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The focus of my Jeremiah Journal this month is to introduce our 2019 General Assembly at Cherry Creek Presbyterian Church in Denver. This year's GA will take place Tuesday through Friday, June 18th to the 21st.

My friend Brad Strait is the Lead Pastor of Cherry Creek. His three-minute invitation video says it better than I can. Here's Brad:

Hello, brothers and sisters of the EPC. I am Brad Strait, Lead Pastor of Cherry Creek Presbyterian Church, and I need to invite you into a quandary. You see, I have this quandary, and the quandary is this: I want you to stop this next June and be with us.

I know you have full plates, you have lots going on, but GA this summer in Denver is going to be amazing. First of all, if you've never been to Denver in June you don't know what perfect weather is. For those of you on the East Coast: no bugs, no heavy humidity; it's just a great place to hang out. The mountains call in the distance, and we just are experiencing beautiful, beautiful weather in June so I hope you come there and you stop all the other stuff and take break and come out and recoup and recharge.

Now my quandary is this: the theme of the General Assembly this year is "Unstoppable." And I'm afraid that's the truth about most of us, that we feel so valuable, so critical, so important that we're never really stoppable. Interruptible.

And we really are hoping is that we will come together, we will stop, and be unstoppable in prayer. That's the focus this year is that we will get together and learn from some amazing people about prayer and we'll get a chance to pray together.

Our speaker this year is Andrew Brunson. Most of you are aware we've been praying for Andrew for a long time because he was imprisoned in Turkey. He was released a few months ago and so he and his wife will be here to share with us the whole process of prayer from a prison cell in Turkey. I'm just amazed at what God has done and I don't want you to be left out.



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It strikes me that Jesus always was interruptible. He was always stoppable in the sense that He was available for people. He found places and times to stop and be with people. But you know, He also found places and time to stop and pray. Early in the morning, late at night, it became part of the rhythm of His life.

So tell your elders, tell your Session, tell your friends, tell your spouse, “I really need to get together and pray with my brothers and sisters in the EPC this summer, and hear from Andrew an encouraging tale of how prayer makes us ‘Unstoppable.’” I hope you’ll come to Denver. Have a great day!

Brad highlighted Andrew Brunson as our featured speaker. Andrew will lead our morning plenary session on Wednesday, and deliver the sermon in our Thursday evening worship service. This is the service when we commission our newest World Outreach global workers.

Norine Brunson will be the featured speaker at our Ministry Wives Luncheon on Thursday.

Other special speakers include Doug Webster, an EPC Teaching Elder who has written a number of books on prayer, and Léonce Crump, pastor of Renovation Church in Atlanta, Georgia. Renovation is a multi-cultural, urban church, and our Revelation 7:9 Task Force has been talking to them about their ministry as part of their work.

As Brad said, a key goal of our annual Assembly is to come together to worship—and this year especially—to pray. We also get together to enjoy the rich bond of spiritual connection we enjoy in the EPC, to be inspired and equipped for more effective ministry, and of course, to do the business we need to conduct as a denomination.

We continue to add details about this year’s GA to our website as we work toward online registration opening on April 1. I hope to see you in Denver this summer!

God bless you and remember, He is risen!