

**52nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY
PRE-ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE AND DOCKET**

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(FIRST DRAFT)

PRE-ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE

Monday, June 23, 2025

- 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 24, 2025

- 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
- 10:30 a.m.** Meeting of AC/Board of Directors
- 10:30 a.m.** Meeting of Committee of Commissioners on Interchurch Relations

- Noon** Interchurch Relations and Fraternal Delegates Luncheon
Fraternal delegates, members of the Interchurch Relations Committee, members of the Administrative Committee, and members of the Committee of Commissioners on Interchurch Relations invited.
- 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.*

- 6:00 p.m.** Musical Prelude
- 6:30 p.m.** Opening Session of the General Assembly
 Call to Order by the outgoing Moderator: RE Steve Dowling (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, 14-5)
 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 25, 2025

7:30 am Commissioner Registration Open

8:00 a.m. Assembly-wide Seminar (if offered)

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 (Fraternal Delegates will be introduced to the General Assembly and greetings will be offered at this time.)

PCA Foundation

Committee on Discipleship Ministries

Covenant College

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).

Covenant Theological Seminary

Mission to North America

Reformed University Fellowship

Ridge Haven Conference Center

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

Business Recess for Worship

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.

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)

Thursday, June 26, 2025

7:30 am Commissioner Registration Open

8:00 a.m. Assembly Reconvenes

Informational and Committee of Commissioners Reports

Committees 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).

Mission to the World

Geneva Benefits

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 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.3; 15-8 g.) if signed by at least 10% of the total number of votes cast on the item by members of the OC of whom at least 4% must be teaching elders and at least 4% must be ruling elders.

12 noon Lunch Recess

1:30 p.m. Assembly Reconvenes

Overtures Committee Report continued

5:30 p.m. Recess for Dinner

- 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 Chattanooga, Tennessee on the 24th day of June 2025, 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 27, 2025

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

Psalm 133

Behold how good a thing it is,
 And how becoming well
 When those that brethren are delight
 In unity to dwell.

For it is like the precious oil
 Poured out on Aaron’s head,
 That, going down upon his beard,
 Upon his garments spread.

Like Hermon’s dew upon the hills
 Of Zion that descends;
 The Lord commands His blessing there,
 Ev’n life that never ends.