



8 November 2016

Greetings

General Assembly and the Hope Conference are just one week away, and there are a few things I want to remind you about to ensure that our time together in Dunedin is enjoyable and runs smoothly.

Can you please circulate this email in your newsletters and in any other way to members of your parish, presbytery or synod? You can download this email in letter format from "GA Updates" here: http://www.presbyterian.org.nz/sites/public_files/about_us/general_assembly/ga16/8_Nov_GA_Update.pdf

THERE IS STILL TIME TO ENROL (ONLY JUST!)



Today is your last chance to register. Late registrations are accepted up until 5pm today - Tuesday, 8 November, so if you haven't registered already, please do so. Register at <http://www.pcanzassembly.org.nz/enrol> (A late fee now applies for commissioner registrations, however, workshops and streams do not attract a late fee.)

TRANSPORT TO OTAGO UNIVERSITY

This is a friendly reminder that you need to **make your own travel arrangements to get from the airport to the Assembly venue** on arrival in Dunedin. We have organised a discounted fare with Kiwi Shuttles - <http://www.kiwishuttles.co.nz/> - so please take advantage of this. Quote promo discount code "GA2016" when making your booking.

CHECK-IN ON ARRIVAL

We need to know you've arrived, and you need to collect important items like voting cards (if you are a commissioner) and information about your accommodation and meals. **Please check-in at Arana College, which will be open between 1-5pm on Tuesday, 15 November.** Check the venue map - <http://www.pcanzassembly.org.nz/venue> - if you're not sure where to go.

If you are attending the ministers' training day, check-in at the Knox Centre for Ministry and Leadership, and after Tuesday, check-in is available at the office in the St David's Lecture Theatre complex.

POWHIRI AND OPENING WORSHIP



Assembly kicks off with a powhiri and worship, including induction of the new moderator (me!). This will be held from 7:00-8:30pm at Knox Church, George Street, Dunedin (pictured), which is a short walk from the Assembly venue – Otago University. Shuttles will be available for those who prefer, and these will leave from Arana College at around 6:30pm.

SERVE THE CITY

This year at Assembly we are making an effort to leave something practical with the city, so on Thursday, 17 November at 3.30pm we are asking all commissioners to voluntarily give an hour and a half to a small project around Dunedin.

One of our service project options is at Bayfield High School and 50 people are required. You will help to create a colourful mural on a large wooden fence. Other projects include picking up rubbish from around several Dunedin parks and pinning white ribbons on some fences to create a lasting tribute to victims of domestic violence. Please bring some old work clothes to Assembly so that you may participate if you wish.

There are limited numbers for some projects and places will be allocated on a first-in basis, so **please select your preferred project when you check-in.**

We understand that it may not be possible for some commissioners to participate, but if you are able-bodied and can contribute, I encourage you to give time to these projects and come prepared.

The Church is so often criticised for not contributing anything practical to society. I want to provide some evidence that this is simply not the case, so please join with us in serving the city.

PRAY FOR ASSEMBLY

Please continue to pray for us as we prepare to welcome you to Dunedin. The Local Arrangements Committee is working very hard to make this a great stay for you and a time of real renewal. We need your prayers as we continue to work toward what will be a great time together. I am involved with a prayer vigil on Sunday, 13 November to pray for Assembly. If you are in Dunedin, please join us at 4:00pm at Knox Church.

Thank you for your prayers.

God bless



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