

**48th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
PRE-ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE AND DOCKET**

Presbyterian Church in America
America's Center Convention Complex
St. Louis, MO • June 28-July 2, 2021
(FIRST DRAFT)

PRE-ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE

Monday, June 28, 2021

- 9:00 a.m.** Commissioner Registration Open
- 11:00 a.m.** Briefing for Overtures Committee
- 12:00 noon** Lunch on your own
- 1:00 p.m.** Overtures Committee Meeting begins
- 5:00 p.m.** Commissioner Registration Closed

Tuesday, June 29, 2021

- 7:00 a.m.** Commissioner Registration Open
- 8:00 a.m.** Briefing for Committees of Commissioners
- 9:00 a.m.** Meetings of the Committees of Commissioners begin:
- Administrative Committee
 - Committee on Discipleship Ministries
 - Covenant College
 - Covenant Theological Seminary
 - Interchurch Relations
 - Mission to North America
 - Mission to the World
 - PCA Foundation
 - Ridge Haven
 - Reformed University Fellowship
 - Retirement and Benefits
- Noon** Meeting of AC/Board of Directors
- Briefing of Floor Clerks
- 2:00 p.m.** Committee on Constitutional Business (if necessary)
- 2:30 – 4:25 p.m.** Seminars
- 2:30 – 3:20 p.m. First Session
 - 3:35- 4:25 p.m. Second Session

Tuesday, June 29, 2021 (continued)

5:00 p.m. Commissioner Registration Closed
Pre-Assembly Prayer Meeting

PROPOSED DOCKET

Only the orders of the day and special orders are fixed times in the docket. Other items may be taken up earlier or later in the docket, depending upon the rate at which actions on reports are completed. *Therefore, those who present reports should be prepared to report earlier or later than the docketed times.*

7:00 p.m. Musical Prelude

7:30 p.m. Opening Session of the General Assembly

Call to Order by the outgoing Moderator: RE J. Howard Donahoe (RAO 1-1)
Worship Service and Observance of the Lord's Supper

9:10 p.m. Assembly Reconvenes

Report on enrollment and determining of quorum (RAO 1-2)
Election of Moderator (RAO 1-3, 1-4, 1-5)
Presentation to Retiring Moderator
Presentation and Adoption of Docket (RAO 3-2, m.)
Election of Recording and Assistant Clerks
Appointment of Assistant Parliamentarians (RAO 3-2, i.)
Appointment by Moderator of a Committee of Thanks

9:45 p.m. Dessert Social in Exhibit Hall

Wednesday, June 30, 2021

8:00 a.m. Seminars

Commissioner Registration Open

9:15-10:45 a.m. Assembly-wide Seminar

11:00 a.m. Assembly Reconvenes

Report of the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, including:

New Churches Added, Statistics, Overtures (*RAO* 11-4 to 11-11)

Communications (*RAO* 11-1, 11-2, 11-3, 11-11)

Report on Presbytery Votes on Proposed Amendments to BCO

Vote on *BCO* Proposed Amendments approved by Presbyteries

Partial Report of AC re: amendments to *RAO* 8-4 i., *RAO* 13-2, and special rule of procedure for floor nominations (if any) for the position of Stated Clerk

12 noon Lunch (on your own)

Deadline for Nominations from the floor for Stated Clerk (if any) at noon (*RAO* 8-4 i.), if the proposed revision to *RAO* 8-4 i. and special rule of procedure are approved.

1:30 p.m. Assembly Reconvenes

Report of the Committee of Commissioners on Interchurch Relations and Fraternal Greetings

Committee of Commissioners' Reports are not subject to floor amendments. No minority reports are allowed. But alternative proposals passed by a majority of the CoC may be presented. The Assembly votes on the recommendations to approve, disapprove or refer back without instructions (*RAO* 14-9).

2:15 p.m. Review of Presbytery Records Committee Report

The RPR report may be amended on the floor. Standard rules of debate apply. Minority reports are allowed (*RAO* 16-7 h.; 19).

3:15 p.m. Report of ad interim Committee on Sexuality

Note: for ad interim committee reports the narrative sections are not amendable. The recommendations are amendable (*RAO* 19; RONR [11th ed.] pp. 124-125; 507-508).

4:30 p.m. Deadline for Nominations from the floor to the Nominating Committee at recess (*RAO* 8-4 i.), if the proposed revision to *RAO* 8-4 i. is approved.

Meeting of the Nominating Committee

Worship Service

Commissioner Registration Closed

6:00 p.m. Recess for Dinner and Fellowship Time

Meeting of Theological Examining Committee (if necessary)

Note on Presentation of New Business:

All personal resolutions are new business (*RAO* 13-1, 13-2, 11-9) and are to be presented no later than the recess of the afternoon session, if amendment to *RAO* 13-2 is approved.

Thursday, July 1, 2021

- 8:00 a.m.** Seminars
Commissioner Registration Open
- 9:30 a.m.** Assembly Reconvenes
Minutes of Wednesday Sessions
Report of ad interim Committee on Domestic Violence (RAO 19)
- 10:15 a.m.** Cooperative Ministries Report
- 10:25 a.m.** Committee on Constitutional Business Report
Theological Examining Committee Report
- 10:30 a.m.** Informational and Committee of Commissioners Reports
Committee of Commissioners' Reports are not subject to floor amendments. No minority reports are allowed. But alternative proposals passed by a majority of the CoC may be presented. The Assembly votes on the recommendations to approve, disapprove or refer back without instructions (RAO 14-9).

PCA Retirement & Benefits
Reformed University Fellowship
- 11:00 a.m.** **Special Order**: Nominating Committee Report & Election of Stated Clerk
Administration of vows to SJC members (RAO 17-1)
Declaration of SJC as Assembly's Commission (BCO 15-4)
Partial Report of the Administrative Committee, election of the Stated Clerk
- 11:45 a.m.** Informational and Committee of Commissioners Reports
Ridge Haven Conference Center
- 12 noon** Lunch Recess
- 1:30 p.m.** Assembly Reconvenes
Standing Judicial Commission Report
- 1:40 p.m.** Informational and Committee of Commissioners Reports
Covenant Theological Seminary
Covenant College
Committee on Discipleship Ministries
Mission to the World
PCA Foundation
Mission to North America
Administrative Committee

Thursday, July 1, 2021 (continued)

4:00 p.m. Overtures Committee Report

The Report of the Overtures Committee may *not* be amended on the floor. The Assembly either approves, disapproves or recommits *without* instructions the recommendations (RAO 15-8 c.). An OC member may not participate in floor debate unless he is the designee of the chairman on a specific recommendation (RAO 15-8 f.). A minority report is permitted (RAO 15-6 s.; 15-8 g) if brought by at least three (3) Teaching Elders and three (3) Ruling Elders.

5:30 p.m. Recess for Dinner

7:00 p.m. Musical Prelude

7:30 p.m. Assembly Reconvenes for Worship Service

9:10 p.m. Reconvene for business

Minutes of Thursday Session

9:15 p.m. Overtures Committee Report continued

11:45 p.m. Committee on Thanks Report

Appointment of Commission to review and approve final version of minutes

Adjournment (*BCO* 14-8)

Sing Psalm 133

11:59 p.m. Apostolic Benediction (II Corinthians 13:14)

Friday, July 2, 2021

8:00 a.m. Assembly Reconvenes for Business (Optional)

Facilities are available until noon if agenda requires

Only commissioners with badges will be admitted to the floor of the Assembly.