

## MILLER SUMMER YOUTH INSTITUTE GOES TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY



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Tuition, room, board, and field trips for SYI participants are free thanks in part to the Lilly Endowment Inc. and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary donors. For more information about the Miller Summer Youth Institute, contact Davenport at 412-924-1405, e-mail <a href="mailto:syi@pts.edu">syi@pts.edu</a> or visit <a href="www.pts.edu">www.pts.edu</a>/SYI.

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