



Isaiah 54:2 says, "Enlarge the site of your tent..." Is our Tent large enough for those with no tent or those who stand outside, waiting for hospitality to be offered? Our participants will connect with those working at the grass-roots of our denomination in justice ministries. Listen, learn and share how congregations can be in ministry with persons and families affected by disabilities, mental illness, human trafficking, HIV/AIDS, domestic violence, substance abuse, immigration, child welfare, health disparities... These are ministry, justice, and biblical imperatives! Atlanta, with its deep history of involvement in civil rights, is the perfect landscape to engage in this discussion.

The Big Tent is a celebration of the Presbyterian Church (USA) as 10 conferences of the Church come together in Atlanta. There are some common meal, worship and workshop times, as well as separate conference schedules. Engage the Church in more diverse ways than ever before.

Social Justice Biennial Conference

JUNE 11 – 13, 2009 • Atlanta, GA

S C H E D U L E

Thursday, June 11

12:00 pm	Big Tent Exhibit Hall opens
12:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Registration for Big Tent
6:00 pm – 7:15 pm	Big Tent Dinner (all conferences together)
7:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Big Tent Worship (all conferences together); Anna Carter Florence
8:30 pm – 10:00 pm	PHEWA Welcoming Gathering

Friday, June 12

9:00 am – 10:00 am	Big Tent Worship (all conferences together); Claudio Carvalhaes
10:00 am – 10:30 am	Break
10:30 am – 12:00 pm	Big Tent Common Workshops (all conferences together)
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Big Tent Box Lunch (all conferences together)
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	PHEWA Conversations – Pick up box lunch & visit Parish Nursing or Single Payer/Universal Health Discussions
2:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Off-Site Seminars
2:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Film Festival
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	John Park Lee Award Dinner (Rev. Dr. Johnnie Monroe, honoree) & Worship*
8:30 pm	Network Business Meetings PACT, PHN, PASPM, PAA/PSMIN, PADVN

Saturday, June 13

9:00 am – 10:30 am	Network Business Meetings PDC, PCAN, PARO, PAN
11:00 am – 12:30 pm	PHEWA Workshops
12:30 pm – 2:00 pm	Lunch on your own
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	PHEWA Biennial Business Meeting (Rodney T. Martin Award, Rev. Phil Tom, honoree)
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Big Tent Worship (all conferences together)
6:00 pm – 6:30 pm	Parade to Centennial Park
6:30 pm – 10:00 pm	Big Tent Celebration (all conferences together)

To register: www.pcusa.org/bigtent

To learn more about PHEWA: www.pcusa.org/phewa

* Additional \$20 fee required.



Big Tent Workshops: Friday, June 12, 10:30-12:00

In Her Shoes — An Interactive Simulation about Domestic Violence

Walk in the shoes of women who seek safety from their abusive partners. Follow their real life stories as they leave home and encounter the police, the court, Child Protective Services, the shelter, and maybe...the funeral home. Learn how your congregation can “turn mourning into joy.”

Lost Childhood — Ministering to and with Children & Families Impacted by Mental Illness & Substance Use

One in four children live in an addicted household, and mental health issues impact 25% of adults. What are the best ways to minister to children and families? Learn important information and resources to enhance one's effectiveness in providing optimum care and ministry.

Slavery in Our Time — Human Trafficking (Commercial Sex and Involuntary Labor)

Modern-day slavery thrives along transnational fault lines of extreme poverty, social injustice, corruption, and acts of violence and deprivation. Trafficking undermines virtually every aspect of our collective well-being, including security, economic stability, and spiritual health.

Rebuilding with JUSTICE — New Orleans...4 Years Later

How has Congregation-Based Community Organizing brought the voice of the people to ensure just rebuilding? What have congregations, working together, been able to accomplish? What still needs to be done? WHY IS THIS TAKING SO LONG? Learn the facts from those active on the front lines, beyond the newspaper headlines.

Atlanta's Legacy in the Civil Rights Movement

Atlanta has been called “the cradle of the Civil Rights Movement.” As we visit Atlanta, we need to remember its unique place in history. Who were the people, social organizations, colleges and universities, and faith communities that played a critical role? How do these roots influence the Atlanta of today?

PHEWA Lunch Conversations – Friday, June 12, 12:00-1:30

Pick up your box lunch and join others to discuss Parish Nursing in Your Congregation or Single Payer/Universal Health Plan.

Film Festival – Friday, June 12, 2:30-5:00

PHEWA Off-Site Seminars — Friday, June 12, 2:00-5:00

AIDS Quilt/NAMES Project and Interdenominational Theological Center (ITC)

The AIDS Memorial Quilt is a national cultural phenomenon. The collaborative art project is the premiere symbol of the AIDS Pandemic and a memorial to a generation lost to AIDS. Following the Quilt visit, the trip continues to Interdenominational Theological Center

for a workshop on the HIV/AIDS Pandemic with students and faculty.

Extraordinary Grady — Atlanta's Level 1 Trauma Center
Grady Health System is one of the largest public health systems in the country. With a commitment to the health needs of the underserved, it provides a vital safety net role for the region. We will visit many of Grady's nationally acclaimed services and hear the struggles it faces.

Initiative for Affordable Housing

The Initiative for Affordable Housing provides permanent, affordable housing for families who are homeless and low-income and supportive social services to ensure success. Families and individuals become homeless for a variety of reasons: job loss, healthcare costs, domestic violence, eviction, etc. Experience what one program is doing to help.

PHEWA Workshops: Saturday, June 13, 11:00-12:30

People with Disabilities — In, Yet Still Out; Moving from That All May Enter to That All May Worship

The workshop will include practical case studies and time for small group discussions on actual scenarios where churches did, or didn't, find ways to integrate persons with disabilities into the life of the congregation. Is your church including the 20% of our population with disabilities?

The Big Tent Called “Choice” — Reproductive Health Issues and the Presbyterian Response

Presbyterians in every congregation have been faced with serious concerns from infertility to preventing pregnancy, to STDs, forced sterilization, and problem pregnancies. Christians face choices that impact human lives and relationships. The church responds with respect, compassion, and resources. Let's talk about making choices for reproductive health!

Justice for Our Neighbors — Immigrant Communities

If Congress passes new immigration law, there may be as many as 15 million people who will need legal help. Learn how the Methodist Church is developing immigration clinics and how Presbyterian congregations can be involved. Whether your congregation works through this partnership or not, the model is there for exploration.

Lost Childhood — Ministering to and with Children & Families Impacted by Mental Illness & Substance Use Repeat

Slavery in Our Time — Human Trafficking (Commercial Sex and Involuntary Labor) Repeat

Rebuilding with JUSTICE — New Orleans...4 Years Later Repeat

Other PHEWA events open to all:

PHEWA 10 Network Business Meetings —
Come learn about our grassroots justice ministries.

PHEWA Biennial Business Meeting