

**ORIENTATION FOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMISSIONERS**  
**Synod of Lincoln Trails – Synod of Mid-America – Synod of Lakes and Prairies**  
**Saturday, May 12, 2012**  
**Hilton Garden Inn – Merrillville, IN**  
**and**  
**Saturday, May 19, 2012**  
**Southminster Presbyterian Church – Kansas City, MO**  
**10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. CDT**  
(“Live streaming” will be offered only on May 19)

Leadership: Carol McDonald, Executive, Synod of Lincoln Trails  
Landon Whitsett, Executive, Synod of Mid-America and Vice Moderator, 219<sup>th</sup> General  
Assembly, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

- 10:00 a.m.      Welcome – Carol and Landon  
                    Introductions, Opening Prayers -- Landon
- What questions are you bringing to this orientation? -- Landon
- 10:45 a.m.      What to Expect at General Assembly -- Carol
- Election of Moderator -- Landon
- 2012 candidates – video moments with each
- Robert Austell, teaching elder from Charlotte Presbytery
  - Randy Branson, teaching elder from Palo Duro Presbytery
  - Janet Edwards, teaching elder from Pittsburgh Presbytery
  - Neal Presa, teaching elder from Elizabeth Presbytery
  - Susan Davis Krummel, teaching elder from Great Rivers Presbytery, Synod of Lincoln Trails
- Process for Election -- Landon
- Worship at the Assembly -- Carol
- Assigned Seating -- Carol
- Working in Assembly Committees -- Carol
- What you can expect – Carol
- 12:00 p.m.      Lunch – sitting with your presbytery’s group: talk about
- Where are you staying?
  - Which of your staff persons will be there? And where will they be staying?
  - How will you stay in touch with each other?
  - Are there any special needs about each other that you need to know? Allergies? Concerns back home it would be helpful to know about?
- 12:50 p.m.      Working with PC-Biz – Landon

Issues before the 219<sup>th</sup> General Assembly - Carol and Landon

- Election of the Stated Clerk
- Issues particular to this region

Committee Round Tables on Wednesday morning - Carol

What to Expect from Plenary Sessions – Landon and Carol

2:30 p.m. Additional Information and Invitations -- Carol

Getting Ready – what do you still want and need to know?

Closing Prayers and Departure -- Landon