

Presbyterian Church in America

General Assembly Frequently Asked Questions

What is General Assembly?

General Assembly is an annual business meeting of the Presbyterian Church in America. The denomination's pastors (teaching elders) and church leaders (ruling elders) gather to study, discuss, debate, and decide biblical and ministry issues. Visitors are welcome to observe the proceedings and may sit in the visitors' section of the Assembly Hall.

Who may register as a commissioner?

Commissioners are all teaching elders in good standing with their Presbyteries, and ruling elders as elected by their Session. Each congregation is entitled to two ruling elder representatives for the first 350 members, and one additional ruling elder for each additional 500 members.

Commissioner Information Booklet (CIB)

The *CIB* (published and mailed by the local Host Committee) will be available in late-January and contains hotel and travel information, a master schedule, women's and family registration, worship service information, etc. Once the commissioner registration and payment is received and processed, a paper copy of the *CIB* should be received within three weeks.

- If a church registers its commissioners – the *CIB* may be sent to the church address rather than the individual commissioner's address.
- If a church registers its commissioners as Unknown – the *CIB* will be mailed out once the church provides the individuals' names.
- The *CIB* will be available on the Host Committee Web site: www.pcaga.org.

Commissioner Handbook

The *Commissioner Handbook* (published and mailed by the Stated Clerk's Office) contains all the reports, overtures, and information that will be discussed during the Assembly business. The *Commissioner Handbook* will be sent to all registered commissioners one month prior to the Assembly.

Exhibit Hall

The Exhibit Hall will have representatives from the denominational ministries and many para-church ministries, educational institutions, and businesses. The exhibitors are available to provide information and assistance to commissioners, their families, and the public. The PCA Bookstore sets-up a large display and offers special discounts throughout the week.

Who may register as an exhibitor?

Organizations that have been approved by the Administrative Committee may register to exhibit at General Assembly. The Administrative Committee meets three times a year to consider organizations seeking approval.

Hotels

The hotel information will be provided to all commissioners and exhibitors once their registration payment is received and processed.

- If you register online, the hotel information will be available, via a link, in your confirmation e-mail.
- If you register by mail or fax, the hotel information will be provided via mail – in the *Commissioner Information Booklet*.

Exhibit Hall Schedule

General Assembly Docket

Seminar Schedule

Worship Service Schedule

Contact Information

If you have any questions concerning General Assembly, please contact the PCA Administration/Office of the Stated Clerk by e-mail: ac@pcanet.org or by phone: 678-825-1000.