

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES GC 2008

Fort Worth, Texas - April 23 – May 2

Volunteer opportunities abound for progressive United Methodists who are committed to justice and are willing/able to attend General Conference in Fort Worth. Once again the Methodist Federation for Social Action (MFSA), the Reconciling Ministries Network (RMN) and Affirmation will be coordinating housing and volunteer activities. Many plans are still being worked out. This form represents a **preliminary indicator** of your interests. **Check as many boxes as apply.** More information will be sent as it becomes available.

ADVOCACY

Prior to GC:

- writing and editing petitions
- developing position papers
- analyzing legislation in DCA (early 2008)

During week one at GC:

- monitor legislative committees
- participate in evening debriefings

During week two of GC:

- monitor progress of legislation as it comes to the plenary session and be available to help with minority reports and/or talking points for progressive delegates.

ISSUES

I am particularly interested in the following issues related to MFSA/RMN/Affirmation ministries:

CELEBRATION/WORSHIP and WITNESS

GC has been shortened by two days and delegates will be working through the weekend, a time when our groups traditionally provide opportunities for special worship and celebration. We are in the process of figuring out how to adjust our schedules to incorporate these activities. Please indicate below if this is an area in which you would like to volunteer and more information will be sent when available.

- participating in witness activities such as the Prayer Witness outside the Convention Center at GC 2004
- helping with worship/celebration activities.

CARE

- Providing pastoral care for volunteers and delegates
- Serving as "go-fers" for delegates including doing laundry, picking up prescriptions

INFORMATION

Interested in:

- gathering information for publications
- writing articles and press releases
- editing
- doing layout
- getting newsletters and other information printed
- blogging
- website

HOSPITALITY and OFFICE COVERAGE

- Helping to prepare and serve breakfast
- Helping to prepare and serve Lunch
- Helping to provide office coverage
- Staffing Hospitality Center (including sale of materials)

NEW VOLUNTEERS

Check here if you've never been to General Conference, would like to volunteer, but need more information. Indicate below the best method to reach you (i.e. by phone, email, etc.)

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Day Phone: _____

Evening Phone: _____

Email: _____

Annual Conference: _____

Primary Affiliation: MFSA RMN Affirmation
 Other _____

Also Affiliated with: MFSA RMN Affirmation
 Other _____

Dates I Plan to Attend:

- Week One on the following dates _____
- Week Two on the following dates _____

Mail to: MFSA, 212 East Capitol Street, NE, Washington, DC, 20003 or **Fax to:** MFSA at 202-546-6811

Email: mfsa@mfsaweb.org

Forms will be forwarded by MFSA to all three coalition groups.