

Presbyterianism:

principles & practice, social teaching



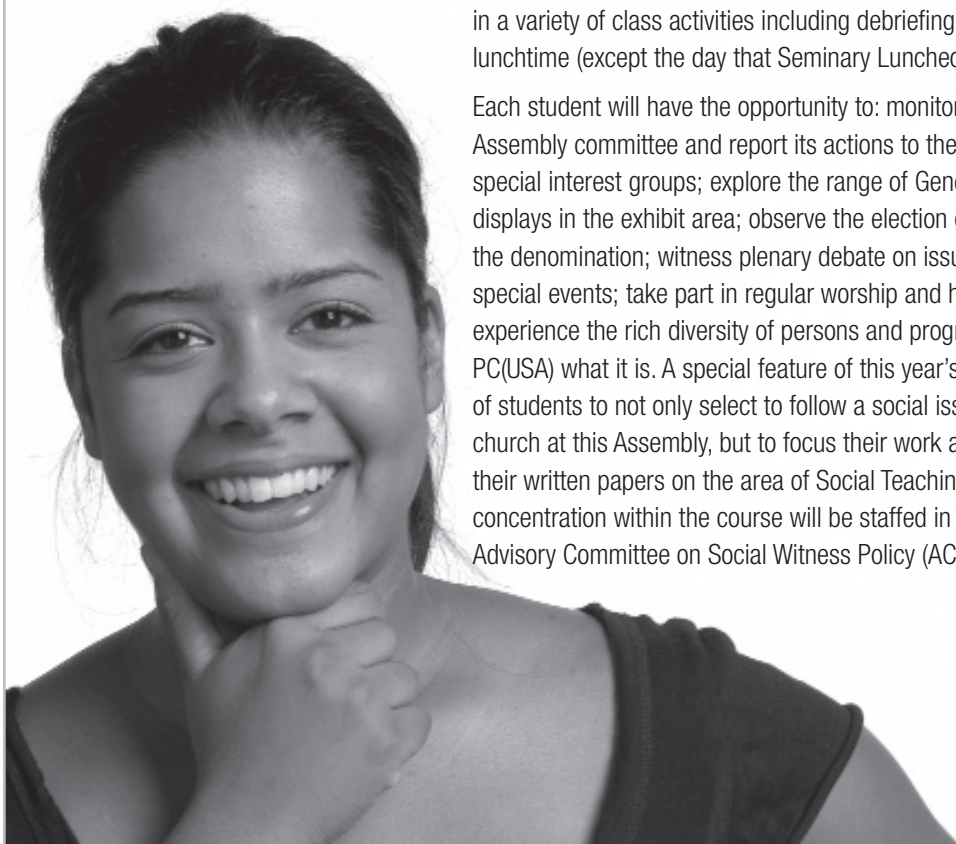
A course for seminarians during The 220th General Assembly Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

JUNE 29 – JULY 7, 2012 • Pittsburgh, PA

Join us! This for-credit course is designed to provide first-hand experience related to how a General Assembly meeting works, inform students about the structure, mission and development of social teachings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and focus on issues currently being debated within the denomination.

Beginning at 9 am. on Friday, June 29 and continuing until the General Assembly concludes on Saturday, July 7, participants will be involved in a variety of class activities including debriefing sessions each day at lunchtime (except the day that Seminary Luncheons are scheduled).

Each student will have the opportunity to: monitor the activity of a General Assembly committee and report its actions to the group; learn about special interest groups; explore the range of General Assembly staffed displays in the exhibit area; observe the election of a new Moderator for the denomination; witness plenary debate on issues; participate in many special events; take part in regular worship and holy communion; and experience the rich diversity of persons and programs that make the PC(USA) what it is. A special feature of this year's class will be the ability of students to not only select to follow a social issue that is before the church at this Assembly, but to focus their work at the Assembly and in their written papers on the area of Social Teachings in the PC(USA). This concentration within the course will be staffed in cooperation with the Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy (ACSWP).



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Course requirements & fees

To receive academic credit for 1.5 semester hours through San Francisco Theological Seminary (SFTS), student must pay a total of \$750 to SFTS and complete the required journal plus written comments of 3-4 pages on assigned readings in relation to the actions of the General Assembly.

To receive academic credit for 3 semester hours through SFTS, student must pay total of \$1,500 to SFTS and complete the journal, readings, and a 10-15 page paper.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Students enrolled in other PC(USA) seminaries may take advantage of the cross-registration privilege whereby credit fees will not have to be paid to SFTS. (There is a \$350 course participation fee paid to SFTS to cover incidental costs of the course.) See the contact person at your seminary for more details.

The class will have five lunches and may have two Friday evening dinners together, as a group. The costs of the Friday meals will also be charged to the students.

There may be limited space for auditors. Auditors must pay an audit fee of \$500 to SFTS and will be required to keep a journal during their time at General Assembly. Preference in course registration will be given to students taking the course for credit.

Participants must also pay a fee of \$100 to register as an observer for the General Assembly meeting. As a result, at no additional cost, you will have electronic access to the reports of the General Assembly (RGAs) and all floor papers, an official name badge and tote bag, as well as assistance of General Assembly Meeting Services in arranging for housing in Pittsburgh. Upon request, the G.A. Meeting Service will even help you find a roommate.

Assembly accommodations

Students enrolled in this course and registered for the assembly will be eligible for housing in the assembly hotels in Pittsburgh at the GA discounted rates. (Actual amounts will be available early in 2012.) These rooms can be reserved through Assembly Services by completing a housing request form in the GA registration packet, which will be sent to all enrolled students with other information about the assembly by *early March 1, 2012*.

How to register

1. If enrolled in a PC(USA) seminary consult the list below to learn who to contact on campus to: get a copy of the course syllabus; learn about the PC(USA) seminary cross-registration policy which may enable you to receive credit for this course without paying tuition to SFTS (except for the \$350 course participation fee and \$100 General Assembly registration fee); and obtain a course registration form.

– OR –

If enrolled in a non-PC(USA) seminary call Sue Ann Wichman at (909.973.6302), to ask for a course registration form and syllabus. Course information and registration forms will also be available on the SFTS website at www.sfts.edu.

2. Submit the completed course registration form with appropriate payment to Ms. Sue Ann Wichman; Course Registrar; 54 N. Oakland Ave. Pasadena, CA 91101. Checks should be made payable to San Francisco Theological Seminary.

NOTE: The registration deadline is April 15, 2012.

PC(USA) seminary campus contacts

Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary.....	Jacqueline Hefley
Columbia Theological Seminary	Ann Clay Adams
University of Dubuque Theological Seminary	Bradley Longfield
Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary.....	David Gray
McCormick Theological Seminary.....	Christine Vogel
Pittsburgh Theological Seminary	Byron Jackson
Princeton Theological Seminary	Nancy Lammers Gross
San Francisco Theological Seminary.....	Leslie Veen
Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary	Paul Roberts
Union Presbyterian Seminary	Stan Skreslet
Union Presbyterian Seminary/Charlotte.....	Thomas Currie

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Send completed Registration Form and Payment by April 15, 2012 to:

Ms. Sue Ann Wichman
Course Registrar
54 N. Oakland Ave.
Pasadena, CA 91101

Questions regarding the course may be addressed to:

Rob Fohr, Office of Theological Education, PC(USA)
(502) 569-5359
robert.fohr@pcusa.org

REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____ SS# _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Email Address _____

Phone Number(s) _____ Fax _____

Institutional affiliation

- Enrolled in a PC(USA) seminary Name of school _____
- Enrolled in a non-PC(USA) seminary Name of school _____

Not enrolled in a seminary Explain (on reverse side of this page) your current circumstances and needs/desires to participate in the course.

Presbytery affiliation

Name of Presbytery _____

- Under Care as an Inquirer
- Under Care as a Candidate
- Other (explain status in Presbytery) _____

Course enrollment options & fees

Unless prior arrangements have been made, the appropriate fee for the course option selected below is due and payable with submission of your registration form. No student will be registered for the class until their tuition payment and registration form is received at the Office of San Francisco Theological Seminary.

- Audit \$ 500
- 1.5 semester hours credit from SFTS \$ 750
- 3 semester hours credit from SFTS \$ 1500
- Cross registration from another PC(USA) seminary (payable to SFTS) \$ 350

Explanation

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Cost of above option	\$ _____
Other fees for being an observer at the General Assembly and Friday Dinners	\$100
Total payment enclosed (make check payable to SFTS)	\$ _____

NOTE: Those registering for this class will receive General Assembly housing information after March 1, 2012 from the OGA.