

Association of Smaller Congregations

Synod of South Atlantic PC (USA)



28th Annual Conference

*“New Creation
through Spiritual Growth & Prayer”*

“So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:
everything old has passed away; see, everything has
become new! “ (2 Cor. 5: 17)

May 4-6, 2015

**Epworth by the Sea
St. Simons Island, GA**

History and Goals

The Association of Smaller Congregations (ASC) of the Synod of South Atlantic, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) was organized in April 1987 by a group of visionaries led by the late Rev. Foster Edwards, a Presbyterian minister in the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta.

This group sought to create an organization which would:

- *encourage and support smaller congregations,*
- *promote awareness of the unique strengths and needs of smaller congregations,*
- *provide opportunities for fellowship, education, and creative thinking and sharing between smaller congregations, and*
- *facilitate communication between churches, presbyteries, and governing bodies.*

All churches and their members within the ecclesiastical bounds of the Synod of South Atlantic, having 200 or fewer members are considered as members of the ASC.

It is the hope of every member of the board that our organization will serve to support the life and ministry of the smaller congregations in the Synod of the South Atlantic. We hope to do this through worship, fellowship, education and prayer for the people of these congregations and for their pastors.

Visit our website at www.presbyasc.org for more information.

General Information

ASC website: www.presbyasc.org

Emergency Contact Number while at Conference: 912-638-8688

Location Address: 100 Arthur J. Moore Dr, St. Simons Island, Ga. 31522

Directions to Epworth

St. Simons Island is 80 miles from Savannah, GA and Jacksonville, FL., 12 miles from I-95. After reaching Brunswick, Georgia, take the F. J. Torras Causeway to St. Simons Island. At the end of the causeway stay in the left lane and continue around the roundabout to Sea Island Road. Go straight through the traffic light, staying on Sea Island Road. Turn left at the first street marked Hamilton Road and then right onto Arthur J. Moore Drive. Epworth by the Sea is now a wireless internet campus.

To register for the conference, please see attached form or visit our website to register online. You may also visit our website to pay online with your credit card through PayPal.

Keynote: *Engaging in God's Mission*



Keynote Speaker: David Loleng

Rev. David Loleng has over 20 years of ministry experience in Presbyterian Churches, most recently as a pastor in a Presbyterian church in Southern California for nearly 9 years. He was called to be the Associate for Evangelism for the PCUSA Presbyterian Mission Agency in January of 2010. He is co-author of the Engage Resource, the Engage Curriculum and the Engage Online Training Course. Dave has presented at conferences, camps, synods, presbyteries, retreats and churches nationally about evangelism, discipleship, missional life and culture. Dave is married and has two young children. Dave's hobbies include book collecting, and taking long walks...to the refrigerator.



Conference Schedule

Monday

2:00-4:00 pm	Registration
4:00-5:00 pm	Welcome & Icebreakers
5:00-6:00 pm	Supper
6:00 pm	Music & Prayers
6:40 pm	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
10:20-10:30 am	Group pictures
10:35-11:50	Workshop I
12:00-1:00 pm	Lunch
1:10-1:40 pm	Prayer Circles
1:45-3:00 pm	Workshop II
3:00- til	Optional Activities
5:00-6:00 pm	Dinner at Epworth

Wednesday

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

Workshops

Being a Catalytic Converter

How do you spark change in a smaller congregation? How can you be a catalyst for spiritual growth – it is a different model than simply being a leader or a follower? Consider what your role is as a “catalytic converter” in your church.

The Old, Old Story in a New Key

How we tell the good news matters. Can we tell the story of Jesus Christ in new ways that reach people in today's world? It doesn't necessarily take a change in worship style or songs, but it may take a change in how we understand the story ourselves.

What's the Difference?

Sanctification is an old church-y word that few people use anymore. But the idea can make all the difference in our spiritual development and evangelism. How are we set apart as Christians? What does it look like to be different – do people notice you? Are you doing new things in a new way? Come explore how it makes a difference when you call yourself a follower of Jesus.

Keynote Workshop - Being the Church in the "New Normal"

We all know that the world around us has and continues to change. Our reaction has often been to ask, “how can we do church better?” But the answer is not to simply improve what we are doing but to ask, “how can we be the church in a new and different way?” This workshop will look at the four shifts that our congregations can make to be more effective in our changing cultural landscape.

Missional Track: Living as a Missionary in a Rapidly Changing World

We will explore together what it means for us individually and for our churches to live as missionaries in our local communities and beyond. Upon registration you will receive two books, *Starting Missional Churches* and *A Field Guide for Everyday Mission: 30 Days and 101 Ways to Demonstrate the Gospel*. Interested attendees will meet over Monday night dinner, a workshop period and noon meal on Tuesday.