



“But strive first for the kingdom of God^a and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

Matthew 6:33

BEFORE THE 223rd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

DENOMINATIONAL LEADERSHIP AND STRUCTURE:

1. Moderator/Co-Moderator Leadership: Three teams have come forward to stand as candidates for Moderator/ Vice Moderator or Co-Moderators of the General Assembly and serve our denomination for two years (until the next Assembly). Read about the candidates here: <https://pres-outlook.org/2018/06/meet-those-standing-for-moderator/>
2. Presbyterian Mission Agency will introduce their new President/Executive Director to the Assembly.
3. Report of The Way Forward Commission – elected at the previous GA, they will bring back recommendations concerning structural changes in the PCUSA.
4. Per Capita: Historically the way we have honored our covenant as a connexional church, this “per-member contribution” is being discussed in light of a significant recommended increase coming from the Office of General Assembly. A core concern is the sustainability of this model.
5. Report of the All Agency Review Committee – will report back with recommendations regarding the state of the six agencies that make up the PCUSA (Presbyterian Mission Agency, Office of the General Assembly, Board of Pensions, Presbyterian Foundation, Presbyterian Publishing Corporation, Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program)
6. Report of the 20/20 Committee – elected at the previous GA, they will bring back recommendations concerning the future of the denomination.
7. Nominations for National Committees and Agency Boards – As part of our ongoing covenantal life, this Assembly will elect representatives from around the country to serve on its various committees and board.

COMMITMENT TO MISSION

In an intentional effort to be more than tourists in the city of our gathering, commissioners will be afforded various opportunities to participate in local mission through the new “Hands and Feet” initiative of the PC (USA): <https://handsandfeet.pcusa.org> .

RACE, POVERTY, VIOLENCE

In an effort to be agents of concrete transformation in the world, this assembly will consider reports and overtures aimed at bringing resolution and healing at a time such as this – both within our own ecclesiastical structures and in society.

MIDDLE EAST

In the continued concern for the unrest and violence in the Middle East, this committee will consider prospects for peace in Israel and Palestine, which includes the consideration of an overture from our Presbytery.

FOSSIL FUELS

In the continued concern for our responsibility for God’s creation, this Assembly will consider overtures for and against divestment from companies with holdings in fossil fuels.

OTHER ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED

Immigration, Gun Violence, Paid Family Leave, the Protection of Children, and Pastoral Leadership for Immigrant Congregations.