



On the Road

to the 227th General Assembly



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14 Overtures Submitted So Far for GA227

by Ken Tolley

One of my great privileges is getting to see overtures to the General Assembly as they roll in. Witnessing the amount of work and care that went into each one is moving and serves as a reminder of how many people are so wholeheartedly invested in the future of the church. Our polity is such a joy in many ways but perhaps most especially in the way it showcases our emphasis on communal discernment.

For those unaware, the quickest way to view all of the currently posted overtures can seem a bit counter-intuitive. If you navigate to the Business tab of MyGA, just hit "Search," and it will pull all of the available overtures for the current assembly. Search for nothing to find everything. (I know that sounds like a Vonnegut quote, but it isn't.)

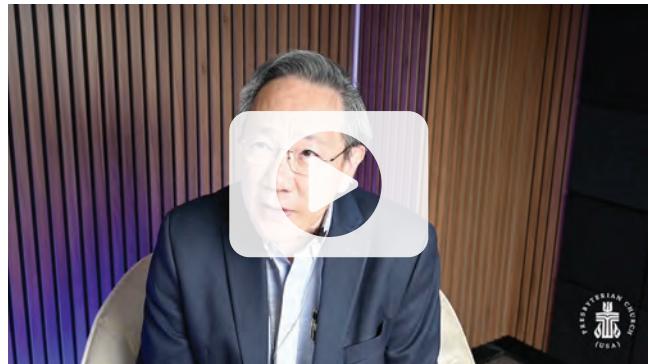
We've received 14 overtures thus far, although if you looked at the numbers, we are on OVT-24. Our system tags each submitted overture, and the text of OVTs 4-6 were each submitted by four different presbyteries. The first submitted copy (in these cases, from the Presbytery of the Cascades) becomes the overture and the others are migrated as concurrences.

Committees are formed later in the process when we've received the majority of the business and can better sense the common themes of the issues coming before the assembly. Although there is not yet enough data to form committees, one can note that several of the overtures that have been received for GA227 either build upon or call for review of business passed by the 226th General Assembly. There is also great encouragement to be found in seeing those overtures rising to this GA, the one before, and so many of those prior that are concerned with equity, justice, and love for our neighbor. 



Newly elected commissioner Kari Olson shares her hopes and excitement for GA227

The Rev. Kari Olson recently accepted an invitation to serve as a commissioner for the Presbytery of Philadelphia at next summer's 227th General Assembly in Milwaukee. Olson speaks about how her past experiences as a Theological Student Advisory Delegate in 2014 and — more recently — as the chair of her presbytery's Commission on Ministry have prepared her for this new role. She shares her excitement about seeing the many different faithful expressions of church that will be represented among the commissioners, delegates, volunteers, and staff at General Assembly. Check out Kari's video to learn more about what she's looking forward to. 



UC Member Bill Teng talks about importance of shared purpose and the work ahead

In this video from the Unification Commission, teaching elder Bill Teng shares why he believes unification is important, saying that a shared purpose and identity will make it easier for the future agency to live out its mission. He emphasizes that the commission really depends on each other's gifts and on agency staff to help the process along. He underscores that there is still a lot of work ahead for the unification process, and that as long as we are still in this interim period, much is in flux. The commission hopes to be able to present a finished product from their work at next summer's assembly. 





Unification Commission votes to recommend San Juan, Puerto Rico, as the site of the 228th General Assembly in 2028

The Unification Commission voted at its Dec. 4 meeting to recommend to the 227th General Assembly (2026) that in-person gatherings of the 228th General Assembly be hosted by [el Presbiterio de San Juan](#) in San Juan, Puerto Rico, from June 11-22, 2028.

Since Puerto Rico is a U.S. territory, U.S. citizens do not need a passport to travel there.

During a site visit earlier this year, “leaders from the presbytery shared with enthusiasm and delight a desire to host the assembly in partnership with el Presbiterio del Noroeste, el Presbiterio de Suroeste, and el Sínodo Presbiteriano Boriquén,” said Kate Trigger Duffert, director of General Assembly Planning, in a report to commissioners. “This recommendation comes with deep support from staff, as the opportunity to bring the General Assembly to Puerto Rico arrives amidst the important context of a changing church and nation.”



photo by Mike Ferguson

The Unification Commission meets Dec. 4-5 in the Presbyterian Center in Louisville, Kentucky.

Hosting the assembly in San Juan, a city of more than 2.4 million people, “recognizes the importance of worshiping communities and congregations in locations which have been minoritized within the denomination,” the report states. “The presence of the General Assembly in Puerto Rico would serve as a powerful statement in affirmation of the inclusive values of the church, as well as make space for the assembly to center language diversity, expand assembly worship experiences, offer economic support and develop communal relationships within Puerto Rico.”

José Rosa-Rivera, a Unification Commission member from the Presbiterio de San Juan, said he shared the news with friends and colleagues in Puerto Rico, “and they are all very excited.”

“We will start working immediately on this,” he told his fellow commissioners through an interpreter. 

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