

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

Presbyterian Church in America
Renasant Convention Center
Memphis, TN• June 12-16, 2023
(THIRD 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
Fraternal Delegate greetings will be offered at this time. Fraternal delegates, members of the Interchurch Relations Committee, and members of the Committee of Commissioners on Interchurch Relations with other GA leaders and moderators invited. These videos are also being shown in various spaces around the Assembly.
- 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.*

50th Anniversary videos will be offered at the open and close of sessions and reports of the General Assembly.

6:00 p.m. Musical Prelude

6:30 p.m. Opening Session of the General Assembly
Call to Order by the outgoing Moderator (*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 (*if needed, according to BCO 26-2, saying that amendments to the BCO passed by two-thirds of the presbyteries require a majority vote of those present and voting at GA*).

Partial Report of the Committee on Review of Presbytery Records on proposed RAO Amendments (*if needed, according to RAO 20, saying that amendments require a two-thirds vote of, at least, a majority of the total enrollment*).

Partial Report of the Overtures Committee on proposed RAO Amendments (*if needed, according to RAO 20, saying that amendments require a two-thirds vote of, at least, a majority of the total enrollment*).

Partial Report of the Standing Judicial Commission (*if needed, according to RAO 17-5, saying that OMSJC amendments require a two-thirds vote of, at least, a majority of the total enrollment*).

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
Mayor of Memphis Greeting
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 delegates will be introduced to the General Assembly at this time. Fraternal delegate videos and greetings will be made at the Fraternal Delegate Luncheon.*)

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
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).
- 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 requires submission of floor nominations by the close of the afternoon session of the first "full day" of GA. Forms are available at each microphone or online).
- 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 for reception of the resolution. 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
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, saying that the GA shall declare the SJC "as a whole" to be its commission).
- 10:00 a.m.** Overtures Committee Report

The Report of the Overtures Committee (OC) 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 signed by at least ten percent (10%) of those voting on the matter in the OC [and this ten percent must be composed of at least four percent (4%) who are TE's and four percent (4%) who are RE's.]
- 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
- 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, requiring the Moderator to say, "***By virtue of the authority delegated to me by the Church, I do now declare that the General***

Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America is adjourned, to convene in Richmond, Virginia on the 11th day of June 2024, A.D”.)

Sing Psalm 133

10:15 p.m.

Apostolic Benediction (II Corinthians 13:14)

“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.”

Friday, June 16, 2023

8:00 a.m.

Assembly Reconvenes for Business (Optional)

Facilities are available until noon if agenda requires