Committee on the Office of the General Assembly
Proposed Meeting Agenda

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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]  St. Philip PC
  • 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.
    o 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?
    o 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?
    o 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]  St. Philip PC

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]  St. Philip PC

9:30 a.m.  Plenary [D]  St. Philip PC
  • Reports from Executive Sessions
  • Approval of COGA Minutes from Previous Meeting - Gaddis, B.
    o COGA Minutes – September 25-27, 2018 [D-01]
  • Report of the COGA Moderator - Gaddis, B. [D-02]
    o Excused absences: James, F.; Boyd, M.; Watson, S.; Ocasio-Torres, L.
  • Report from the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly – Nelson II, J. H.  [D-04]
• Update from COGA members serving in other Committees
  o 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]
  o COGA Nominating Committee – [D-06]
  o GACEIR – TBA [D-07]
  o Stated Clerk Nominating Committee – Kennedy, W. [D-08]
  o PMA Board – Anthony, S.[D-09]

10:30 a.m.  Break

10:45 a.m.  Working Group Meetings [E]  St. Philip PC
  • Mid Councils [E-01]  Room TBA
    o Kennedy, W., James, A.
  • General Assembly Cost Reduction Review [E-02]  Room TBA
    o Maxim, E. (convener pro temp), Elliott, M., Masters, L., Bonner, S.
    o PC-biz link: https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000479
  • Session’s Annual Statistical Report [E-03]  Room TBA
    o Hargrove, L. (convener), James, F., Lesane, W., Lovell-Martin, L.
    o 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
    o Update from OGA’s Strategic Planning Process – Brown, C. and Rice, K. [F-01]
    o Educator Certification Committee report – Rice, K. [F-02]
    o Theme and logo of 224th General Assembly (2020) – Hay, T. [F-03]
    o Big Tent planning – Hay, T. [F-04]
    o Office of Communications Overview – Jones, R. [F-05]
    o Special Committees, Recruitment and Nominations Process – a discussion – Izumi, V. and Rice, K. [F-06]


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
    o Session’s Annual Statistical Report – Hargrove, L. [I-04]
    o 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]
  - Sanctuary Exploration Update – Craft, A. and Waggener, T. [J-05]

10:30 a.m. Break

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