeth, author of “Serve God, Save the Planet,” who will address Disciples on environmental issues even as we plan an Assembly designed to reduce the carbon footprint we create for our gathering
- Laura Hall, Hollywood singer and songwriter, will lead a track on writing as a spiritual practice, as well as share her musical gifts later in the Assembly.
- Enjoy front-porch conversations with each of our international guests, as we look at how we might become more Just Neighbors in this oh-so-connected world.

And if that doesn't satisfy, then chose from among 101 Resource Groups offered this year.”

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“And this assembly is not just about Disciples. Through our closing All-Assembly Concert and communion service we will extend our witness. We're inviting guests from the "fragmented world" -- in Indianapolis and beyond -- who seek companionship for their faith journey. We aim to make it clear that Christ invites all to the Table of Blessing and Hope. And we will celebrate God's grace with the other two streams of our movement who will be on hand for this closing worship time.

And helping us extend God's hospitality will be:

- Donald Lawrence – who not only will sing, but who will direct the All-Assembly Choir to back him up.
- Carrie Newcomer – Well-known Indiana folk-artist who made a place in the hearts of Disciples women at the 2006 Mix in '06 quadrennial.
- World-renown Indianapolis Children's Choir – who will be joined by our own children of the General Assembly.”

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“So, what can you do? ***[*CLICK*]***

- Sharon Watkins is encouraging every congregation to ‘tithe’ their membership to the General Assembly. Especially if you live within driving distance, bring at least 10% of your members to this Assembly. ***[*CLICK*]***
- Go to www.disciples.org/ga and register before March 31 to take advantage of discounts for early registration. ***[*CLICK*]***
- Take your pick of remaining hotels, five of which are in walking distance of the Indiana Convention Center. ***[*CLICK*]***
- Share a room and cut your lodging cost in half or more! ***[*CLICK*]***
- Find materials on line to help ‘green up’ your journey and your experience at the 2009 General Assembly. ***[*CLICK*]***
- Finally, we ask that you keep the General Assembly and its thousands of planners and participants in your heart and mind in these months of preparation.”

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“If ever there were a time for a Disciple to make it a priority to participate in a General Assembly, it’s this summer in Indianapolis... Because, if ever there was a time for a body of believers to be a movement for wholeness – it’s **now.**”

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