

COMMITTEES AND COORDINATORS

Local Arrangements Committee

Co-chairs: Sue Butler Woodward (sbwoodward@mymailstation.com)
Jonathan Lee (pastor@rhccucc.org)

Hospitality

Co-chairs: Bonnie Bardot (rev.up@snet.net)
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Operations

Chair: Charles Miles (charles.miles@ge.com)
Vice-Chair: Mike Novak (m.novak@comcast.net)

Environment and Design

Chair: Brenda Pelc-Faszczka (therevbpf@comcast.net)

Heritage and History

Chair: Ralph Ahlberg (ralphahlberg@comcast.net)

AT THE AIRPORT

Arrival & Welcome -

Chair: Paige Besse-Rankin (wuccpastor@sbcglobal.net) phone

These volunteers welcome those arriving in Hartford by air on Thursday and Friday.

There will be a table set up on the concourse to welcome and answer basic questions for the delegates, guests and visitors.

AT THE HOTELS

Arrivals –

Chair: Susan Waldron (swaldron01@snet.net)

These volunteers will be stationed on Thursday and Friday in the lobbies of the Hartford area hotels that are registered with the General Synod. They will have general information to help answer questions about shuttle bus schedules, etc.

Registration for the General Synod at the various hotels -

Co-chairs: Peggy Wright (pwchoir@aol.com)

Hannah Howe (hhowe.ucct@snet.net)

On Thursday night and all day Friday, each hotel will have a registration table for delegates and visitors staying there. Upon arrival, guests will show a coupon they have received from the UCC. This coupon, along with nametags and meal tickets, were mailed to delegates ahead of time. It will tell whether they are fully registered. If so, they will receive a tote bag, official nametag holder, and other materials. If they are only signed up for Synod in the City, they will get a badge that they will wear at all times.

AT THE CIVIC CENTER

Greeters

Co-chairs: David Kingsbury (solardek@netzero.net)

Barbara J. Libby (BarbLibby@aol.com)

These volunteers will be stationed at the outside doors and escalators to give a warm welcome as the delegates and visitors arrive. They will be stationed at or near all the exits to the Civic Center main floor to direct and assist as needed. Volunteers will be ushers in the arena, especially for those who are elderly or may have a disability.

Welcome Table

Co-Chairs: Cindy Maddox (pastor@kingstchurch.org)

Linda Scott (lldscott@hotmail.com)

Located in the Civic Center, the Welcome Table volunteers will assist with questions about schedules, basic information about restaurants, entertainment, medical building locations, lost and found, message board, Band-Aids, and anything to do with the area around the Civic Center, etc.

Registration Table at the Civic Center

Co-Chairs: Peggy Wright (pwchoir@aol.com)

Hannah Howe (hhowe.ucct@snet.net)

At this location, we will assist those who registered after the deadline of May 8th those not staying at Synod hotels, no matter when they registered, and all registration-related concerns throughout the Synod. National staff will assist our volunteers at this location, so this will be *Registration Central*.

Information Table at the Civic Center

Chair: Hans Hoznagel (**not sure about this**)

This table will have materials available about the Synod program itself.

Transportation

Chair: Don Mitchell (revnmr@comcast.net)

Volunteers at the Civic Center will be available to:

- 1) Provide information about transportation to and from the General Synod meeting site.
- 2) Direct Synod attendees to the appropriate transportation on Friday and Saturday evenings for the return trip to their respective hotels.
- 3) Liaison with shuttle company providing bus service between meeting site and hotels.
- 4) Provide information about parking at the meeting site.
- 5) Assist Special Needs Sub-committee with arranging and providing transportation for people with disabilities.
- 6) Provide other transportation-related information or assistance to other committees or subcommittees on an as-needed basis.

DURING GENERAL SYNOD MEETINGS

VIP Hospitality

Chair: Gina Finocchiaro (GFinocchiaro@fccmadison.org)

This Committee will work with VIPs attending Synod as presenters, denominational officers, etc. They will assist with driving from the airport to the Hilton Hotel and will act as liaisons for presenters Friday through Tuesday, and especially on Saturday during Synod in the City.

Floor Stewards

Chair: Sue Dickerman (dickermans@macucc.org)

These volunteers are essential to the effectiveness of Synod business. During the business portions of General Synod, floor stewards are the on-site officials designated to count votes, respond to requests from plenary leaders, and to ensure that delegates and officers are provided necessary documents,

Youth Stewards

Co-Chairs:

John Hudson (pastorjohn@westconcordunionchurch.org)

Kim Hoare (khoare@firstchurch1652.org)

T. Michael Rock (tmichael@robbinsdaleucc.org)

These youth volunteers from Connecticut churches work on the floor during plenary sessions, Friday through Tuesday. They will work with a male and female advisor and stay at the University of Hartford.

Child Care & Children's Programs

Chair: Marcia Eveland (McayuseE@aol.com)

These programs will run Friday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday at Christ Church Cathedral, adjacent to the Civic Center. Volunteers will provide supervision and resources for safe and fun programming and will interface with parents. Volunteers have undergone appropriate background checks.

Special Needs

Co-Chairs: Karen Peiffer (revkarenpeiffer@sbcglobal.com)

Ann Marino (amarino_767@msn.com)

This committee oversees a Special Needs table and provides scooters, wheelchairs and sign language interpreters for delegates and visitors.

Prayer Chapel

Co-Chairs: Jim Silver (revjs13@sbcglobal.net)

Bill Hawley (hawleybill@aol.com)

Since there is no actual prayer chapel, this will be a mobile unit! The committee will attend to prayer requests and spiritual needs of the delegates and visitors to Synod.

Cookies

Co-Chairs: Margie Kreitler (margiekreitler@sbcglobal.net)

Melanie Enfield (jtinkham@cox.net)

This committee oversees the donation of 14,000 dozen cookies from local churches. Volunteers oversee the “Cookie Room” down in the basement of the Civic Center.

SUPPORT SERVICES

Office Support

Chair: Jill Shaw (gmsaw@juno.com)

Volunteers and staff will create and revise documents, duplicate and collate reports, and do other general office tasks.

Logistics and Communications

Chair: Bob Inderbitzen (bobmike@cox.net)

During Synod, this group will help with distributing information, sending messages, and communicating by radio. The team operates several computers and oversees an online database to help manage and organize volunteers and volunteer scheduling. We coordinate communications with the Local Arrangements Committee and volunteers.

Technology

Chair: Alan Thompson (apt41@comcast.net)

The Technology Committee provides computer support, office machine support, and AV support to Synod volunteers. We provide base-level setup and troubleshooting support, calling in designated contractors as required. In addition we provide assistance to users of a web-based volunteer management application, including coaching and report generation.

ENVIRONMENT & DESIGN

Chair: Brenda Pelc-Faszczka (therevbpf@comcast.net)

Much of the welcoming atmosphere of General Synod begins with the visual environment of the plenary hall and related venues. This subcommittee works with planners from the national offices to ensure that the worship and business environments during Synod are appealing and inspiring. This committee procures materials for stage and set designs, works to maintain thematic visual consistency in all Synod venues, coordinates volunteer ushers and Communion servers, and attends to the many details of design associated with a large-scale worship and business event.

VOLUNTEER SHIRTS & LODGINGS

Volunteer Shirts

Chairs: Patti Buccheri (ucc_tees@yahoo.com)

Bonnie Bardot (rev.up@snet.net)

This group oversees the design, production and distribution of the golf shirts for volunteers to wear during Synod.

Volunteer Lodgings

Chair: Nancy Normen (NanANor@aol.com)

Coordinates lodging for volunteers in homes of local church members

SYNOD IN THE CITY

Event Planner: Betsy McHaley (bmchaley@eahofler.com)

Volunteer Coordinators: Donna Cassity (healthychurches@comcast.net)

Diane Ciba (Diciba@aol.com)

Dolores Szyszko (dolchar@juno.net)

Volunteers for this special event will welcome, assist and direct at the various venues where Synod in the City events are taking place. These include Bushnell Park, Civic Center (Arena and Assembly Hall), Capital College, Center Church, Christ Church, Hilton Ballroom, Crowne Plaza Ballroom, 960 Main and Market St.

HARTFORD - HERITAGE AND HISTORY

Chair: Ralph Ahlberg (ralphahlberg@comcast.net)

The Heritage and History subcommittee is tasked with publicizing and educating Synod delegates and visitors about the rich religious past of Connecticut and its churches. This work happens primarily through design and launch of a website of ongoing local events, opportunities and resources, as well as through planned offerings during Synod. The work of this Committee encourages those attending Synod - those from outside New England especially - to come early and stay late.