

**50th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
PRE-ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE AND DOCKET**

Presbyterian Church in America
Renasant Convention Center
Memphis, TN• June 12-16, 2023
(SECOND DRAFT)

PRE-ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE

Monday, June 12, 2023

- 8:00 a.m.** Commissioner Registration Open
- 10:00 a.m.** Briefing for Overtures Committee (Overtures Committee begins immediately after briefing)
- 11:00 a.m.** Briefing for Committee of Commissioners
- 12:00 noon** Lunch on your own
- 1:00 p.m.** Meetings of the Committees of Commissioners begin:
Administrative Committee
Covenant Theological Seminary
Geneva Benefits
Reformed University Fellowship
- 5:00 p.m.** Commissioner Registration Closed

Tuesday, June 13, 2023

- 7:00 a.m.** Commissioner Registration Opens
- 8:00 a.m.** Briefing for Committees of Commissioners
- 9:00 a.m.** Meetings of the Committees of Commissioners begin:
Committee on Discipleship Ministries
Covenant College
Mission to North America
Mission to the World
PCA Foundation
Ridge Haven
- 10:00 a.m.** Meeting of AC/Board of Directors as needed
- 10:30 a.m.** Meeting of Committee of Commissioners on Interchurch Relations
- Noon** Interchurch Relations and Fraternal Delegates Luncheon
Briefing of Floor Clerks
- 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.** Commissioner Welcome Reception in the Exhibit Hall

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

4:30 – 5:15 p.m. Pre-Assembly Prayer Meeting

6:30 p.m. Commissioner Registration Closed

Commissioner Registration will reopen for 15 minutes at the close of worship.

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.*

Fraternal Greetings will be made by video at the open and close of sessions of the General Assembly. Fraternal delegates, members of the Interchurch Relations Committee, and members of the Committee of Commissioners on Interchurch Relations are invited to the Interchurch Relations Luncheon on Tuesday at noon.

6:00 p.m. Musical Prelude

6:30 p.m. Opening Session of the General Assembly

Call to Order by the outgoing Moderator: RE John Bise (*RAO* 1-1)

Worship Service and Observance of the Lord's Supper

8:10 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

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)

Presbytery Votes on Proposed Amendments to BCO

Vote on BCO proposed Amendments approved by Presbyteries

Partial Report of the Administrative Committee of Commissioners on proposed RAO Amendments (if needed)

Partial Report of the Overtures Committee on proposed RAO Amendments (if needed)

Partial Report of the Standing Judicial Commission

Cooperative Ministries Committee Report

Committee on Constitutional Business Report

Theological Examining Committee Report

10:00 pm Business recess

Wednesday, June 14, 2023

7:30 am Commissioner Registration Open

8:00 a.m. Assembly-wide Seminar –
“Memories and Aspirations of our Founding Fathers and Sons”

9:30 a.m. Assembly Reconvenes

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).

11:00 am 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).

Interchurch Relations Committee of Commissioners Report (Fraternal Greetings will be made by video at the open and close of sessions of the General Assembly.)

Reformed University Fellowship

Covenant Theological Seminary

Geneva Benefits

- 12 noon** Lunch (on your own)
- 1:30 p.m.** Assembly Reconvenes
Informational and Committee of Commissioners Reports
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- Ridge Haven Conference Center
PCA Foundation
Mission to the World
Committee on Discipleship Ministries
- 3:30 p.m.** Standing Judicial Commission Report
- 4:30 p.m.** Deadline for Nominations from the floor to the Nominating Committee (RAO 8-4 i.).
Meeting of the Nominating Committee
- 4:45 p.m.** Worship Service
Commissioner Registration Closed
- 5:45 p.m.** Recess for Dinner and Fellowship Time
Meeting of Theological Examining Committee (if necessary)
- 7:30 p.m.** Special 50th Celebration Concert (ticket required)

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. A two-thirds majority vote is required. If the Assembly receives the resolution, it will be referred by the Stated Clerk to the proper committee of commissioners.

Thursday, June 15, 2023

7:30 am Commissioner Registration Open

8:00 a.m. Assembly Reconvenes

Minutes of Wednesday Sessions

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 with responses from the permanent Committee or Agency. The Assembly votes on the recommendations to approve, disapprove or refer back without instructions (RAO 14-9).

Covenant College

Mission to North America

Administrative Committee

9:30 a.m. **Special Order:** Nominating Committee Report

Administration of vows to SJC members (RAO 17-1)

Declaration of SJC as Assembly's Commission (BCO 15-4)

10:00 a.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.

12 noon Lunch Recess

1:30 p.m. Assembly Reconvenes

Overtures Committee Report continued

- 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 if necessary
Minutes of Thursday Session
- 9:15 p.m.** Overtures Committee Report continued
- 10:00 p.m.** Committee on Thanks Report
Appointment of Commission to review and approve final version of minutes
Adjournment (*BCO* 14-8)
Sing Psalm 133
- 10:15 p.m.** Apostolic Benediction (II Corinthians 13:14)

Friday, June 16, 2023

- 8:00 a.m.** Assembly Reconvenes for Business (Optional)
Facilities are available until noon if agenda requires