

**Committee on the Office of the General Assembly  
Proposed Meeting Agenda**

Item A-02  
COGA – Feb. 4-6, 2019

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**February 4-6, 2019**

**Monday, February 4, 2019**

Breakfast is available for purchase at the hotel. Or you can make other plans.

Lunch on your own

2:00 p.m. Opening Plenary [A]

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- Welcome, Opening Prayer – TBA [A-01]
- Approval of COGA Agenda - Gaddis, B. [A-02]
- Discussion – Who and What is the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly? – Lumsden, S.
  - What do we as COGA need to do to best serve the church? What do we do that no one else does? Are we living up to our mandate as we understand it now?
  - Where do we perceive the movement of the Holy Spirit in this work, and how can we make more room for the presence of the Holy as we undertake some of the mundane tasks and minutia we often discuss?
  - How can COGA be an instrument of transformation and change as we move forward in the PCUSA?

5:00 p.m. Break

5:15 p.m. Executive Session [B]

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7:00 p.m. Dinner

*TBA*

- Blessing of the meal –

**Tuesday, February 5, 2019**

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8:30 a.m. Executive Session [C]

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9:30 a.m. Plenary [D]

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- Reports from Executive Sessions
- Approval of COGA Minutes from Previous Meeting - Gaddis, B.
  - COGA Minutes – September 25-27, 2018 [D-01]
- Report of the COGA Moderator - Gaddis, B. [D-02]
  - Excused absences: James, F.; Boyd, M.; Watson, S.; Ocasio-Torres, L.
- Report of the Co-Moderators of the 223<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly (2018) – Cintron-Olivieri, V. and Kohlmann, C. [D-03]
- Report from the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly – Nelson II, J. H. [D-04]

- Update from COGA members serving in other Committees
    - PHS Board
      - Report from COGA Liaison – Elliott, M., et al [D-05a]
      - Report from PHS Board Chair – Abdo, G. [D-05b]
      - Report from PHS Executive Director – Hessel, B. [D-05c]
      - Board Nominees – [D-05d]
    - COGA Nominating Committee – [D-06]
    - GACEIR – TBA [D-07]
    - Stated Clerk Nominating Committee – Kennedy, W. [D-08]
    - PMA Board – Anthony, S. [D-09]
- 10:30 a.m. Break
- 10:45 a.m. Working Group Meetings [E] *St. Philip PC  
Room TBA*
- Mid Councils [E-01]
    - Kennedy, W., James, A.
  - General Assembly Cost Reduction Review [E-02] *Room TBA*
    - Maxim, E. (convener pro temp), Elliott, M., Masters, L., Bonner, S.
    - PC-biz link: <https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000479>
  - Session's Annual Statistical Report [E-03] *Room TBA*
    - Hargrove, L. (convener), James, F., Lesane, W., Lovell-Martin, L.
    - PC-biz link: <https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000382>
- 12:00 noon Lunch (Working Groups continue as necessary) *St. Philip PC*
- Blessing of the meal –
- 1:00 p.m. Plenary [F] *St. Philip PC*
- Reports
    - Update from OGA's Strategic Planning Process – Brown, C. and Rice, K. [F-01]
    - Educator Certification Committee report – Rice, K. [F-02]
    - Theme and logo of 224<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (2020) – Hay, T. [F-03]
    - Big Tent planning – Hay, T. [F-04]
    - Office of Communications Overview – Jones, R. [F-05]
    - Special Committees, Recruitment and Nominations Process – a discussion – Izumi, V. and Rice, K. [F-06]
- 3:00 p.m. Order of the Day – Report from Presbytery of Baltimore and Hands and Feet Initiative – Hay, T [G] *St. Philip PC*
- 3:30 p.m. Order of the Day – Conversation with leaders of Moving Forward Implementation Commission [H] *St. Philip PC*
- 4:00 p.m. Plenary [I] *St. Philip PC*
- [proposed] Update on Hurricane Recovery in New Covenant Presbytery – Kauffman, B. [I-01]
  - Presbyterian Church (USA), A Corporation Board – Bonner, S. [I-02]
  - Per Capita promotion – a discussion with Rosemary Mitchell and Bryce Wiebe, PMA [I-03]
  - Reports from Working Groups
    - Session's Annual Statistical Report – Hargrove, L. [I-04]
    - General Assembly Cost Reduction Review – Maxim, E. [I-05]

6:30 p.m. Dinner on your own (in small groups) *TBD*

**Wednesday, February 6, 2019**

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8:30 a.m. Plenary [J] *St. Philip PC*

- Morning prayer – TBA
- COGA Manual of Operations [J-01]
- Updates and Reports
  - Special Committees and Task Forces – Rice, K. [J-02]
  - Personnel Updates – Brown, C. [J-03]
  - Financial Update – Wood, J. and Clopton, D. [J-04]
  - Sanctuary Exploration Update – Craft, A. and Waggener, T. [J-05]

10:30 a.m. Break

11:00 a.m. Plenary [K] *St. Philip PC*

- Next Steps discussion – Who and What is the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly? [K-01]
- Committee Details
  - COGA meeting schedule – Gaddis, B.
    - April 23-25, 2019 in Philadelphia, PA with PHSB
    - September 25-27, 2019 in Louisville
    - February 12-14, 2020 in Baltimore with PMAB
    - April 14-17, 2020 at Ghost Ranch, NM
    - June 19-27, 2020 – 224<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (2020)
  - Expense Reports [K-02]
  - Assignments
- Closing Prayer – TBA

12:00 noon Adjourn *St. Philip PC*

- Lunches available

**Items for Information only:**

- Update on the work of Mid Council Ministries Area [INFO-01]