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Dear Church Leaders in The Synod of the Southwest,

This summer the Presbyterian Church (USA) will gather in Pittsburgh for our 220th General Assembly. In view of this, The Synod of the Southwest is offering a **General Assembly Mission Experience (G.A.M.E.) 2012** for students currently in grades 7-12 from the Presbyteries of de Cristo, Grand Canyon, Santa Fe, and Sierra Blanca.

In Gil Rendle's book, *Journey in the Wilderness: New Life for Mainline Churches*, he writes, "The purpose of the church is to change people's lives through an encounter with the truth of Christ, an awareness of the immanent incarnation of God, and a sense of grace that sustains life. To bring such change to the disparate people who live in the new mission field, the church in all of its forms will need to hold its strategies loosely enough to allow the mission field to change the church (p 80)." The Synod of the Southwest is offering students and adult chaperones (each Presbytery must have 1 adult chaperone for every 4 students in each Presbytery) an opportunity to experience a shared story of purpose and identity that can change their lives as participants encounter the truth of Christ in worship and business at the General Assembly, and encounter a sense of grace as they serve in various mission projects within the communities of Pittsburgh and Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

There are only 40 spaces available for the G.A.M.E. 2012 experience July 2-13 at a cost of \$450.00 per participant. Even though the Synod has already made this a great deal by financially supporting the event to bring the cost down from \$850.00 to \$450.00, we know this will still be a limitation for some participants. Because of this we encourage Presbyteries and Congregations to find ways to help interested students and leaders with opportunities for fundraising, and also to consider scholarship support to enable their participation. We want G.A.M.E. 2012 to represent the diversity that makes the Synod of the Southwest unique.

If you have any questions please contact Rev. Harold Armstrong Synod of the Southwest G.A.M.E. 2012 coordinator.

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Grace & Peace,

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