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REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Race • Reconciliation • Reformation



Make plans now to join old friends and make new ones at this summer's Big Tent conference in St. Louis, July 6-8. The theme of this year's conference is Race, Reconciliation, and the Reformation. Through plenary events, Bible study, workshops, and worship, attendees will be challenged and renewed by the power of the gospel message to overcome our current realities of anxiety, division, and inequality.

The three-day event, held on the beautiful campus of Washington University in St. Louis, will provide a variety of opportunities to engage with issues facing the church and society today. In addition to a selection of nearly 50 workshops on a variety of topics, participants can join in morning Bible study led by Dr. Eric Barreto of Princeton Theological Seminary and hear from local church leaders about the struggles the St. Louis community has faced around issues of inequality. PC(USA) Stated Clerk the Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson will preach at the opening worship on Thursday, and the Rev. Dr. Christine Hong of Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary will preach at Saturday's closing worship.

Friday night includes an invitation for Big Tent participants to travel to local Presbyterian congregations and participate in worship, share a meal, and engage in Holy Conversations around race. These conversations will be an extension of the ongoing dialog surrounding racial divisions and mistrust which have affected St. Louis and communities throughout the country. Participants will experience a process of honest and challenging conversations about race and leave with tools to further these discussions in their home congregations. This evening promises to be a unique and spirit-filled opportunity to join together with God's people. Participating churches include: First Presbyterian Ferguson, Second Presbyterian St. Louis, Third Presbyterian St. Louis, Oak Hill Presbyterian, and Cote Brilliante Presbyterian.

"As we grapple with the emerging church of the 21st century, it is imperative that we come together to listen, learn, and envision the future," said Stated Clerk Nelson. "God through Jesus Christ is providing us an opportunity at Big Tent to go deep in our theology and faith while renewing our spirits."

Tony De La Rosa, the interim executive director of the Presbyterian Mission Agency, added, "Three days of quality programming held in a central, convenient location at a reasonable cost for participants—this year's Big Tent gathering promises to be among the best ever."

Registration begins on March 15. The standard price of \$395 includes registration, accommodations for three nights, and meals. A \$225 rate for commuters is also offered. More information is at <http://www.presbyterianmission.org/big-tent/>.

'Fast Facts' about Big Tent 2017

Presbyterian News Service April 12, 2017

St. Louis event to engage faith (and flavor) of community

by Gregg Brekke | Presbyterian News Service

LOUISVILLE – Organizers of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Big Tent 2017 event have assembled a list of seven “Fast Facts” for those attending, or considering attending, the July 6-8 gather in St. Louis, Missouri on the campus of Washington University.

With the theme of “Race, Reconciliation and Reformation,” Big Tent offers Presbyterians an opportunity to discern some of the toughest concerns of the day, while actively engaging with their faith community and people of faith in St. Louis.

The preacher at opening worship will be PC(USA) Stated Clerk, the Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson II. The Rev. Dr. Christine Hong, Assistant Professor of Worship and Evangelism and Chapel Worship

Coordinator at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, will be the closing worship preacher.

Event details along with links to the schedule and registration are available at the [main Big Tent 2017 site](#).

Fast Fact #1: What is Big Tent?

Big Tent is a Presbyterian conference where people of all ages gather for worship, learning and getting to know other Presbyterians. Those attending past Big Tents say they value the opportunity to network, socialize and build community with other Presbyterians.

Fast Fact #2: Who attends Big Tent?

Teaching elders, ruling elders, members of congregations, mid-council staff... you name it. Big tent is for Presbyterians interested in worshiping and learning alongside others!

Fast Fact #3: Why is Big Tent on a college campus in St. Louis?

The first three Big Tent conferences were held in hotels. In response to requests to make Big Tent more affordable and provide a more relaxed atmosphere where participants can easily gather in community, Big Tent 2015 was held on a college campus.

Big Tent 2017 wants to build on that experience and is again holding the conference on a university campus. St. Louis is easily reached by a variety of methods of transportation, particularly for those in the Midwest, and Presbyterians in the area are already planning for the 223rd General Assembly.

Fast Fact #4: How far of a drive is it to Big Tent from these cities?

- Chicago – 4.5 hours
- Indianapolis – 3 hours, 42 minutes
- Des Moines – 5 hours, 23 minutes
- Kansas City – 3 hours, 51 minutes
- Memphis – 4 hours
- Nashville – 4 hours, 26 minutes

Fast Fact #5: What are the top food/drinks you should try in St. Louis?

- Goopy butter cake.
- St. Louis Style Pizza—thin crust, tavern cut.
- Toasted ravioli.
- St. Louis style barbecue—grilled, then sauce added.
- Ted Drewes frozen custard

(More information at: <http://slu.spoonuniversity.com/lifestyle/5-must-try-foods-next-time-visit-st-louis/>)

Fast Fact #6: Why was Big Tent created?

The first Big Tent was held in 2009, bringing together numerous conferences for shared space, worship, and cost-savings. Big Tent has now become one large conference with participants joining together in worship and Bible study, and learning about diverse topics such as peacemaking, ruling elder leadership, multicultural ministry and other topics.

Fast Fact #7: What do I wear?

- Comfortable clothes and shoes—be aware that it is likely to be hot in St. Louis.
- A sweater or jacket—though the weather is likely to be hot, Washington University meeting rooms are air conditioned and may be cool.
- Given the anticipated hot and humid weather and our campus location, casual dress is entirely appropriate, including shorts, t-shirts and sandals.



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