



Great New Location!



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Dear Colleagues in Ministry,

We are delighted to announce that we have secured a new superb location for the **3rd National Pastors' Sabbath**. It will take place at the **Sawgrass Marriott Resort and Spa** located in sunny and warm Ponte Vedra Beach near Jacksonville, Florida. Known as "the ultimate meeting retreat," the resort offers a world-class spa, 99 holes of championship golf, sandy beaches, and 350 acres of lakes and ponds. The dates stay the same: April 17-20, 2009. Registration fees also stay the same, and our rate for lodging at the resort is only \$119/night. Please read more.

With a great location and excellent speakers and preachers like Walter Brueggemann, J. Herbert Nelson, and Frances Taylor Gench, the upcoming 3rd National Pastors' Sabbath promises to be a great event! The Sabbath will offer our pastors an opportunity for rest and spiritual renewal.

The planning team, composed of parish ministers supported by staff from the six agencies of the PC(USA), is working on the success of the two previous national pastors' Sabbath events. The theme will be, "***My presence will go with you...and I will give you rest.***" It is a message that brought hope and encouragement to the people of God during exile. It speaks of the power and majesty of a faithful God who never faints or grows weary, a God who delivers God's people.

With all the challenges that our pastors and congregations face, it may seem as though we are living in exile times. This pastors' Sabbath will provide time for rest and relaxation, celebration and worship, spiritual growth and renewal—all centered in the reality of God's grace and peace.

Registration is now open for all who are actively serving PC(USA) congregations, middle governing bodies, and other related ministries.

Will you please forward this letter to the pastors in your presbytery, and also help us spread the word about this opportunity at your next presbytery meeting? Also, please include this information in your presbytery's newsletters and email, and consider adding a link to our Web site (www.pcusa.org/pastorsabbath). If you have any questions, please contact GA Meeting Service at (888)728-7228, ext. 2417 or at gameetingservice@pcusa.org.

Thank you for helping us to promote this event that holds the potential to be life transforming for our pastors and congregations.

In Christ's service,

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