



General Assembly 2026 Overview



A quick overview of the 2026 format

Below is a quick overview of the 2026 format so you can put it on your calendars!

June 22-24:	Online Committees
June 25-26:	Preparation for Plenary, Travel to Milwaukee
June 27:	Community Day (hyperlink) Public Witness with the Presbytery of Milwaukee and Office of Public Witness Committee Lunch Town Square: Equipping Disciples Evening Dessert Reception
June 28:	Worship in Local Congregations Plenary begins
June 29- July 1:	Worship Services, Plenaries, and Optional Events
July 2:	Closing Plenary Moderators Election Closing Worship

How General Assembly Will Look in 2026

The 227th General Assembly (2026) is quickly approaching! While many components of preparation will occur closer to the beginning of the assembly, there are ways in which we can all prepare as we discern the ways in which we may be called to participate in and accompany the work of the General Assembly.

Online Committees

The General Assembly first gathers in committees, where commissioners and advisory delegates will discern overtures submitted by mid councils and reports from assembly agencies and committees. These committee meetings will take place online from June 22-24, 2026. Committees are an important part of the assembly process as there is time and space for expansive discussion and learning for all members. It is where advisory delegates are able not just to advise through voice, but to also vote as full members of the committee. Additionally, committees have the chance to hear directly from overture advocates representing mid councils, resource persons supporting the work of assembly agencies and committees, and listen to open hearings- a place where anyone who is invested in the decisions of the committee can



sign up to speak. In this way, committees are an essential point of connection between the many parts of the church.

Those elected to serve as commissioners and advisory delegates on committees should prepare themselves through reading assembly business, participating in locally offered trainings, completing all online training sessions, and setting aside the time and space to participate fully online. Many times, the important work of committees can require long hours of engagement. This work is tiring in any setting, but I hope that in participating online, committee members find ways of grounding themselves. This may look like having favorite snacks available, spending breaks with loved ones or taking a walk around the neighborhood, adjusting the meeting space to have favorite items, or even allowing a pet to snuggle up and say hello on screen! For those who are preparing to walk alongside the assembly in prayer and support, committees will be live streamed, and, with any luck, you'll catch a glimpse of one or two cats.

Preparations and Community Day

Following committees, there will be two days of transition time. For some this time will be spent preparing the plenary hall, for others the days will be spent reading the actions committees have taken on business, and for others it will be a time of resetting before plenary begins. Assembly participants will travel to Milwaukee, WI by end of day Friday, June 26th to gather for the work of plenary!

An exciting new addition to the General Assembly is a Community Day on June 27th. GA planning staff have heard from participants about the importance of gathering in community, being equipped with resources and connections for ministry, and being a witness for presbyterian social policies in local spaces. Community Day is a day designated for just this purpose and will include:

- Morning public witness opportunity coordinated by the Office of Public Witness and the Presbytery of Milwaukee.

- Lunch gatherings for committee members to see one another face-to-face following their online committee work.
- Afternoon Town Square event with tables, resources, and opportunities to connect with ministry resources from across the denomination and beyond.
- An informal evening reception with dessert and drinks for assembly participants to gather before plenary convenes.
- There will be no business meetings on Community Day, leaving participants able to fully engage with the day's opportunities as they are able.



Worship and Plenary

Sunday, June 28, 2026 will begin with worship in area congregations. Assembly participants will select from a list of diverse congregations in the Milwaukee area where they will join in that congregation's service and share a meal. These services are an outstanding opportunity to experience what it is like to be a member of the PC(USA) in Milwaukee.

Sunday afternoon begins plenary sessions of the assembly. In plenary, the whole of commissioners are advised by advisory delegates and vote on actions before the assembly. These conversations



are guided by resources and educational opportunities, as well as worshipful moments and prayer to remind us of the call to serve that drives the discernment process.

The week will also include assembly-wide worship services where the assembly will gather to worship God through music, word, communion, remembering of baptism, and more. These services include preaching from the Moderators of the assembly and ecumenical guests.

At the conclusion of business sessions, the assembly will elect Moderators of the 228th General Assembly (2028) who will serve as ambassadors of the work done by the 227th assembly in the coming years and moderate the assembly meeting in 2028.

From the start of business sessions on Sunday afternoon to the conclusion of the assembly with worship on Thursday, July 2, 2026, livestreams will be available in English, Spanish, and Korean. All are encouraged to participate, whether in Milwaukee or online!



Why GA Matters

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is an integral part of who we are as a people of faith. Since we believe in a God who is present in all parts of our life and who has created us in a beautifully diverse community, we believe that our church should be ordered in a way that discerns God's call for the church to serve in an equitable and expansive way. GA planning staff is committed to equipping the church with tools and pathways that honor the gifts of all those called to serve. In the gathering of online committees, those who are unable to travel for long periods of time, those who need to reduce risk of exposure to illness, and those who have home responsibilities may find access to service that was not available before. Through the addition of community day, participants can embody their faith through action, find resources to empower ministry in their home contexts, and connect as a body of faith that reflects a fuller picture of God's creation than anyone can do alone. Through plenary in Milwaukee, the assembly celebrate the incarnational reality of experience and reminds one another that discernment thrives when we can listen for God's words in the sharing of stories from across the many realities of being church in the PC(USA). The General Assembly is a way in which we live out our faith, not just in making decisions that drive the ministry and mission of the church, but in how the assembly itself operates. This is only possible because of you! Blessings as you discern how God is calling you to serve.