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News from General Synod

Thirty-One delegates, family and visitors from PSEC traveled to Baltimore, Maryland for the 31st national gathering of the United Church of Christ. Things you need to know include:



Three Great Loves Officially Announced and Kicked Off

"What is Three Great Loves? It is a call to the love of children, to the love of neighbor, and to the love of creation," Dorhauer told the gathering on Saturday morning, July 1. "During the next biennium, we want to discover what an entire denomination committed to Three Great Loves can do to change the world."



PSEC General Synod Delegation

The Shaping our Future Campaign-- A capital campaign to support the ministry of the Office of General Minister and President specifically for:
 1. Tech support (via Mission inside and Zoom) 2. To develop a market strategy campaign (Three Great Loves) and 3. Shift our church culture toward entrepreneurial and Innovative leadership. It's a three-year campaign that will kick off in September with \$2 million in pledges already committed.

Delegates debated 21 resolutions including

Environmental Imperatives for a New Moral Era "The climate crisis is an opportunity for which the church was born," said Rev. Jim Antal, president and conference minister for the Massachusetts Conference United Church of Christ, and the author of the resolution. "This sets the stage for engagement and hope. This is a proclamation of truth and the love of God's gift."



PSEC had a significant leadership presence including (but not limited to):

Rev. Kim Kendrick who preached an awesome closing worship sermon
 Rev. John Folk and Rev. Kim Berenotto helped coordinate and lead the General Synod Youth Event

Beth Walker's hard work on the UCC Constitution and By-laws amendments were finally adopted.

Rev. Cean James participated in closing worship and presented the resolution changes on corporal punishment

Revs. Matt and Becky Hoover helped facilitate a robust General Synod Child Care program

Rev. Steve Ohnsman played his own post Plenary Meeting jam session

Rev. Bill Worley who facilitated a conversation at a hearing on the new Manual on Ministry.

Charlotte Gosselink was recognized for having moderated the 18th General Synod June 1991 in Norfolk, Virginia.

As well as several PSEC delegates who spoke from the floor of Synod on various issues.



PSEC Youth at General Synod