



On the Road

to the 227th General Assembly



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Greetings from the Stated Clerk

Greetings, Fellow Presbyterians,

It's hard to believe it has already been a year since a group of PC(USA) Presbyterians gathered in Salt Lake City for the last General Assembly. It's now time to look ahead to our next gathering in Milwaukee for the 227th General Assembly. Although the Assembly won't begin until next summer, work is already underway to ensure that next year's gathering is a faithful, productive and meaningful experience for everyone involved.



Rev. Jihyun Oh

*Stated Clerk of the General
Assembly of the Presbyterian Church
(U.S.A.) and Executive Director of the
Interim Unified Agency*

Dates to Know

December 24, 2025

Commissioner and Advisory
Delegate names submitted

Spring 2026

Business deadlines
[Available here](#)

June 22-24, 2026

General Assembly Committees
meet online

June 27, 2026

Community Day - service
and education opportunities,
ministry fair, and community
gatherings

June 28, 2026

Worship in local congregations
and convening of plenary

June 29-July 2, 2026

General Assembly Plenary



In April, I traveled to Milwaukee with other members of the planning team to meet with local presbytery leaders. More recently, I consulted with our GA226 Co-Moderators and other leaders to discern a theme for the 227th General Assembly. The theme will be "Persevering Toward Wholeness," informed by Revelation 22:2, "and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations." You can find more information about the theme in this issue.

In the coming months, we'll use these newsletters to keep you informed and updated about logistics, behind-the-scenes features, stories from former commissioners, insights about Milwaukee and GA culture, history highlights and more. Be sure to check out "On the Road to GA" each month to learn more.

I'm grateful to be on this journey of discipleship and toward the next General Assembly together, and I look forward to gathering in June 2026.

Grace and peace,

Rev. Jihyun Oh

*Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
and Executive Director of the Interim Unified Agency*



Planning team announces theme for GA227

The General Assembly planning team has announced the theme of next summer's 227th General Assembly, which will take place online and at the Baird Center in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, from June 22 through July 2. The theme is **"Persevering Toward Wholeness."** The guiding Scripture for the gathering will be Revelation 22:2, "and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations."

According to Kate Trigger Duffert, the director of General Assembly Planning and an associate stated clerk, the theme for each General Assembly is chosen by the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly through a discernment process that includes consultation with other church leaders, including in this case the Moderators of the 226th General Assembly, the Rev. CeCe Armstrong and the Rev. Tony Larson. The theme selection is also informed by the Stated Clerk's relationships with mid councils, ecumenical partners, and others throughout the church and how those relationships shape the Stated Clerk's perception of where the PC(USA) and where it is called to be.



The Baird Center in Milwaukee will house the in-person portion of the 227th General Assembly. Photo courtesy of Visit Milwaukee

Reflecting on this, the Rev. Jihyun Oh, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly and Executive Director of the Interim Unified Agency, said, "Since the last General Assembly, in conversations about the work the church is called to in this time, peace or wholeness in the fullest sense of the word continued to emerge as a way to hold all of the ways the broader denomination has been discerning our call." 🏛️

To read more, [click here](#).

Understanding the General Assembly



The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is the highest governing body of the denomination. Ruling elders and teaching

elders from each presbytery are elected as commissioners to serve as the General Assembly. They, along with advisory delegates, gather to discern the future of the church and its ministries of service and witness.

A lot of work is already underway to prepare for next year's General Assembly in Milwaukee, and the General Assembly planning team wants to keep you informed. [This fact sheet](#) provides a basic overview of the General Assembly along with information on what it means to serve as a commissioner and advisory delegate. 🏛️



GA Planning Director Offers Welcome

Kate Trigger Duffert is an ordained ruling elder and serves as associate stated clerk of the General Assembly and director of General Assembly Planning. She coordinates the entire process of planning, organizing, and implementing the national General Assembly gatherings that take place every two years. Trigger Duffert has worked on staff as part of the General Assembly planning process since 2019.

Here, she offers a brief introduction to the significance of the General Assembly and a welcome to all those who are following along with the planning and preparation process.

As she says, “The General Assembly will be an incredible experience for all of us who are able to join in preparing for and being a part of the assembly...because this assembly is all of ours.”

Kate will continue to offer unique insights in subsequent monthly issues of the newsletter as the next year unfolds. 🇺🇸



Kate Trigger Duffert,
Associate Stated Clerk and
Director of General Assembly
Planning.

Photo by: Rich Copley



A Perspective from the Unification Commission

Since 2022, the Unification Commission has been guiding one of the most significant organizational changes in the life of the PC(USA) in decades — bringing together the Office of the General Assembly and the Presbyterian Mission Agency into a single, unified agency. This transformation is rooted in our values, aligned with our mission and focused on long-term sustainability.

As we look ahead to the 227th General Assembly, members of the Unification Commission are sharing their reflections on the journey so far — the challenges, the hopes and the spiritual grounding behind the work.

In this video, the Rev. Scott Lumsden, co-executive presbyter of Seattle Presbytery and member of the Unification Commission, offers a personal perspective on what this season of discernment and change has meant to him. 🇺🇸



Scott Lumsden,
Executive Presbyter of the
Seattle Presbytery, speaks at
the NEXT Church Gathering
in Seattle.

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