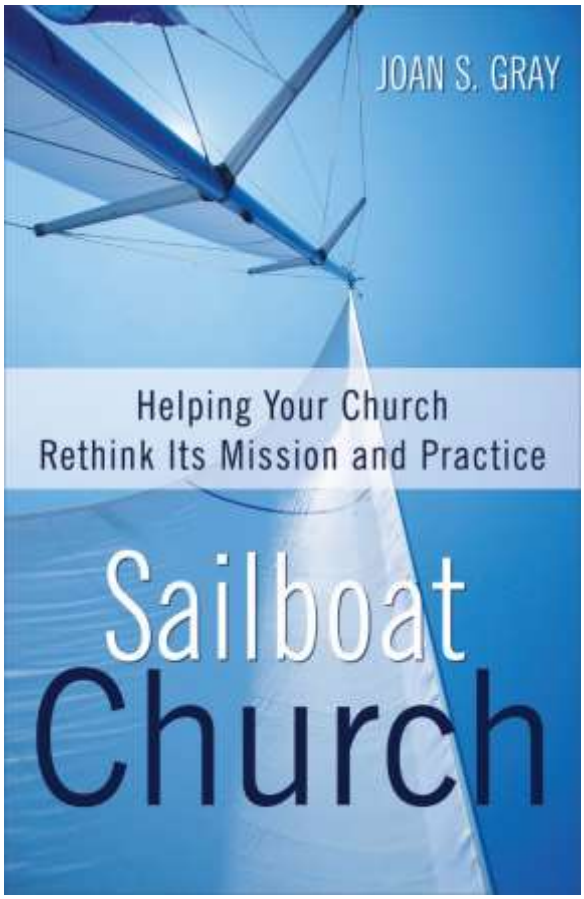
Join us at our

29th Annual Conference

Association of Smaller Congregations

Synod of the South Atlantic Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)



May 2-4, 2015

Sailboat Church:

Helping Your Church Rethink Its Mission & Practice

Keynote: Joan S. Gray

Music: Rev. Ed Ayers

Place: Epworth-by-the-Sea
St. Simons Island, GA

Joan S. Gray is a teaching elder living in Atlanta, Georgia. The moderator of the 217th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), she is the author or coauthor of several books including *Spiritual Leadership for Church Officers* and *Presbyterian Polity for Church Leaders, Fourth Edition*, with Joyce C. Tucker.

The **Association of Smaller Congregations** (ASC) was organized in 1987 to serve congregations in Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina having fewer than 200 members. The group seeks in their conferences to lift up these smaller congregations, offering them tools and support, promoting their unique strengths and needs, and providing opportunities for fellowship, education, creative thinking and sharing. For more information and registration find us online and join the conversation on Facebook.

www.presbyasc.org

Workshops

How High Do You Want to Fly? – Ray Anglin
This workshop will help participants consider how to catch the wind and help their churches achieve goals and overcome obstacles. How can a smaller congregation avoid stagnation and even grow?

He Who Controls the Wind – Carl & Gina Lammers
Explore the person of Jesus and how focusing on him can help your church live more fully into its calling. This workshop will explore John's seven "I am" statements and what they say about our Lord and Savior, the head of the Church.

Prayer as the Mainsail – Mary Beene
Joan Gray writes about prayer: "If a church is to sail, there must be…sailors." And "Sailing begins with praying." This workshop will look at Joan's 40 days of prayer as well as other prayer techniques that can help your church sail.

Sailboat Church – Joan Gray
Continue the discussion from our keynote address. How do the ideas of rethinking mission and practice make sense in your congregation?

MIssional Track: Nearly three billion people are living on less than two dollars a day. This track, under the leadership of Herb Coddington and others, will explore together what it means to respond constructively to the poor in our local context as well as in global missions**. Pre-registration is required; please indicate your interest on the registration form**. Upon registration the book, When Helping Hurts: How to Alleviate Poverty without Hurting the Poor… and Yourself, will be sent to you. Participants will meet together several times during the conference including one workshop period. Our first meeting will be over dinner on Monday evening.

Conference Schedule **(subject to change)**

Monday

2:00-4:00 pm	Registration
4:00-5:00 pm	Welcome & Icebreakers
5:00-600 pm	Supper
6:00pm	Music & Prayers
6:55pm	Prayer Circles

Tuesday

7:00-8:20 am	Breakfast
8:20-8:30 am	Gathering Music
8:30-8:45 am	Announcements & Prayers
8:45-10:15 am	Keynote Address
10:20-10:30am	Group pictures
10:35-11:50	Workshop I
12:00-1:00pm	Lunch
1:10-1:40pm	Prayer Circles
1:45-3:00pm	Workshop II
3:00- til	Optional Activities
5:00-6:00pm	Dinner at Epworth

Wednesday

7:00-8:00 am	Breakfast
8:10–8:40am	Closing Prayer Circles
8:45-10:00am	Workshop III
10:00-10:30am	Check-out
10:30-10:45am	Business Meeting
11:00-12:00pm	Worship & Celebration of the Lord's Supper
12:00 noon	Lunch

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Registration Information & Form

Catch the wind with us May 2-4, 2016 at Epworth by the Sea at St. Simon's Island as we explore this year's conference theme with Keynote speaker Joan S. Gray.

Conference Cost

Costs, unless otherwise noted, include:
Conference fees, lodging and 6 meals.

Pitts and Booth (more centrally located)
Double Room: $ 125 per person
Single Room: $ 210 per person

Robertson building (newer, w/ bayside view)
Double Room: $ 145.00 per person
Single Room: $ 235.00 per person

Commuting: $ 65.00 per person
(No room/no meals; meals can be purchased individually from Epworth)

It is the registrant's responsibility to assure full payment before registration can be confirmed or secured. You may visit our website to pay online with your credit card through our PayPal account.

Cancellation policy is as follows:
More than two weeks' notice: full refund
Less than two weeks notice: full, less $75;
Less than 72 hours notice: no refund.

Check with your presbytery to determine availability of scholarships for conference registration cost.

The deadline for registration is Wednesday, April 13, 2016.

ASC Conference Registration Form

May 2-4, 2016

MISSIONAL TRACK ATTENDEE- YES _____ NO _____

You must mark YES above if you are attending the NEW Missional Track so we can send you the book to read ahead of time.

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Church: _____ Presbytery: _____

Preferred Phone: _____ Alternate Phone: _____

Email: _____

Are you willing to share contact information with other attendees? Yes ___ No ___

Double Room _____ or Single Room _____

P & B Lodging _____ Robertson lodging _____ Commuting _____

Special Needs: Handicapped Room [ ] 1st Floor [ ] Close to Meeting Room [ ]

Roommate Preference: _____
(Roommate assigned if double room with no preference)

Amount enclosed: $ _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Make checks payable to "ASC".

Detach and mail this form with check by April 10th to:

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