Committee on the Office of the General Assembly
Proposed Meeting Agenda
April 15-16, 2020
Zoom Video Conference

Wednesday, April 15
1:00 p.m. Plenary [A]
- Welcome and Opening Worship – TBA [A-01]
- Approval of COGA Agenda - Gaddis, B. [A-02]
- Attendance
  - Recommendation 1 – That COGA understands that in the midst of this pandemic, the assembly includes only that which is critical to our governance and ecclesiology; and that to guide our actions, COGA will use the following tests:
    - Is this (business/event/mission priority) so time sensitive that we need to address it now? Would not addressing it have negative legal or polity implications?
    - If we do not address this (business/event/mission priority) will it have a negative impact on the church financially?
    - If we do not address this (business/event/mission priority) will it leave critically important leadership positions vacant?
- Motion to enter closed session for legal issues. Guests to be invited to attend the executive session are: Rick Jones, Dianna Wright, Julia Henderson, Nancy Taylor, Jihyun Oh, Tricia Dykers Koenig, Laurie Griffith, Cora Brown, DeAmber Clopton, Kate Duffert, Deb Davies, Vicente Guna, Kerry Rice, Mike Kirk, April Davenport, Kathy Lueckert and Diane Minter
  - Recommendation 2 –
  - Recommendation 3 –
- Motion to exit closed session

3:00 p.m. GA224 Comments [A-05]
- An opportunity for broader discussion in light of other GA224 decisions and impact on any considered comments

3:25 p.m. Recess with Prayer – TBA

3:30 p.m. GA Comment Writing Teams Meet
- Team 1 – Maxim, E., Watson, S., Kennedy, W. and Anthony, S.
  - COM-019 – Per Capita and Financial Sustainability Special Committee Report
  - COM-075 – Moving Forward Implementation Commission Report
  - Proposed joint comments from COGA/PMAB/A Corp
  - Rice, K. – Staff Support
- Team 2 – James, A., Masters, L.
  - COM-021 – Chartering Immigrant Fellowships
  - OVT-003 – 2/3 vote to Amend Book of Order
  - OVT-005 – Allowing Ruling Elder Election for Service to Larger Church
  - OVT-006 – Establishing Mid Council Commission
  - OVT-045 – Recognizing Non-Chartered Fellowships as Congregations
  - Oh, J. and Griffith, L. – Staff Support
- Team 3 – Ocasio-Torres, L., Hargrove, L., Gaddis, B.
Thursday, April 16, 2020
1:00 p.m. Plenary [B]
• Opening Prayer – TBA
• Adoption of revised agenda – Gaddis, B.
• COVID-19 and the 224th General Assembly (2020) - continued – Henderson, J. and Nelson II, J.H.
  o Recommendation 3 – That COGA approve the list of critical business and refer it to the Committee on Business Referral for action (see attached list of critical business) – [A-04]
    ▪ Proposed: Appointment of small group to review all remaining items of business in PC-biz
  o Recommendation 4 – Postponed. COGA will receive a recommendation, for its April 23 Zoom call, related to exhibit hall vendors
  o Recommendation 5 – That COGA approve five virtual and optional pre-assembly events: gatherings of small groups for commissioners and advisory delegates; Moderator Candidate Town Hall on June 19 at 7:00 pm ET; Poor People’s Campaign Kick-off on June 20; Youth Rising Event on June (date TBD); Hands and Feet Concert for interpreting the work of Hands and Feet and raising funds for the efforts of Scioto Valley Presbytery around GA225 in 2022 on June 20 at 7:00 pm ET; and Bible Study on June 24 at 7:00 pm ET
• Approval of COGA Minutes and Notes from Previous Meeting - Gaddis, B.
  o COGA Minutes from February 12-14, 2020 [B-01a]
  o COGA Conference Call Minutes – February 20, 2020 [B-01b]
  o COGA Conference Call Minutes – March 19, 2020 [B-01c]
  o COGA Conference Call Minutes – March 26, 2020 [B-01d]
  o COGA Conference Call Minutes – April 2, 2020 [B-01e]
  o COGA Conference Call Minutes – April 9, 2020 [B-01f]
• Report of the COGA Moderator - Gaddis, B. [B-02]
• Updates from COGA members serving in other Committees
  o PMAB – Anthony, S. [B-05]
  o GACEIR – Lovell-Martin, L. and Wright, D. [B-06]
  o Stated Clerk Nominating Committee – Kennedy, W. and Lovell-Martin, L. [B-07]
  o Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), A Corporation – Bonner. S. and Lueckert, K. [B-08]
  o Presbyterian Historical Society – Higginbothem, E., Elliott, M., and Taylor, N. [B-09]
    ▪ PHS Board Nominees [B-09a]

3:00 p.m. Order of the Day - 2021-2022 Per Capita Budget as part of Unified Budget
• Implications of COVID-19 on Budget – Lueckert, K. [B-10]
• Unified Budget Presentation from PMA – Moffett, D. [video]
• FOR ACTION: 2021-2022 Per Capita Budget - Clopton, D., Rice, K., Hampton, D. [B-11]
• FOR ACTION: 2021-2022 Per Capita Apportionment Rates - Clopton, D., Rice, K.[B-11a]
• FOR ACTION: 2021-2022 Designated Budget - Clopton, D., Rice, K., Hampton, D. [B-12]

3:30 p.m. Reports from Working Groups on Comments
• Team 1 – Maxim, E., Watson, S. and Anthony, S. [B-13]
• Team 2 – James, A., Masters, L. [B-14]
• Team 3 – Ocasio-Torres, L., Hargrove, L., Gaddis, B. [B-15]

4:30 p.m. Unfinished business and next steps
• Committee Details
  o COGA meeting schedule – Gaddis, B.
  ▪ September 28-30, 2020 in Louisville
    • PMAB meets October 7-9, 2020 at Stony Point
    • A Corp meets October 15-16, 2020

4:35 p.m. Executive Session
• Motion to enter executive session for personnel matters

5:00 p.m. Rise from Executive Session
• Report any actions taken – Gaddis, B.
• Adjourn with Prayer – TBA


Next meeting:
• Thursday, April 23 – 12:00 noon ET to 2:00 pm ET
  o Final actions related to COVID-19 and the 224th General Assembly (2020)
  o Report from Equity and Inclusion Audit Consultants