

MINUTES
Stated Meeting
COMMITTEE ON THE
OFFICE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
February 16, 2023
Video Conference

<p>WELCOME</p> <p>The Stated Meeting of the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly (COGA) convened via video conference at 12:00 p.m. by Moderator Eliana Maxim.</p>	<p>WELCOME</p>
<p>ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF NATIVE AMERICAN LAND AND OPENING PRAYER</p> <p>Blythe Kieffer led the acknowledgement of the sacred ground of our indigenous ancestors followed by the opening prayer.</p>	<p>ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF NATIVE AMERICAN LAND AND OPENING PRAYER</p>
<p>APPROVE AGENDA [1.1]</p> <p>By consensus the Committee approved the meeting agenda.</p>	<p>AGENDA APPROVAL [1.1]</p>
<p>ATTENDANCE</p> <p>The following persons were present for all or part of the meeting.</p> <p><u>COGA Members:</u> Eliana Maxim, Moderator Dave Davis, Vice-Moderator Stephanie Anthony Joe Chu Dave Davis Lynn Hargrove Andy James Chenyangu Khonje Blythe Kieffer Ximena Leroux, ex officio Leeanne Masters Luis Ocasio Torres Miguel Rosa Morales Robin Pugh Sallie Watson Ruth Santana-Grace, Co-Moderator of the 225th GA (2022) Diane Moffett, Executive Director, PMAB, ex officio J. Herbert Nelson II, ex officio</p> <p><u>Excused</u></p>	<p>PARTICIPANTS</p>

<p>Samuel Bonner</p> <p><u>OGA Staff:</u> Tim Cargal DeAmber Clopton Jayne Culp Deb Davies Luci Duckson-Bramble Kate Duffert Tricia Dykers-Koenig Laurie Griffith Vicente Guna valerie izumi Rick Jones Jihyun Oh Kerry Rice Nancy Taylor Dianna Wright</p> <p><u>Other Guests:</u> Mike Kirk, ASG April Davenport, ASG Sue Trigger, ACSWP</p>	
<p>REPORT OF THE COGA MODERATOR</p> <p>E. Maxim reporting having a conversation with PMAB representative Michelle Hwang with an intention of more frequent conversations (e.g. when both PMA and OGA are in Louisville in April 2023) and working with the Unification Commission.</p> <p>M. Rosa Morales and R. Pugh will be working together with PMAB to help plan worship for the in-person April meeting.</p>	<p>REPORT OF THE COGA MODERATOR</p>
<p>REPORT OF THE CO-MODERATOR OF THE 225TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY (2022)</p> <p>R. Santana-Grace reported an uptick in activities in which she and Co-Moderator S. Starling-Louis are involved including podcasts, working closely with the Unification Commission, visiting various mid councils and continuing to make appointments to the various committees (including the Funding Model Team, Standing Rules).</p> <p>Shavon’s peacemaking trip to South Sudan was truly life changing, and they will be preaching at and participating in the United Nations Women’s Conference.</p>	<p>CO-MODERATOR OF THE 225TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY (2022) REPORT</p>

<p>REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK</p> <p>J. Herbert Nelson, II shared his recent travels that included the United Nations and being part of a 100-year anniversary celebration at the Tabernacle Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis, IN.</p>	<p>STATED CLERK’S REPORT</p>
<p>225TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY</p> <p>K. Rice shared the following information regarding referrals from 225th General Assembly:</p> <p>MC-11 – On Memorializing Non-Ordained Servants of the Church – active and COGA will need to prepare to report at GA226, must be completed by the 120-day deadline (Feb 2024)</p> <p>TWE-12 – Report of the Special Committee to Study the Reformed Perspective of Christian Education in the 21st Century (committee to be created no earlier than 2026)- Keep on the radar)</p> <p>MC-MIN-01 Synod Minutes for Approval (action needed only if Alaska-Northwest does not comply) – The Stated Clerk has received notification that the audit has been completed. This will be noted for the next GA.</p>	<p>225TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY</p>
<p>CLOSED SESSION FOR PERSONNEL MATTERS</p> <p>MOTION MADE, SECONDED AND APPROVED To move into executive session to discuss personnel issues.</p> <p>Following the executive session, E. Maxim reported that no action was taken.</p>	<p>CLOSED SESSION</p> <p>ACTION</p>
<p>PRESBYTERIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT</p> <p>L. Hargrove reports that PHS is fully staffed and many good things are happening there. PHS Board Chair Susan Aggerwald is stepping down but will remain on the board.</p>	<p>PRESBYTERIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT</p>
<p>PRESBYTERIAN MISSION AGENCY REPORT</p> <p>R. Pugh reported on the last three PMAB meetings. Their focus has been primarily on three different legs of Matthew 25. In addition, recent hires have included a director of the new</p>	<p>PRESBYTERIAN MISSION AGENCY REPORT</p>

<p>Center for the Repair of Historic Harms, Rev. Anthony Jermaine Ross-Allam.</p>	
<p>GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON INTERRELIGIOUS AND ECUMENICAL RELATIONS</p> <p>C. Khonje reports that the committee is discussing numerous issues including the phrase “anti-semitism”; D. Wright’s recent travels to South Sudan with Co-Moderator Shavon Starling-Louis; and the follow up work as a result of that trip.</p>	<p>GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON INTERRELIGIOUS AND ECUMENICAL RELATIONS REPORT</p>
<p>PLANNING FOR APRIL JOINT SESSION WITH PMAB</p> <p>Moderator Maxim shared the general agenda and encouraged everyone to attend the meeting April 18-20 if at all possible.</p>	<p>APRIL JOINT SESSION</p>
<p>COGA WORKGROUPS FOR 2023-2024</p> <p>E. Maxim reported that she and Dave are interested in where members feel called to serve and will then be setting up work groups.</p>	<p>COGA WORKGROUPS</p>
<p>ADJOURNMENT WITH PRAYER</p> <p>Moderator Eliana Maxim adjourned the meeting with prayer at 1:40 pm.</p>	<p>ADJOURNMENT</p>

Respectfully Submitted,

Jayne Culp