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May 11, 2024

45 Day Deadline

All overtures and concurrences submitted.

May 20, 2024

Registration deadline for everyone planning to participate in or observe GA226.

JIHYUN OH TO STAND FOR STATED CLERK OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PC(USA)



Commissioners and advisory delegates to the 226th General Assembly will elect a new stated clerk this summer. The Rev. Jihyun Oh, who currently serves as director of Mid Council Ministries in the Office of the General Assembly, has been nominated by the Stated Clerk Nominating Committee and will be presented when the assembly meets in June. Learn More

THE REV. DANNY MORALES TO STAND WITH THE REV. DR. MARIAN McClure Taylor for co-moderator of the 226th General Assembly

There are now two sets of candidates that will stand for comoderators of the General Assembly when it meets in Salt Lake City this June. Recently, the Rev. Danny Morales announced that he would stand with the Rev. Dr. Marian McClure Taylor. Learn More





GA LEADERSHIP BRIEFING BRINGS COMMITTEE LEADERS TOGETHER IN LOUISVILLE

More than 130 people recently gathered in person at the Presbyterian Center in Louisville, Kentucky, and online to learn their roles for the upcoming General Assembly. This was the first inperson Leadership Briefing since 2018, thanks to the pandemic. The attendees discussed ways to create community with their committees, practiced parliamentary procedure, and learned about the roles of groups that will be addressing committees. They also learned about Choice Points and Equity Primes, as well as reporting to plenary. A mock committee meeting provided some comic relief to committee leaders on what they might expect.



Committee leaders gathered in Louisville recently to learn about their roles. (Photo by Randy Hobson)



Leaders honed all manner of skills during the briefing including forming online community. (Photo by Randy Hobson)



Staff from the Office of the General Assembly conducted a mock committee meeting during the briefing and added a bit of humor for attendees. (Photo by Mike Ferguson)

THE IMPORTANCE OF YOUNG VOICES AT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

A lot of emphasis has been placed on the role of Young Adult Advisory Delegates at General Assembly. GA planners are working to ensure YAADs are connected and their voices are heard at the upcoming gathering in Salt Lake City. Daniel Presa served as a YAAD at the 225th General Assembly in Louisville, Kentucky, in 2022.



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GETTING TO KNOW THE PASTORS OF UTAH

Just north of Salt Lake City is the town of Ogden, with a population of nearly 87,000. It is considered a gateway to ski resorts such as Snowbasin, Powder Mountain and Nordic Valley. Nestled in this beautiful town is First Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Jon Draskovic, pastor, leads a congregation committed to engaging with the community in a number of ways.



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LOOK FOR THE NEW EQUITY PAGE ON THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WEBSITE

We are less than two months away from the 226th General Assembly. As you prepare for this unique gathering, the General Assembly website is full of important information that is being updated constantly. This month, you are invited to look at the new Equity page, which highlights the ways both equity and inclusion are integral to the work of GA.





JOIN THE GA226 FACEBOOK GROUP

Are you ready to dive into the heart of the action at the 226th General Assembly? Whether you're a participant, an observer, or simply passionate about staying informed on the latest developments, we invite you to join our Facebook group!

Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to be part of the conversation shaping the future. <u>Join Us</u> and let's embark on this journey together!

FROM DECISION TO ACTION

In 2022, the 225th General Assembly approved an <u>overture</u> to meaningfully address the wounds inflicted on Alaska Natives, who were directly impacted by the sin of the <u>unwarranted 1963 closure of Memorial Presbyterian Church</u>, a thriving, multiethnic, intercultural church in Juneau.

A Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) contingent made up of both national and mid council officials visited Juneau in August and October 2023 to "issue apologies and reparations for the racist closure of Memorial Presbyterian Church." The formal apologies were made and responses offered at a worship service on Oct. 8, 2023, at Kunéix Hídi Northern Light United Church in Juneau.



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Read more about this and reparations that were made to the church and community