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SFTS alumni will play key roles during PC(USA) General Assembly

SAN ANSELMO, Calif., April 23 – The 219th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in Minneapolis, Minn., July 3-10 will reflect a glimpse into the leadership San Francisco Theological Seminary provides throughout the denomination and ecumenical world.

Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow will conclude his two-year term as Moderator of the 218th General Assembly in Minneapolis. Reyes-Chow (M.Div. '95) is pastor of Mission Bay Community Church in San Francisco, where his ministry focuses on the interests and struggles of the city's young, urban generation.

SFTS graduates will also hold key committee positions, which were selected by Reyes-Chow with the assistance of the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, the Executive Director of the General Assembly Mission Council, the Director of Operations for the Office of the General Assembly, the chairperson of the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly, a member of the General Assembly Committee on Representation, and OGA managers of General Assembly business and assembly services.

Rev. Sharon Stanley (M.Div. '89) will serve as moderator of the Theological Issues and Institutions Committee. Stanley is the founding executive director of Fresno Interdenominational Refugee Ministries, which works with the more than 60,000 refugees in the Fresno area who come from Southeast Asia, Africa, and Slavic countries, and elsewhere.

Rev. Aleida Jernigan (M.Div. '97) will serve as vice moderator of the Bills and Overtures Committee. Jernigan is co-executive presbyter of Cascades Presbytery in Portland, Ore. The 2010 SFTS Distinguished Alumna is scheduled to deliver the charge to the new SFTS graduating class during Commencement exercises on May 22 in San Anselmo.

SFTS is offering an extraordinary learning opportunity for seminarians attending the General Assembly. For seminary students interested in understanding the structure and mission of the PC(USA), SFTS will lead a for-credit course, providing firsthand experience in how the General Assembly meeting works and illuminate issues currently being debated within the denomination.

The course is sponsored by SFTS, the PC(USA) Committee on Theological Education and the Office of General Assembly. The co-leaders will be Dr. David Tomlinson, emeritus professor of SFTS, and Dr. Jack Rogers, former General Assembly moderator and emeritus professor who established SFTS's Southern California campus 20 years ago.

SFTS Interim President Dr. Laird J. Stuart will host a luncheon for SFTS graduates and friends during the General Assembly on Wednesday, July 7, from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the Hilton. The cost is \$30. For further information about the luncheon or to RSVP, please contact Sarah Campbell, director of alumni gifts, at 415-451-2830 or via e-mail at scampbell@sfts.edu.

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