

## ITEM F.202 FOR INFORMATION

### Report on the 2019 Presbyterian Youth Triennium

The 2019 Presbyterian Youth Triennium was held at Purdue University, July 16 – 20, 2019, with a significant pre-event preparation time prior to the event for the PYT “staff” (volunteers and leaders). Approximately 4,100 participants attended the event with the 2019 theme “Here’s My Heart.” Highlights of the event included five dynamic worship services – each focused on a daily sub-theme that were derived from the hymn, “Come Thou Font.” Preachers included: Reverend Sera Chung; Reverend Sandra Van Opstel; Reverend David Gambrell; Reverend Johan Daza; and Reverend CC Armstrong. Worship and other events were musically guided by the PYT House Band for 2019 – The Nettletons. The Nettletons included Presbyterian clergy, mid council leaders, lay and guest members. There were 65 Global Partners – youth and adults from Reformed and partner churches around the world who attended PYT. Countries represented included: Indonesia, Japan, Taiwan, Hungary, Mexico, Dominican Republic, and Columbia. A large group of college-age young adults also attended PYT in order to serve the event. The PYT Workcrew included young adults from a vast number of presbyteries – 75 workcrew and their adult leader team worked diligently behind the scenes, in the heat, throughout the event to provide excellence and assistance to the Production Team. PYT was pleased to offer 20 Interest Groups – workshops led mostly by PMA staff and programs. Also included in the event were small groups, a lively exhibit hall, a very popular prayer center, and delegation group gatherings. PYT welcomed the American Indian Youth Council, a song and dance group made up of Indonesian Global Partners and the nationally known choir, “The Soul Children of Chicago.” There are numerous stories written by the PMA Communications staff and the Presbyterian News Service. These can be viewed and read on the Triennium website: [www.presbyterianyouthtriennium.org](http://www.presbyterianyouthtriennium.org)

A “PYT Highlights” DVD and shorter promotional DVD is currently being created and should be available by early October. It is the hope of the PYT team to offer the video digitally to those who wish to purchase it. An event evaluation/survey was added to the PYT website on Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup> and will be available for participants through early September. PYT staff and coordinators will consider the evaluation feedback as they prepare to close the book on 2019 and look toward 2022 Triennium.

At the time of this report, the final bill from Purdue has not been received. This generally happens in late October. PYT staff are in the process of closing out the expense reimbursements, contract payments, vendor payments and various special event budget transactions. The original SE Budget was built with the hope of having \*4,300 participants. Expenses and revenue were initially calculated with this figure in mind. Actual paid participant numbers were lower than expected (approximately 3,900 paid participants). Expenses were reduced accordingly before the event. It is important to note that most supplies had already been purchased due to quantity demands, planning, and timeline. What adjustments could be made, were made. In the SE budget, the “participant fees” line decreased with the actual numbers – so do expense lines such as lodging/meals, conference fee. There is some automatic adjustment built into the budgeting process overseen by the PYT Table. After careful analysis and consulting with financial staff, we are confident that our expenses are in-line with our revenue.

\*The number of paying participants is a calculated guess/best guess, looking at prior event attendance, and what is happening the summer of the planned event.